

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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

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Pastor Gina Johnson

Brothers and Sisters of First Christian Church,

I praise God that I have been blessed to see this wonderful opportunity to serve as your new senior minister. My heart is filled with gratitude and joyful anticipation from the wonderful welcome I have already received. I have no doubt that the Lord is going to continue the beautiful work in this congregation and I am so happy that he opened the door for my family and I to be a part of it. I do not embark on this new adventure alone. I bring with me my husband and best friend, Travis and our six children. Isabella is 18 and student at UCM. Gina is 14 (8th grade), Travis is 12 (7th grade), Rain is 11 (6th grade), Ohmi is 10 (4th grade) and Dorothea is 7 (2nd grade). We are all excited about getting involved and building new relationships with our church family.

A little about myself, I was born and raised on the East Coast, lived in Fargo, North Dakota for almost 12 years, and have lived in Sedalia for about 7. I have a Bachelor of Science in pastoral Ministry from Crossroads Christian College. I graduated last spring with my Master of Divinity with an emphasis on Church Renewal/Missional Church from United Theological Seminary. Prior to this congregation, I served as the associate minister at First Christian in Sedalia and as the senior minister of Bethel UMC and Blackwater Chapel UMC. I was recently ordained and I believe this opportunity is another part of God's amazing plan. I trust wholeheartedly that the Holy Spirit will be our guide as we walk with Christ on the path ahead.

Blessed to be your pastor,
Gina

**Come One... Come All... to the Greatest
Ham'N Bean Dinner Of All!**



**CWF HAM'N BEAN DINNER
WITH SILENT AUCTION**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020
4:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

**FIRST CHRISTIANCHURCH, LIFE CENTER
101 EAST GAY STREET**

ADULTS:\$8, CHILDREN: \$4

**HOMEMADE HAM'N BEANS,CORNBREAD,
SLAW, PIE & DRINK (VEGETABLE SOUP ALSO AVAILABLE)**

COME AND BRING A FRIEND!



Baptism/Pastor's Class

Pastor Gina will be leading Pastor's Class for anyone considering baptism. Sunday, March 1st - March 29th from 12:15-1:00 p.m. This class is open to adults as well as children/youth.

Ham and Bean Request!

We need volunteers to sign up to help with the ham and bean dinner that will take place on March 8. Contact Phyllis Evans to volunteer.

CWF Silent Auction

During the Ham'n Bean Dinner, the CWF is having a silent auction. If you have anything you would like to donate, please leave in the church office with your name by Friday, February 28.

*Youth
Calendar*



March

1-12:30-3p.m. Youth Meet
8-12:30-3p.m. Youth Meet
15-12:30 -3 p.m. Youth Meet
22-12:30 -3 p.m. Youth Meet
29-12:30-3 P.M. Youth Meet
Lunch is provided. Parents and friends are always welcome.



**Books Available in baskets at
table in CLC and in Sanctuary.**

**We can print more as
needed.**

Disciples on Campus (DOC)
Tuesday Evenings
7:30-9:00 p.m. supper included

Kindergarten Enrollment

Thursday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Ridge View Elementary
215 S Ridgeview Drive
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Children must be 5 years old before August 1st to enroll. Children need not be present.

Bring the following documents: State Certified Birth Certificate, Current Immunization Record, Proof of Residency (utility bill, rental agreement, etc.)

Thank You Notes!

Dear Church Family,

I would love to thank everyone here for helping me. I appreciate it all.

Karen Sue O'Dell

We want to thank the church for remembering our 58th Anniversary. We feel so fortunate to have the First Christian Church family that has been so thoughtful and caring to us.

Thank you, Mary Howey for the delivery of the beautiful flowers and great visit.

Love and friendship to all,

Don & Linda Hoover

Thank you to Mary Howey for delivering the flower for my eighty second birthday.

You have been our church family since 1966 and have been a blessing to Pat and I, as well as our family. This congregation has been there for us when we needed you.

Duane & Pat Sterling



FCC is the 2020 "SOUPER" BOWL CHAMPION

THANK YOU to everyone that gave donations towards the Johnson Country Food Center's "Souper Bowl" this year! Your generous donations of \$5,820 which equates to 17,460 cans of soup/food for the food center will be used to help those across our community to feed their families. The Food Center provides food to an average of 600 families each month. THANK YOU again for your compassion for others and sharing so kindly! The food center has confirmed that FCC has won the traveling trophy this year by being the church providing the largest donation, so we're on a good run having won the trophy five years in a row. Let's continue to do good for those in need!

March Birthdays

1-Elle Schnakenberg
4-Dana Baldwin
6-Chris Burton
6-Zane Spalding
7-Jake Turner
9-Carol Dunham
14-Deb Haller
14-Karmeron Key
16-Noah Cromer
17-James Dooley
17-Donna Hays
17-Caroline Smith
19-Cindy Gabel
20-Noel Dougherty
20-Sam Jones
20-Lee Younce
21-Bill Goodwin
21-Ellen Woody
22-Easton Burchard
22-Ray Cook
24-Garrett Osborne
25-Vyrdel Basye
26-Christian Blevins
26-Katie McNeel
26-Janet Ritchhart
28-Keirston Newberry

March Anniversaries

11-Jon & Toni Frandsen
13-Jim & Megan Stuck
17-Lee & Mary Younce
26-Lyman & Claudeen Hannah



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

Kevin Raynes
John Basye
Vyrdel Basye
Our Children
Emergency Personnel
Our Military
Those with continuing health concerns
Care Givers

Security Team Information

The information in this article will update you on the activities of your church security committee. The committee was formed in December 2017, at the request of the church board. We were given the mission of looking at all aspects of church security.

