

# The Church Bell

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## A Word from Steve Waters, 2021 Administrative Board Chair

I would like to thank everyone who made it to Rev. Underwood's farewell service and luncheon. We had a wonderful turnout, and I think Beau, Casey, and Jesse all felt the incredible love our congregation has for them. Many thanks to Jonathon Prouty for organizing the event and to Nancy Samp for overseeing the delicious meal!

As we begin our first week without a Senior Minister, I wanted to share an update on behalf of the Administrative Board and our staff. It would be accurate to call this our "Transition to an Interim Period" in our church. Our search committee has been hard at work and the committee chair, David Durbin, has an article with their latest update. Our ministerial and administrative staff have been very helpful in identifying all of the many functions their jobs entail and crafting a detailed plan to ensure that we can cover all the tasks.

Rev. Sarah Kingsbery will take lead on coordinating our weekly services. She will provide the sermon message about 50% of the time, with the remaining slots filled by Alexis Engelbrecht, David Avery, and Ray Miles. Worship materials and special services will continue to be planned by Rev. Sarah, Gretchen Huedepohl, and the Worship Committee. The Elders will be assisting with visits to members confined to home, residing in care facilities and in the hospital, when allowed by visiting policy. The Connectors will assist with birthday and anniversary calls.

On the administrative side of the Church, as Board Chair, I will be the primary contact for business items, vendors, and daily operations. Bob Robuck, who will serve as Board Treasurer for the remainder of 2021, will review financial documents. David Durbin, Chair of the Personnel Committee, will be the point of contact for any employment related issues.

I cannot give enough thanks or praise to our dedicated staff and to our amazing, untiring group of volunteers. There will undoubtedly be a few bumps along the road, but I am confident that faith and fellowship will guide us successfully through this transition period.

*Stephen Waters*

*Administrative Board Chair*

## Update from Missions

### *Community Ministry Matching Funds for Transformational Housing*

Our church has been very involved in addressing the homeless situation in Jefferson City for several years now. In an effort to address the loss of low income rental property that was exacerbated by the tornado of 2019, our church was instrumental in forming Transformational Housing specifically to address this need.

Earlier this year, we provided \$25,000 to Habitat to assist with their efforts to build 4 new homes. On Monday our Missions team approved two more actions intended to continue this effort. We approved a \$25,000 gift to Common Ground and a match of up to \$50,000 for any donations from our congregation to Transformational Housing (TH) during the period from January 1 to July 31 of this year.

This is how the matching grants for Transformational Housing will work. If you have already made a donation directly to TH this year, the TH treasurer will notify our financial secretary of the total amount given to date by FCC members. Going forward, you may just give a check to FCC and note on it that it is for TH. Your check will be deposited and the money held until the end of July. At this point our financial secretary will cut a check to TH for the total amount of gifts received and the matching funds from Community Ministry.

I know some persons whose income has not been adversely affected by the COVID situation have decided to give all or part of their federal stimulus check (windfall) to TH or other local charities including our church. I encourage you to prayerfully consider doing the same.

If you are wondering what your gift might purchase, consider the following: a 10 foot 2x4 is about \$10 (we used about 300 of these just to frame the walls on one floor at 203 Cherry St.), a window will cost between \$250 and \$400 (there are 24 of these), exterior doors will be nearly \$1000 (5 of these), interior doors to each apartment and common area will be about \$400 (6 of these) and flooring throughout the building will cost about \$10,000. Then there are stoves, a/c units, refrigerators, and many more items.

We will, of course, be delighted with any amount either larger or smaller than these. If you wish to use a credit card, you may make the gift to church. Let the financial secretary know or go on-line and make the gift directly to TH from its website. TH will notify our financial secretary of the total amount of gifts received in this manner from FCC members.

If you have questions, please call me at 619-0803. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to our church and our outreach activities. **Most importantly, please keep these efforts of our church and community in your prayers.**

*Blessings,  
John Blosser  
Missions Chair*

## From the Search & Call Committee—

There is always a balance to be sought for a Search & Call Committee between confidentiality regarding those individuals being considered, either for interim or settled senior minister, and keeping the congregation informed about progress being made.

I am pleased to announce that the Search & Call Committee will present their recommendation for an interim minister at the Administrative Board meeting on May 11th. Thereafter, the identity of the Interim Senior Minister will be announced generally. Thank you for your patience.

*David Durbin, Chair, Search & Call Committee*

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## 40 Days of Prayer for First Christian Church Jeff City

**April 28**      **For the right person to be available to become our Senior Minister**

April 29      For the work of our incoming Interim Minister and our church staff

**April 30**      **For the continued prayerful work of this church**

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## Thank You!

