



THE CHURCH VISITOR  
A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS  
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
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**Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.**



Serving Schedule

**Sunday, May 29, 2022:**

**(Seventh Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

**Sunday, June 5, 2022:**

**(Pentecost Day)**

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

**Sunday: May 29, 2022**

**Elders:** Sharon Slater and Bill Azdell

**Deacons:** Team 2

Jean Stephens, Bob Larkin, Kay Larkin, Alan Street, Connie Street. Jr. Deacons; Tessa Higgins, Jessica Stephens

**Deaconesses:** Carol Hines and Cathy Cidras

**Liturgist:** Stephanie Owings

In light of another school shooting, I offer these prayers to you that bring me comfort and renew my role as a Child of God tasked with bringing hope to a broken world.

**Prayer of lament for mass shootings**

Lord, in our shock and confusion, we come before you.

In our grief and despair in the midst of hate,

in our sense of helplessness in the face of violence,  
we lean on you.

For the families of those who have been killed we pray.

For the shooters—help us to pray, Lord.

For the communities that have lost members—their anger, grief, fear—we pray.

For the churches striving to be your light in darkness beyond our comprehension, we pray.

In the face of hatred, may we claim love, Lord.

May we love those far off and those near.

May we love those who are strangers and those who are friends.

May we love those who we agree with and understand,

and even more so, Lord, those who we consider to be our enemies.

Kyrie Eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Heal our sin-sick souls.

Make these wounds whole, Lord.

*Prayer adapted from the [Christian Reformed Church Office of Social Justice](#);*

Violence has broken out again among our children.

We are shocked, pained, astounded, angry  
at the injuries one child has caused  
and at the injury in his soul  
that could allow him to act so brutally toward  
others.

We pray for all who attend to all these wounds,  
in hospitals, counseling sessions, pharmacies,  
in homes, in huddles of friends,  
and in our congregations.

We pray for all who will manage the aftermath,  
in schools, classrooms, board meetings,  
in halls of policy and legislation.

We pray, not knowing answers,  
beyond seeking answers,  
simply seeking you.

Jesus, healer of our souls,  
the nearer waters roll  
and overwhelm us.

We all to your bosom fly.

Amen.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Sunday School 9:15 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am  
No Youth Group

Monday, May 30, 2022 –Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Pastor Zane @ King’s Daughters 10:00 am  
All Together Youth Ministry (6th-12th grades) @ FCC 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Saturday, June 4, 2022

All Youth Ministries (6th-12th Grades) Bonfire 6:00 pm-9:00 pm  
@ the Bright’s House: Meet @ FCC Parking Lot  
RSVP to Sara to reserve your spot on the van!

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Sunday School 9:15 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am  
All Together Youth Ministry (9th-12th grades) @ FPC 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Key: (FCC) First Christian Church; (FPC) First Presbyterian Church; (MUM) Mexico United Methodist; (MHS) Mexico High School



We are pleased to announce our scholarship recipients this year are Catie Bledsoe, Aubrey Bunge, Piper Higgins, Alex Paladin, Katie Paladin, Chloe Sims and Andrew Stephens.



For the month of June, the Outreach Committee is taking up a collection of gently used luggage bags, and backpacks for the Crisis Center-Angel Wings/Foster Care Program. We need your help! There is a box in the Narthex for these items.



Vacation Bible School will be August 14th-16th from 6:00-7:30pm at First Presbyterian Church.

Register @ <https://www.mexicofpc.com/vacation-bible-school>



Bright Spots!

**May 26-29th** All Together Ministry of First Christian Church and First Presbyterian Church are taking 19 youth and adults to Kansas City, MO for a weekend mission trip. We are excited to go and serve in the City. Please keep this group in your prayers as they are traveling and working.

We are also excited to be sending kids to camp again this summer. Junior/Elementary camp is coming up **June 6th-10th**. Ian Whorton will be attending this camp with 4 other campers from Mexico, MO. Prayers for them as they travel and enjoy their time at Camp Jo-Otta.

Try-It camp is **June 10-12th**. A camp for Pre-School-1st grade students and a parent to attend camp. Nora Bright will be attending camp for the first time this year. Prayers for a safe and fun week.

Youth group WILL be meeting during the month of **June**. Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 at First Christian Church and Sunday evenings from **7:30-9** at First Presbyterian Church.

**June 4th!** Bonfire at the Bright’s house for all youth in 6th-12th grade. Meet at First Christian Church at 6pm to ride the church van.

**June 26th** Family Board games following the church worship. Bring your favorite board game (some available at the church as well) and join us for lunch and games. **11:45-2pm** at First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

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