



# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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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.*

## Pastor's Page

*As we head into summer, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe summer. As I write this, it has been raining everyday and the forecast is for more and more rain over the next week. I pray that everyone will be safe throughout the storms, that crops won't be adversely affected, and that those areas that have been hard hit by tornadoes and floods will be helped. Please be in constant prayer for all who have been so affected. As I always say, please consider giving to "Week of Compassion" which is the arm of the Disciples that springs into action to give donations and physical help at sites that have been hard hit. I like to give through "Week of Compassion" because the administrative salaries are very low and so the lion's share of gifts gets spent pretty much toward the actual disaster. Remember: Make checks to "First Christian Church" and on the memo line put "Week of Compassion." Thanks for your consideration. There are a lot of hurting and devastated folks out there who need help.*

*Congratulations, again, to all our graduates this spring. We wish you blessings and pray only good things happen in your future. Please check in with us from time to time so we know how you're doing. Our thoughts and prayers go with you as you begin the next part of your journey.*

*I can not believe we are at the end of May already. As my last Sunday here at First Christian (August 25) my heart is tied up in knots. You don't know how much I will miss this church. You folks have come into my heart of hearts and it will be difficult to go. But I do need to say a few things in preparation for the end of my ministry here. After August 25, I will no longer be the settled pastor here and that means I **cannot** perform any type of ministry that would be connected with First Christian (i.e. funerals, weddings, preaching, making calls, etc.) This can be very hard to do, and I did very poor job of this when I left Concordia to come to Warrensburg and actually got in some pretty hot water. I'm not even supposed to come to First Christian for one year after August. This is out of respect to the interim or settled pastor who will be in place. Thanks for understanding.*

*Blessings, Pastor Jerry*

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## **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

**Thursday-9:30 a.m.**

**Bible Study in CLC**

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**Next Newsletter**

**June 18.**

## **Search Committee Update!**

The committee is reviewing the first five applicants for the pastor position.

Please keep this committee and this process in your prayers.

## **Contact Us**

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## June Celebrations!

### Happy Birthday!

3-Joe Klein  
6-Myla Laws  
7-Benjamin Holdren  
7-Truman Reith  
9-Donna Elliott  
10-Steve Granger  
14-Aaron Baldwin  
14-Elvis Beebe  
14-Shirley Moore  
15-School Wilson  
16-Mike Burton  
16-Amanda Corbett  
16-Klayton Osborne  
18-Betty Wilson  
19-Vernon Elsberry  
20-Mason Good  
20-Joni Turner  
21-Brittany Gelbach  
21-Remington Hardy  
21-Megan Holter  
22-Gary Baldwin  
22-Justin Chapman  
22-Adlin Lang  
24-Margaret Neal  
25-Paul Howey  
26-James Burrows  
26-Kevin Howard  
27-Brad Hunter  
27-Kari Wiss  
28-Dylan Godfrey  
28-Renee Shackelford  
29-Joan Fitterling  
30-Vaelin Dunn

### Happy Anniversary!

2-Brad & Ashlea Forrest  
5-Mike & Nicole Walsh  
6-Andrew & Rachel Oglesby  
16-Andrew & Nancy Harris  
17-Larry & Judy Cammack  
18-Sam & Cathy Jones  
23-Elliott & Connie Sanders



## THANK YOU!

*Thank you for the Ruth Newton college scholarship. The support I've gotten from my church family has given me a great foundation to build my future.*

*Dylan Godfrey*



## Aluminum Cans Recycling

As you may be aware, our church has an aluminum can recycling bin in the lobby of the Christian Life Center. The Youth Group of the church have been recycling aluminum cans since 2002, and the money made from salvaging the cans has gone to help projects for the church. An Organ Fund was recently started to cover the costs of needed repair work for our church pipe organ. To support this effort, the money we make recycling aluminum cans will go toward the Organ Fund until the needed money is raised. Please bring your aluminum cans to the container in the CLC lobby and we will crush and recycle them. We appreciate if you rinse out the cans, and please do not include any glass, plastic, tin foil, or aluminum pans.

Thank you for helping us with this important project!



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# Civil Rights Pilgrimage

Thursday, August 8, 2019 12:00 PM

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 5:00 PM

This trip will include stops in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi.

Approximate cost is \$600 with Leadership Development grants available. Deposit due June 1.

Contact Regional Minister Paul Koch at [paul.ccma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paul.ccma@sbcglobal.net) or (636) 221-7065 for more information.

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Storms ravaged across the Midwest Wednesday night and, sadly, damage and destruction struck congregations in Mid-America, especially in Jefferson City and Eldon. Community Christian Church in Jefferson City suffered the worst. Rev. Bethany Imbler shares these words with you: "Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I know you are seeing the news this morning. The church took a direct hit. The damage is major and extensive. My heart rends for our beloved space. However, God has not abandoned us. We will work together to restore CCC. My prayers are with each of you. My deep hope is that you all are safe. Blessings, Bethany."

Thankfully, pastors of sister Disciples congregations in Jefferson City, First Christian Church and Second Christian Church report no damage to their church buildings, but some families from both churches do have damage and are assessing their properties. The tornado took a swath on E. Capitol Ave, Lafayette St., Madison Ave, Christy Lane and Ellis Blvd. Nearby businesses to our congregations, apartment complexes, restaurants, the Frole YMCA, old penitentiary and Lincoln University all suffered extensive damage as well.

The storm system also struck Eldon. Rev. Dr. Bill Fogelson, pastor of First Christian Church in Eldon said the town suffered extensive damage but the church building was spared. Sadly, one FCC church family, Dale & Shanna Flaughter, had their home wiped out. The Eldon Community, FCC, and Lions International are already mobilizing for relief.

Rev. Vy T. Nguyen has notified Regional Minister Paul Koch that Week of Compassion solidarity checks are already on the way to Community Christian Church and FCC-Eldon to help the church and family whose home was lost, and will send additional monies once needs are identified. Jim Michel of Disciples Church Extension Fund has reached out as well and is ready to assist in rebuilding efforts.

**The best thing churches can do is receive Week of Compassion donations**, and feel free to designate it for Mid-America tornadoes. Please send them and complete the Regional remittance form when sending a check.

**We are aware that many Mid-America church groups like to help hands-on. We suggest collecting items for assembling Festival of Sharing emergency clean-up bucket kits.**

Local United Church of Christ Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel is keeping Disciples congregations in prayer and offers her support. Our General Minister and President Rev. Terri Hord Owens and Week of Compassion President Vy Nguyen will be planning a visit to Mid-America as soon as possible.



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

Flood and Storm Victims  
Our Law Enforcement  
Our Military  
Those with continuing health concerns

## **CWF Henry-Johnson Gathering**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

**Begins with refreshments at 9:30 a.m.  
All women are invited to go.**

**This will include a Worship service, and sharing our projects, and a tour of the food pantry, the Samaritan Center/Thrift Store.**

**The offering taken will go to pay utilities of patrons using the Samaritan Center.**

**A salad luncheon will end the gathering, so bring a favorite salad to share.**