FCC Family,

Thank you for the affirmations, cards, gifts, and the joy of being together as a community this past Sunday. I delighted in the worship and fellowship we shared. Your spoken and written words, especially around the memories and ministry from these last 6+ years, profoundly touched my heart. We love you all and wish you the best in the years ahead.

*Steadfast in hope,*

*Rev. Beau (and Casey and Jesse)*

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## From the Personnel Committee—

It is with regret that I announce that Kathy Speidel has begun the process of retiring as our Administrative Secretary effective May 31, 2021. Kathy has been the smiling face at our front office and the pleasant voice on the phone at First Christian Church for the past 16+ years.

Although she is stepping away from her full-time hours, Kathy has agreed to continue to work on a part-time basis (Monday-Thursday) as we transition to a new senior minister and chart a course for a post-pandemic church.

Please share your appreciation to Kathy for her years of service in the past and her willingness to assist with our future transition. (The Personnel Committee is considering various options to ensure coverage during those times that Kathy will not be in the office.)

*--David Durbin, Chair, Personnel Committee*

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Beverly Anderson, Steve Brown, Jane Burd, Richard Carroll, Wilma Collins, Gibson Archer Dudenhoeffer, Nancy Dunwiddie, Ken & Karen Dykes, Gary Gonder, Marilyn Gross, John & Barbara Gulick, Norma Hasselman, Philip Hawkins, Jeanette Hickman, Shirley Jarrett, Emily Lane, Cindy Millard, Vivian Murphy, Mae Oehring, Bob Priddy, Janice Wood, Doris Yelton, Our Country

Individuals will be kept on our prayer list for **four weeks** at a time. At the end of four weeks, please give Kathy a call at 573.636.5157 or email her [Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org), if you would like continued prayers for an individual. Thank you!

## Members in Care Centers

### BLUEGRASS TERRACE

*Glenda Crow*

### HEISINGER

*Richard Carroll*

*Shirley Ferguson*

*Barbara Nikodyn*

*Norma Woodson*

### JC MANOR

*Jackie Possinger*

### OAK TREE VILLA

*Sue Cobble*

### PRIMROSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

*Norma Hasselman*

*Wendell & Myra Hubbs*

*Jessie Schell*

### RIVER CITY LIVING COMMUNITY

*Mae Oehring*

### ST. JOSEPH'S BLUFFS

*Marilyn Gross*

*Doris Yelton*

### SUMMIT VILLA

*Shirley Jarrett*

### VILLA MARIE

*Terry Fockler*

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

*Mariam Craddock*

### OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

*Betty Schramm*

*Betty Schulte*

## April and May Birthdays and Anniversaries

### APRIL

28  
Judy Naught

29  
30  
Eva Pratt  
Betty Schramm

### MAY

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2  
Beau Underwood  
*Richard & Alicea Mullen*  
3  
Miranda Fishback  
Shane McClain  
Kurtis Villafane  
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Jenny Hagenhoff

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Juanita Dietle  
Norma Woodson  
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Rylee Gonder  
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Jon Alexander

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Jessie Schell  
Gail Watkins  
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*Craig & Heather Giles*  
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*Jose Villafane & Alexis Engelbrecht*  
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Paige Nolte  
*John & Barbara Kuebler*

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*Otis & Dot Baker*  
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Alice Durbin  
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Rebecca Frye  
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Sydney Foutes  
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Blake Snyder  
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22  
Allie Claycomb  
*David & Rochelle Reeves*  
23  
Grace Lepper  
Tracy McClard  
Chris Sheppard  
24  
*Mark & Jana Millard*

25  
*Bob & Vivian Murphy*  
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27  
Charlotte Middleton  
28  
Kathy Speidel  
Peggy Veatch  
29  
Larissa Jackson  
Bob Robuck  
*Mickey & Barb Gage*  
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*Russ & Kathy Dunwiddie*  
31  
Craig Giles  
*Nike & Callie Thompson*

## An Update from Alexis, Our Youth Director

There are two Intergenerational Reading and Writing Prayers Lab: one meets Sunday afternoons from 3-4 PM and the other meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45 PM. There is some space and time to join the Wednesday evening group that begins May 5, and you are welcome to email me to learn more about this experience for those in 6th grade and beyond. Participants of all ages have shared an appreciation for the space to learn from and support one another.

