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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 29, 2021

THE GATHERING

Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome		Claire Baer
	<i>Please let us know you're here by texting FCC to 77411.</i>	
Lighting of the Candles		
Call to Worship		Dr. Mark Bender
Opening Hymn	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies – vs. 1, 2 & 3</i> <i>When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!</i> <i>Discordant humankind, in this your concord find, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound, may Jesus Christ be praised!</i> <i>Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face; may Jesus Christ be praised! God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore: may Jesus Christ be praised!</i>	No. 100
Opening Prayer		Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	John 14:15-29	Dr. Mark Bender
Children's Message		Claire Baer
Sending Response		
	Congregation: The Lord be with you as you worship.	
	Children: And also with you.	

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

Peace I Give to You – Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir & Kathy Liticker, violin

Sermon

The Peace of Christ Be With You

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center – vs. 1

No. 575

***Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Linda Cook

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Cindy Hernandez & Linda C. Carr

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Jeanette Showalter

Closing Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms – vs. 1 & 3

No. 560

***What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

Sermon Notes

1. Conflict and loss

2. Let the peace of Christ RULE in your hearts

3. Not a private experience

4. A centeredness

5. Paraclete people

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 29		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Acolyte Training	Sanctuary
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
5:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402
Monday, August 30		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
6:00 pm	Young Ages School Parent/Teacher Orientation	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 31		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
NO	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
7:00-9:00 pm	Square Dance Lessons	Gym
Wednesday, September 1		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (W-F)	
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, September 2		
7:30 pm	College Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
Friday, September 3		
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, September 4		

Sheri Sutton's Fall Bible Study

"Hidden Christmas" by Timothy Keller
 Wednesdays, Beginning Sept. 26
 10:30 am in Room 310
 Please call the church office, 692-2282, to register and order your book.

The Neighborhood

Wednesday Night Worship
 5:30 pm Brown Bag Fellowship
 6:00 pm Worship
 Fellowship Hall

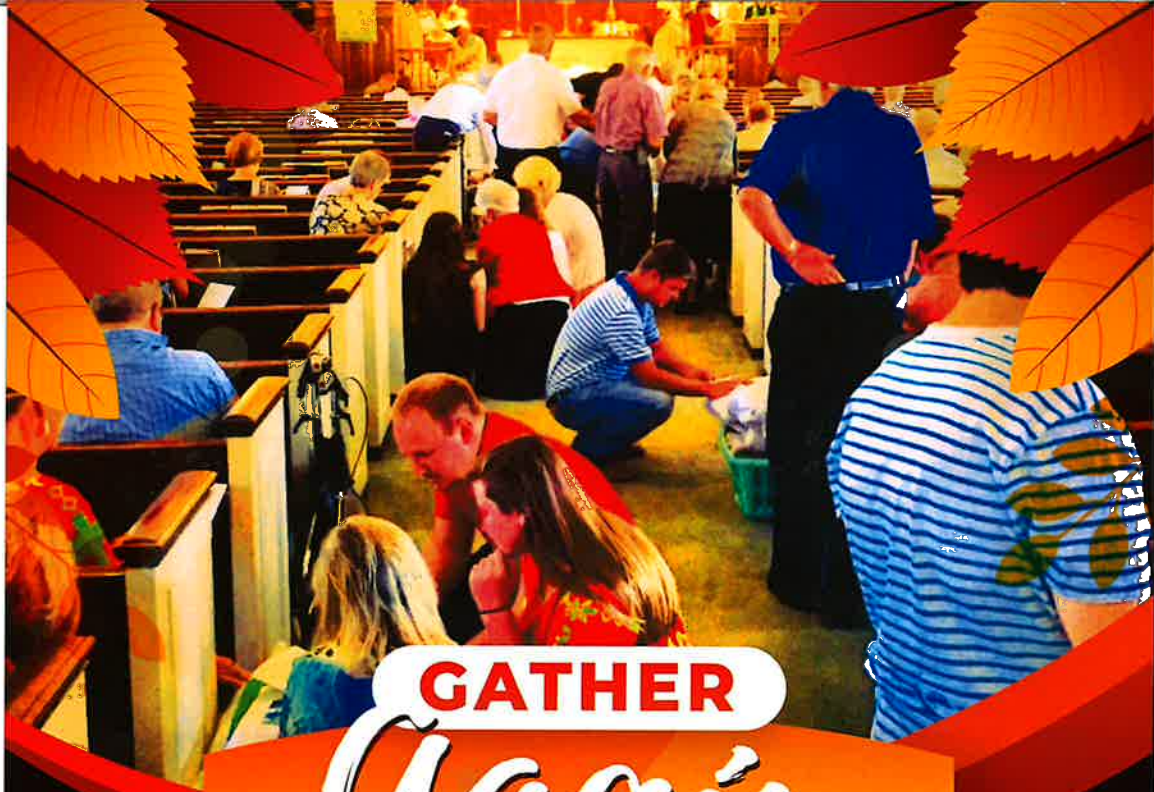


Sunday, September 26

12:00 Noon

**Fellowship Hall
Lunch provided**

Join us for *First Things* - whether you are a first time guest or a long-time member, you are invited to participate in *First Things*, Sunday, September 26, from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. At *First Things*, you will learn about the history of First Christian Church, the beliefs and traditions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and get to know the church a bit better.