Shortly thereafter we attended four hours of church security training conducted by the Missouri State Police for all churches in the Warrensburg area. Not only were we trained on the threat of church service interruptions but how to counter them and organize a security program.

Shortly thereafter we attended 16 hours of church security training conducted by Strategos International. An organization that specializes in church security training. This training is recommended by the Missouri State Police and we found it to be excellent.

After the training we conducted an in-depth security survey and found our church to be deficient in several areas. We then asked for funding and we're informed there was none available. Shortly thereafter approximately \$2200 was transferred from the Memorial Committee to Security. The \$2200 was helpful but not enough to fund our priorities. Our program then went dormant from the summer of 2018 until our Property Committee stepped in funded and installed the roll up door in the hallway adjacent to the elevator. This door provides security between the sanctuary and CLC. When outside organizations are using the CLC they will no longer have access to the sanctuary and education wing.

After a security incident a couple of months ago \$10,000 was donated to our committee to get our security program running again. Since then we did a walk thru with a representative from the Warrensburg Fire Department, representative from the city codes office and a locksmith.

A fire alarm system was recently installed and should decrease our insurance premium.

The # of entrances and exits we have been detrimental to any security program.

With the approval of the board a couple of these entrances will be closed in the near future. We will advise you prior to the closing of these entrances. None of the external exits currently in use will be closed.

The 1st two doors to have their locking systems changed are on the Southeast and Southwest corners of the church. Changes to the locking systems on these two doors will not change their exit capabilities but will give us more control on entrance time.

Other doors being looked at for changes in the very near future are the glass doors on the Northwest corner of the church, the door facing Holden and the two large wooden doors leading into the education wing.

The ultimate goal is to be able to isolate or secure the church into three different areas should there be a church intrusion.

One of the items noted in our initial security survey is that access to the church administration office during the hours when the staff is not present was provided by a key hidden outside the office. At the time the survey was conducted no one could tell us who or how many had access. We made a note to correct this issue when funding became available.

Last week the key was lost for a period of time.

A key fob locking system will be installed on the access door to the administration office as soon as possible. This system will allow all individuals who require access to enter and to know who entered and when.

Security Update The first of the code/key fob locks will be installed this Sunday (2/16) afternoon on the southwest sanctuary door. All other doors will be on the existing keying system and can be used to gain access to the church. In the interim, a user code can be used to unlock this door before fobs are issued to those that need them. Thank you for your patience.

Questions or to request the temporary code can be directed to security chairman Jason Dunn.



From the Files of Our church History

By Doug & Ellen Woody and Anita Gosney, Chair

Central to the beliefs of the Christian church (Disciples of Christ) is communion open to all at every worship service. This article tells the history of the communion tables in the sanctuary and the Christian Life Center.

The following information comes from the Centennial History, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Warrensburg, Missouri, 1889-1989. The Martha-George Sunday School class came into existence on March 2 1932. “The group used many schemes to raise money for their projects. In January 1936 work was begun on the communion table for the church. It was built by professor Noel B. Grinstead of the Industrial Arts Department of CMSU. The Martha-George assumed responsibility for this project and, on its completion in June of the same year, the group gathered at the Sunday morning service to dedicate the table. Mrs. Ruth Sweet gave a history of communion tables and the table was presented to the church body by Mrs. Millard, Martha-George class president.

Lee and Mary Ann Younce attended the Praise Service in the Christian Life Center of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Warrensburg. Mary Ann made a comment to Lee about the “rickety table” used for communion. They talked about Lee designing and constructing a communion table. Lee made it from oak in the Mission Style thinking the style would fit with the CLC décor. The communion table was first used on April 14, 2008, with Pastor Jerry Basye telling the congregation it was a gift from the YOUNCES.

CROP WALK COLLECTIONS

March is the month designated for our church to help with CROP Walk collections which go to our Food Center. On Saturday, March 14, we have been asked to collect food items at Bi-Lo Country Mart from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are asking for volunteers to work for one hour to help with this important community event. Please contact Donna Elliott or Kathy Ramser to sign-up!



Membership/Evangelism

COME JOIN OUR GROUP!

If you like to visit, The Membership and Evangelism Committee would love to have you join our group to deliver carnations to our members who are 80 years or more. If you like to entertain, we would be happy to have you help with Coffee Fellowship following the traditional Worship Service. If you are interested, please contact Donna Elliott at 66-747-8387.



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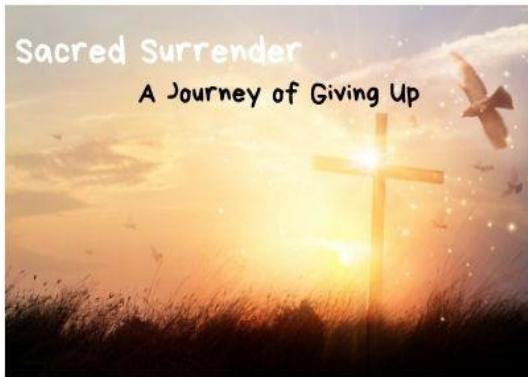
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Don't Forget! March 8!



New Sermon Series Starting in March



Cane Ridge Re-Vital

April 4, 2020

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

First Christian Church, Bolivar, Mo

Calling all leaders to come and re-connect us with one another and equip us for Re-Vitalized ministry. This is not just for ministers.

Our Pastor Gina will be giving the message at this event. Please let church office know if you can go.

There will be a chicken dinner for the lunch and you are asked to bring a side vegetable or dessert to share.