Whether you participate in the groups or not, I'd love for you to take about 3 minutes to watch this interview with educator Rev. Dr. Almeda Wright regarding the importance of orienting youth around Christian practices:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSXwgEQoVQg>

The Reading and Writing Prayers Lab is intended to familiarize participants with the different types of prayers within scripture, as well as to try - or experiment - with a variety of practices from our faith tradition as we all continue to develop our connection with God. Please email me to learn more about what we're up to and why. You're also welcome to contact me about receiving the materials we use, especially if your schedule makes it difficult to attend weekly Zoom sessions: [Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org).

Thanks to those who attended our special gathering with Dr. Warren Carter! He appreciated people's questions and attention, as did I.

*With You On the Journey,  
Alexis  
[Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org)*

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## Thank You!

First Christian Church, We want to thank you for your extremely generous gift to the Doyle Sager Memorial Fund. Our family is very appreciative of your contribution.

*Sincerely,  
The Doyle Sager Family*

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Juanita Dietle will turn 90 on May 7th!

Let's shower her with well-wishes and love through cards, calls, and texts.

Her address is 1003 Boonville Rd, JC 65109-0619, and her phone number is 573-821-2426.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

I continue to be grateful for church and community friends who bless our Sunday morning worship with special anthems or lead the singing of congregational hymns. Please be sure to offer them a word of thanks!

**At the 10:40 service each week** our talented worship team will continue to lead the music. Now that we are back to holding two worship services, we've resumed the schedule of offering traditional hymnody at the 8:20 service and contemporary worship music at the later service, a practice that has largely been in place since 2014, though contemporary music was incorporated into worship well over a decade before that. Especially for a congregation of our size, a group of this caliber is rare.

**\*MAY 2, 8:20** – Our Jubilant Sound Handbell members have faithfully been rehearsing while socially distanced and wearing masks during the last several months, adapting music that allows for these safe practices. The ensemble will share arrangements of two classic hymns, "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." Sherry Jordan will lend her beautiful voice to leading us in song.

**\*MAY 9, 8:20** – Three young adults with whom I've had the privilege to make music at Westminster College will share their talents with us. As we look at the theme of "Called to Love" in worship, they will offer arrangements of "In This Very Room," "Let There Be Peace on Earth," and "Death Was Arrested," a post-Easter contemporary worship song. Please make them feel welcome at FCC!

*Gretchen Huedepohl*  
*Director of Music Ministry*

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## Update from Common Ground (1015 East Atchison Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101 573-522-4314)

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your support. Here is a short list of what's going on at Common Ground: Malachi Brewer, our intern from Lincoln, will finish his work with us at the end of April and will be graduating on May 16. We received \$4,000 from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program administered by United Way. This helped 17 families catch up on rent and utilities. Common Ground assisted clients with almost \$24,000 in the first quarter of 2021. We are still assisting clients over the phone and over the internet but on May 1, we are planning to open to one client at a time by appointment.

*Enjoy a beautiful spring, Tina Mollenkamp, Executive Director*

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1ST SUNDAY MAY 2	2ND SUNDAY MAY 9	3RD SUNDAY MAY 16	4TH SUNDAY MAY 23	5TH SUNDAY MAY 30
<b>8:20AM</b> <b>ELDER</b> Ann Littlefield	<b>8:20AM</b> <b>ELDER</b> Cecile Landrum	<b>8:20AM</b> <b>ELDER</b> Alan Nelson	<b>8:20AM</b> <b>ELDER</b> Patty Osman	<b>8:20AM</b> <b>ELDER</b> Steve Waters
<b>LITURGIST</b> Sandy Robinson	<b>LITURGIST</b> Sally Robuck	<b>LITURGIST</b> AVAILABLE	<b>LITURGIST</b> Lauren Eichelberger	<b>LITURGIST</b> AVAILABLE
<b>USHERS</b> Doug Hagenhoff Milinda Dawson	<b>USHERS</b> Joe Payne Nike Thompson	<b>USHERS</b> Greg & Sherry Fitzpatrick	<b>USHERS</b> Kathy Cavender Rick Vaughan	<b>USHERS</b> AVAILABLE
<b>10:40AM-FCC PL</b> <b>ELDER</b> Wanda King	<b>10:40AM-FCC PL</b> <b>ELDER</b> Cindy Leveron	<b>10:40AM-FCC PL</b> <b>ELDER</b> Ray Miles	<b>10:40AM-FCC PL</b> <b>ELDER</b> Melanie Highland	<b>10:40AM-FCC PL</b> <b>ELDER</b> Barb Kuebler
<b>LITURGIST</b> Georgia Griffith	<b>LITURGIST</b> AVAILABLE	<b>LITURGIST</b> Marsha Posz	<b>LITURGIST</b> Marsha Posz	<b>LITURGIST</b> AVAILABLE
<b>USHERS</b> Jim & Russ Dunwiddie	<b>USHERS</b> Morris Woodruff Georgia Griffith	<b>USHERS</b> Debi Wells Stephen Foutes	<b>USHERS</b> Marsha & Allen Posz	<b>USHERS</b> AVAILABLE

