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A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35

Caring is Contagious

Are you ever surprised by people? Do you ask yourself what makes one person sensitive and caring, and another harsh and insensitive when both have grown up in the same environment? If you've ever read Victor Frankl, the psychiatrist who was sent to a concentration camp in Germany, you'll marvel at the fact the same situation turns some people into blood-thirsty, selfish animals and others into caring, compassionate individuals who are almost saintly.

What can turn a selfish, uncaring human being into a compassionate, sensitive person who can empathize with others? There's one thing for certain: an encounter with a loving, caring individual can change a person's life. Such were the experiences of those who encountered Jesus Christ when he was here on earth.

Notice how the lives of people were changed when Jesus touched them. Consider some of these: Mary Magdalene, a woman who seemed intent on self-destruction, driven by demons. Zacchaeus, who became willing to return four-fold what he had extorted from people. Matthew, who was willing to walk away from a lucrative position to follow the Master. All of these were people who stopped making themselves their primary focus of existence and actually learned to care deeply about others.

Their encounter with Jesus Christ changed the focus of their lives from solely pleasure seeking to care and compassion for others. In simple terms, compassion and care are highly contagious, but they can be caught only by direct contact with someone who has them.

One of the words translated "compassion" in the New Testament is a word that refers to our inner being, or viscera. Caring comes from a changed heart, and when your inner-most being is still seething in anger and hatred, the ability to care is stifled or non-existent.

In closing, may I ask you a tough question? How much do you care? About your spouse, your family, your parents, your colleagues at work, your classmates, your friends? As long as "self" reigns king, you'll never touch the lives of anyone with compassion because selfishness must give way to concern and concern to care and care to compassion. It's a cycle that begins when you wake up and realize there are others who count besides yourself.

Just before he faced the cross, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: "...love one another, even as I have loved you..." (John 13:34-5). It takes time. It will cost you, but living out a life of care for others is what attracts them to Christ.

Thank you for the way you have cared for me and my family. Thank you for the cards and calls for Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you for the calls and prayers as my family healed from Covid. Thank you for loving as Christ loved.

Pastor Zane

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 30, 2022	
Sunday School	9:15 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
<i>Halloween Fest @ FPC Parking Lot</i>	<i>5:00 pm-7:00 pm</i>
Tuesday, November 1, 2022	
<i>Young Adult Lunch @ FCC in Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>
Wednesday, November 2, 2022	
<i>10:00 am service at King's Daughter's—Pastor Whorton</i>	
Kids 4 Christ (K-5th Grade) @ FPC	3:00 pm–5:00 pm
Bell Choir	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm
All Together Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade) @ FCC	6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Saturday, November 5, 2022	
<i>All Together Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade) @ FPC – Fall Youth Retreat</i>	<i>10:00 am-6:00 pm</i>
Sunday, November 6, 2022	
<i>All Saints Sunday</i>	
Sunday School	9:15 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
All Together Youth Ministry (9th-12th Grade) @ FPC	7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	
<i>Young Adult Lunch @ FCC in Fellowship Hall</i>	
Wednesday, November 9, 2022	
Kids 4 Christ (K-5th Grade) @ FPC	3:00 pm–5:00 pm
Bell Choir	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm
All Together Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade) @ FCC	6:00 pm-7:30 pm



Wilma Hase

Lori Osbourn

Bob Peak

Linda Hilton
Lori Osbourn

Linda Seale

Bill & Annette Azdell
Lori Osbourn

Danny Tanzey

Bill & Annette Azdell
Lori Osbourn



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/4	Megan Brandow	11/15	Terry Henage
11/8	Nancy Archer	11/16	Linda Groves
11/9	Larry Nichols	11/16	Isaac Fox
11/11	Gus Moody	11/17	Ruth Chaney
11/12	Kirsten Bledsoe	11/19	Jane Houf
11/12	Barbara Stuart	11/22	Andrew Stephens
11/14	Greg Miller	11/25	Kay Larkin
11/15	Dorothy Adams	11/25	Jordan Bright

Members We Haven't Seen in a While:

Dorothy Adams' birthday is on November 15th. Let's shower her with cards to let her know we are thinking about her!