GATHER

Again

SUNDAY | SEPT 12TH | 12:00 PM

WORSHIP | 10:45 AM

LUNCH | GAMES | ENTERTAINMENT | KIDS ACTIVITIES
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SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

I/We suggest to the Leadership Development Committee that the following persons be considered for submission to the Congregation for election to the Church Board for the two and three year terms ending 12/31/2023 and 12/21/2024.

Three Year Term (1/1/22 to 12/31/24):

TRUSTEE - One is to be elected for a 3-Year Term. Please suggest only 1. _____

Two Year Terms (1/1/22 to 12/31/23):

ELDERS - Nine are to be elected for a 2-Year Term. You may suggest any number up to 9.

DIACONATE - Eighteen are to be elected for a 2-Year Term. You may suggest any number up to 18.

One Year Term (1/1/22 to 12/31/22):

YOUTH DIACONATE - Six **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** are to be elected for a **one year** term. You may suggest up to 6.

Life Term:

LIFE-TERM ELDER – There is no numerical requirement in filling this position of honor for distinguished service as an Elder.

LIFE-TERM DIACONATE – There is no numerical requirement in filling this position of honor for distinguished service as a Diaconate member.

For more information you may contact the church office or one of the following members of the Leadership Development Committee: Dr. Mark Bender, Doug Kunkle, Linda C. Carr, Jim LaValley, Eddie Tucker, Debi Ballard, Susan Buckley, Ashley Burross, Cheryl Smiley, and Rick Appling, Committee Chair. **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26!**

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH BOARD & THEIR TERMS

Trustees

<u>Term Ending 12/31/2021:</u>	Glenn Tole II
<u>Term Ending 12/31/2022:</u>	Nick Gipson
<u>Term Ending 12/31/2023:</u>	Mac Cannedy Jr.

Elders

<u>Term Ending 12/31/2021:</u>				
Gary Ballard	Cathy Biggs	John Buckley	Linda C. Carr	Linda Cook
Sally Hastings	Kathleen Lauck	Sherry Tucker	Andy Wilson	
<u>Term Ending 12/31/2022:</u>				
Cindy Hernandez	Ann Hunter	Jerry Johnson	Richard Phillips	Kerry Roach
Dwight Ross III	Sandra Ross	Cheryl Smiley	Larry Spradley	

Diaconate

<u>Term Ending 12/31/2021:</u>				
Teresa Archambo	Brandi Brannon	John Cook	Shirley Craft	Philip Dudenhoeffler
Fred Gentry	Ronnie James	Melody Jennings	Lauren Johnson	Jim LaValley
Karen LaValley	Margaret Phillips	James Poole	Fred Ridenour	Jane Ridenour
Stacey Strickland	Terry Walker	_____		
<u>Term Ending 12/31/2022:</u>				
Maggy Anderson	Jodi Bender	Twila Boydston	Marc Cannedy	Bob Carlton
Mary Carlton	Dave Clark	Leann Elder	Robert Hastings	Jaidyn "JJ" Johnson
Vicki Kunkle	Stacey Lingbeek	Sheila Reynolds	Mistie Seguire	Tyler Thomas
Julia Ward	Ashley Warton	Karen Watson		

Youth Diaconate (Term Ending 12/31/21):

Davidson Cook	Hannah Earley	Christopher McKenzie	Isabell Murphey	Emily Thomas
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Life Term Elders:

Melba Anastopoulos	John Bridgman	Diana Costello	Cathy Gately	David Gately
Patt Giddings	Jim Hay	Kenn Hill	Ted Lauck	Virgil Lee
Sandrea Marvel	Dorothy Montgomery	Judy Muir	Roma Prassel	Frank Tate
Pat Thacker	Linda Tole	Marilyn Vaughn		

Life Term Diaconate:

Sara Anderson	Rosie Bearden	Peggy Fitts	Sam Maynor	Cherry Medina
Lou Murdock	Sue Nunn	Jean Puckett	Sharon Roach	Debbi Schmidt
David Wyatt	Vivian Zug			