# Register for Summer Camp 2021

Dear Camper and Camp families,

We are excited to see you this summer! We have missed you and we have been praying for you and planning ways to make sure this summer is safe, fun, and full of experiences to reconnect with friends, but more importantly to find ways to connect with God and creation! There are some things you need to know. Most of our campsites have put a cap on the people we can have at camp. So, if you are considering coming, do not wait! [Sign up now!](#) There will be some safety procedures we will ask of campers and families (you will get a more detailed list in your info packet once registered).

We will ask that campers bring a mask (preferably masks) that fit properly and that campers will actually wear (you will get a list of what masks we prefer once you have signed up). We will also ask that you be wise about the mixed groups of 10 or more that you are in prior to coming to camp. We would prefer during that approximately 2 week time, that you keep safe space around people and wear mask when you cannot. We know there are mixed views in our varied communities, schools, and families, but we are asking for your help in providing the safest environment we can before even getting to camp.

Please do up-to-date monitoring for symptoms at home before coming to camp. Also, we would prefer that parents or guardians drop each camper off at camp, in case there is an issue at medical check-in.

Finally and most importantly - Pray for our campers, staff, camp sites, churches, and families that this year is a great, life-giving, wonderful, impactful camp year! We feel with the guidelines we have in place, we will have a great summer of Outdoor Ministries!

If you have any questions, please email Zane Whorton at [zane78@gmail.com](mailto:zane78@gmail.com).

Blessings!

*Zane Whorton, Outdoor Ministries Coordinator  
for Mid-America  
<http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer>*

**Please see camp dates and locations for this year in the box to your right. We do not want cost to be a factor for any family - FCC Jeff City will pay at least 50% of camp registration costs for camps, and we have scholarships available up to 100%. When you register, do not pay online - contact Rev. Sarah to make payment arrangements.**

## SUMMER CAMP 2021

Register at <https://bit.ly/3d9TV0S>  
(Filter for NEOLA Camps)

### Camp Jo-Ota, Clarence Mo

**Try-It** (PreK-1st, must be accompanied by adult family member) August 6-8.

**Elem/Junior Camp** (completed 2nd -5th) July 12-16

**Chi Rho** (completed 6th-7th) August 1-6

**CYF** (completed 9th-12th) June 6-11

### Shannondale, Salem MO

**Our Bodies, Our Faith** (completed 8th & 9th) July 11-16

**Canoe Camp** (completed 7th-12th) July 11-15

<http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer>  
**for more information and covid precautions**

FCC Jeff City will pay at least 50% of camp registration costs with scholarships available up to 100%. When you register, do not pay online. Contact Rev. Sarah to make payment arrangements.

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**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:**  
Please contact Rev. Kingsbery at 573-690-2480 **Non-emergency** church-related items after working hours, Monday thru Friday 8AM to 5PM, we have voice mail. Please feel free to call the church (573-636-5157) at any time and leave a message. **NOTE: IF YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE ON FRIDAY (AFTER 5PM), SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, IT WILL NOT BE CHECKED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. THANK YOU.**

The next  **Church Bell** will be sent May 12, 2021.  
(Articles are due by noon the Monday before)

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715-803-4772  
AND FOLLOW THE  
PROMPTS ON YOUR PHONE

-DOWNLOAD THE  
"GIVERS APP"  
(FROM CONTINUE TO GIVE)



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If you need the password, please contact the church office at 573-636-5157 or one of our leaders. To join in on our free conference calls, dial (712) 775-7270 and enter access code 444928.

Please email or call Tina Mollenkamp tinamollenkamp@cgcb.org/573-522-4314), if you would like to be on Common Grounds email newsletter list, regular mailing list, or both. As an alternative, you can also sign up for the email newsletters on our website at [www.cgcb.org](http://www.cgcb.org).



**You may also give online at [firstchristianjcmo.org/donate](http://firstchristianjcmo.org/donate)**

## Financial Records and Questions

Questions related to giving and church finances should be sent to Carol Kaylor at [finance@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:finance@firstchristianjcmo.org). We have contracted with CALD services, a local accounting firm specializing in religious non-profits, to provide these critical functions.

**Who Are We? We call ourselves Disciples, a community of believers who follow Jesus by *worshiping* God, *growing* in faith, and *serving* all in need. Bound to each other in Christ's love, we discover our life together through *sharing* life with the world.**

### WEBSITES YOU NEED TO STAY CONNECTED

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