

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



First Christian Church

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Our Mission

God calls us...

And the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

Come to Worship.

All Are Invited.

8:00 Coffee House

8:30 Praise Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:40 Trad. Worship

Noon-Coffee

Fellowship

Next Newsletter

April 27.

Ruth Newton



Scholarship

Several years ago, Ruth Newton, a member of First Christian Church, bequeathed a scholarship trust fund to our church "to provide scholarship grants for deserving students to attend a college or university as undergraduates." The amount awarded annually is determined by the interest on the trust fund and the number of applications. The applicant must have been a member of First Christian Church for three years with good moral character who has had regular attendance at Sunday School and participation in church activities.

Application forms are available in the church office for the 2016-2017 school year. The application and required attachments must be turned in to the office by May 8. Funds for the second semester each year will be awarded when the scholarship committee is advised in writing by the recipient of current semester grades and his/her intention to register for the following semester. Applicants may reapply, but awards will not be made for more than eight semesters. Students applying for subsequent years do not need to resubmit letters of recommendation. Recipients will be notified no later than May 29. Checks are distributed in August and January if application criteria are complete.



We are saddened at the passing of Ruth Smith from this side of life. She was a faithful member of First Christian who could always be counted on to help in any way needed. We will miss her greatly and send our love and best wishes to her beloved family of whom she was so proud.

At the last board meeting we discussed our mission giving and where the money goes. During each month we collect giving that is earmarked for the general budget and also that which is designated to go for missions and other special offerings. Of the mission giving, 60% goes to the national Disciples Church (called "Basic Mission Finance"). This funds our missionaries, pays salaries for our national church employees, etc. 30% is then sent to our local area office which is in Springfield, MO. (Used to be called Ozark Lakes area- Now-S.W. Office of Mid-America Region). This 30% funds our Area Minister's salary along with an administrative assistant and other expenses. Then 10% goes to a local organization like the Food Center. Our mission giving has been falling and so we wanted to present this information. As an example, we used to send the area office over \$300 per month and sometimes up to \$400. This past month we sent \$230 and the month prior, \$215. I think there are 65 Disciple churches in our area and we are one of the biggest givers in the area, so you can see how hard budgeting would be at the area office. Mike Weinman is our area minister and I have great faith in him and do not want to lose him or his position due to budget cuts. I give you this information just to prayerfully consider. If you have any questions about any of this, please feel free to call me or drop by the office.

Blessings!

Pastor Jerry

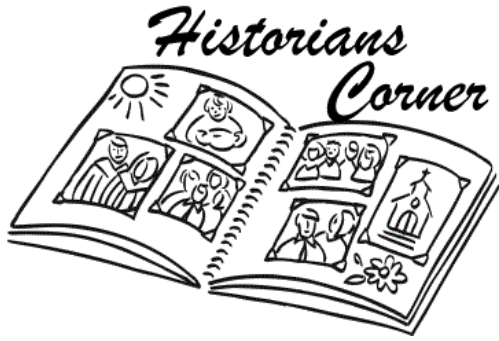


April-May

April 17 - Regular Meeting - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

April 24 - Regular Meeting - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

May 1 - Visit Care Center Members - 2:00 p.m.



Judy Cammack has been working in the historian's room. Thanks, Judy for all your hard work. With help from Rich and Peggy, Cindy and Mary Catherine, plus all the work Joyce Miller did over the years, Judy has compiled the following list of folks who are 50 year plus members of First Christian in Warrensburg, who need to be recognized.

Don Smarr, Bill Turnbow, Helen Bayless, Betty Osborne, Connie Baldwin, Daric Elwell, Chuck Owings, Shirley Brockman, GAnna Walker, CL and Suzanne Holdren, Cynthia Gable, Sherin Sellman, Duane and Pat Sterling, and Lorraine Baldwin.

Seven deceased fifty year unrecognized members are: Ruth Smith, JC Sutton, Dorothy Simmons, Raylene Harbit, Lena Morton, Warren Pettigrew, and Bill Anderson.

Please let us know if you know of others. Thanks, Judy!

Calling All Graduates!

Please let the church office know of any graduates in your family. We will be recognizing our high school graduates in May sometime and want to make sure we include everyone. We also would like to know of other graduates within the circle of First Christian.



Dear F.C.C. Youth,

I really appreciate the beautiful box of cookies. I'm really enjoying those.

Charlene Droege

My Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the goodies you brought me and the nice visit. I am always delighted to see you.

Love,

Louise Elsberry

First Christian Church Youth,

Thank you for the nice visit. Thank you for the cookies and the box they were in. I am doing fine.

Lorraine Witherspoon



Saturday, April 30
 Registration begins at 9 a.m.
 First United Methodist Church
 Walk begins at 10 a.m.



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Come to Worship!
Everyone is Welcome!

Coffee House in CLC: 8:00 a.m.
 Praise Service: 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.-All Ages
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in Parlor

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Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

David and Cheryl Stuck
 Linda Lockard
 Joan Mees
 Vicki Charles
 Landon Jaros (friend of the Basyes)
 Family of Ruth Smith
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military



April Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

5-Greg Cobb	13-Hanna Stillwell	22-Deke Alkire
6-Sarah Crate	17-Elizabeth Shumard	23-Martha Smarr
8-Pat Sterling	18-Connie Baldwin	25-Jon Frandsen
9-Nancy Huff	18-David Schroeder	25-Brayden Godfrey
10-Sharon Cochran	21-Harland Osborne	29-Don Albert
10-David Elliott	21-Janice Wolff	29-Kerry Tappin
11-Vicki Granger	21-Kaitlyn Seigfreid	

Happy Anniversary

20-Duane & Pat Sterling
 10-Greg & Shannon Cobb