Dorothy Adams
728 S Washington St.
Mexico, MO 65265

We want to thank everyone who sent cards at the time of our loss of our daughter.

Roy and Linda Seale

Thank you everyone for your prayers and kindness with the loss of my Uncle Lonnie. I sincerely appreciate it.

Shellonda



For the month of **October**, our Outreach Committee will be collecting soup in an effort to support our community through our local agencies.

There is a container in the Narthex to put the soup in.

As of October 24, 2022

Budget needs Weekly: \$4,441
Year to Date Expenses: \$166,254

Average Weekly Income: \$3,990
Income vs Expenses: \$9,295

Year to Date Income: \$175,549





Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

Sunday, October 30, 2022:

(Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144;

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, November 6, 2022:

(Twentieth Second Sunday after Pentecost)

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or

Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38



Sara Bright—Youth Director

October 30th is Halloween Fest! From **5-7pm** all youth and children in the church are invited to join us at the First Presbyterian Church Parking Lot. (400 Lakeview) There will be games, candy, music, hotdogs and more. It will be a great time of fellowship for our students.

Fall Retreat is **November 5th** in Jefferson City. It's not too late for all 6th-12th grade students to sign up. Cost of \$15 covers meals, and transportation. It will be a great time of mission work, worship, fellowship, study, food, games and more. Contact Sara to sign up or with any questions.

November 16th is All Together Youth Ministries Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinner will be from 6-7:30 at First Christian Church. Turkey and mashed potatoes provided. Youth are welcome to bring their favorite side or desert if they want to share their favorites.



There will be an All Church Fellowship Luncheon on **November 13th** following the service. We need to know how much to cook.

Please email (smannfcc77@gmail.com) or call the church office (581-4628) to **RSVP!**

Thanks so much!



Menu: Ham, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Homemade Noodles, Green Beans, Slaw, Cranberry Salad, Rolls and Homemade Pie

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Dinner - 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

AUCTION - 7:00 P.M.

Meal \$10 Carry-Outs Available

Midway Christian Church, Audrain Road 380

More Info: (573) 721-5622

2022 Thanksgiving Offering Time

—November 13th and 20th

The Thanksgiving offering benefits our Christian Church (Disciples) colleges, universities and seminaries. In our state, Columbia College, Culver-Stockton College, Drury University, and William Woods University are all recipients of chaplaincy programs, departments of religious and Christian studies, and mission opportunities for students, nearby and in other countries.

Please make your check to First Christian Church and clearly note it, "Thanksgiving Offering".

Thank you!
Outreach Committee



65th Annual Living Nativity

December 18, 2022

6 pm - 8 pm

The Living Nativity teams are now organizing. This event, shared with our community, requires dedication from our church family but it is easy because many hands lighten the load and make it a fun time!

Please contact:

Nick Paladin and Ron Boswell to be part of the **outdoor setup crew**

Sharon Slater to be an **actor**

Or part of the **indoor crew**



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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
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Worship Service-10:30 a.m.



Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held November 20th immediately following worship. We will vote to approve the 2023 Slate of Officers and the proposed 2023 Church Budget.

Sunday: October 30, 2022

Elders: Ed Stephens and Warren Nordwald

Deacons: Team 3

Doug Thomas, Melaney Higgins, LeeAnn Paladin, Cody Sims, Pat Thomas. Jr Deacons; Alex Paladin, Ty Sims

Deaconesses: Donna Peak and Sharon Slater

Liturgist: Pat Thomas

Sunday: November 6, 2022

Elders: Sharon Slater and Stephanie Owings

Deacons: Team 1

Jordan Bright, Ron Boswell, Ruth Gritton, Jim Medley, Sherry Medley, Kathy Peak. Jr. Deacons; Emma Higgins, Piper Higgins

Deaconesses: Becky Peterson and Connie Street

Liturgist: Jim Medley



Remember to set your clocks
BACK one hour before going
to bed Saturday, November
5th!