

The Church Bell

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Pastoral Ponderings

God's Beloveds,

Wandering takes many forms.

We wander this way and that, choosing the winding path over the straight.

We wander away from places, people, and things.

We wander towards a hoped for future.

We wander because we are lost, and sometimes even when we are not.

We wander because we've lost our bearings or because we are waiting for something, or because we don't yet know the way we are called to go.

Wandering has been part of human experience since the beginning, and we find many examples of people wandering away, to, with, towards, around, in scripture.

These are the stories we will be focusing on during Lent this year, the time when we wander with Jesus to the wilderness and out again, until we find ourselves in Jerusalem at the cross, at the tomb. We will wander with Abraham, Moses, Joshua and the Israelites, brothers Jacob and Esau, Jesus and his disciples. We will journey with them as they wander towards the Promised Land, away from loved ones, and towards God. We will wander through the pain of exile and the pain of the cross while remembering that no matter the journey, we are not alone.

Our Lenten journey of wandering will begin on Ash Wednesday on February 17th. We will have two opportunities to worship together that day – at the church at 5:30 PM and at 7PM for a virtual worship on Zoom and streamed to Facebook.

During the season of Lent – February 17th through Easter Sunday April 4th, we will also be offering another opportunity to reflect on these wandering journeys in scripture.

You are invited to join us on Zoom at 6:30PM each Wednesday in Lent for a Time of Reflection and Prayer (except Ash Wednesday when we will meet at 7PM). We will read scripture together and engage in a variety of prayer practices like Lectio Divina.

I look forward to spending time with you all seeking a deeper understanding of God through the places where scripture and our lives intersect.

*Grace and peace for the wandering journey,
Rev. Sarah Kingsbery*



An Update from Stephen Waters, Administrative Board Chair

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On January 27th the Administrative Board and the Leadership Committee jointly met to approve the members of the Ad Hoc Search Committee appointed to identify and recommend a new senior minister for First Christian Church. The Church constitution requires this committee to be approved by both the Administrative Board and the Leadership Development Team. After much good discussion, the Administrative Board and the Leadership Development Team each unanimously approved the following 12 members of FCC to faithfully undertake our minister search: David Durbin, Chair; David Avery; Donna Brown; Georgia Griffith; Meghan Hagenhoff; Melanie Highland; Venita Jackson; Rick Naught; Jonathon Prouty; John Ruth; Susan Vaughn; and Elaine West.

This group of 12 Disciples is a strong cross section of our Congregation, with each member bringing a multitude of experience and talent to the Search Committee. They have my full faith and confidence in the mission they are undertaking. I hope that every member of our Congregation will pledge support for these 12 "searchers" and will actively pray for the Committee, the applicants, our future minister, and the Church. I strongly encourage you to contact any member of the Ad Hoc Search Committee with your thoughts and suggestions. Chairman David Durbin has called the first meeting of the Committee on February 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. I will do my best to keep all of you informed as the search process moves forward.

The Administrative Board also approved the names I presented for the Strategic Planning Team. The Team will be chaired by Brenda Foutes and will include: Meghan Hagenhoff; Blair Johnson; Herb Kuhn; Carson Lepper; Virginia Lister; Missy Mann; Allen Posz; Amanda Prouty; Nike Thompson; Steve Waters; and J.T. Yarnell. The Board voted unanimously to approve this team.

Please keep all of the members of these two groups in your prayers. Above all, please continue to keep Reverend Beau and his family in your prayers and surrounded by your love.

*Respectfully,
Stephen R. Waters
Administrative Board Chair*

Community Ministry Affordable Housing Support Update

Volunteers Needed!

In late 2019, your Missions team with the endorsement of the church board and congregation decided to support work that addressed the shortage of low income housing in Jefferson City. That was done using money from the Community Ministry endowment that must be used locally in endeavors that involve our members in volunteer efforts. Many of our members volunteered as we helped construct a Habitat home as part of their Road to Recovery from the 2019 tornado. It also involved demolition of a 1910 property on Cherry Street that Transformational Housing will convert to a 5 unit apartment.

Both of these projects have been very successful. Despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic, we were still able to help complete the property that Loise White donated. The Harrison family is now living safely and comfortably in their new home. We also helped with interior demolition of the Transformational Housing property on Cherry Street, and it is now ready to begin reconstruction. They have already raised over \$250,000 of their \$400,000 goal to complete this property and acquire others.

In 2021, Missions has authorized another \$25,000 donation to Habitat and is considering additional financial support for Transformational Housing.

In addition to these financial gifts, **we are once again asking for volunteer help from church members and friends for our "construction" crews:**

Every Monday 8AM to noon - *This crew will initially be doing construction on the Cherry Street property with a goal of completion by the end of the year.*

Fourth Saturday of each month – *This crew will work on the Transformational Housing project and/or a Habitat home.*

If you are interested in working on either crew when you are available, please contact John Blosser (573-619-0803) or the church office (573-636-5157).

John Blosser

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Beverly Anderson, Reba Brandenburg, Steve Brown, Jane Burd, Richard Carroll, Wilma Collins, Gibson Archer Dudenhoeffer, Ken Dykes, John & Barbara Gulick, Norma Hasselman, Philip Hawkins, Jeanette Hickman, Shirley Jarrett, Angie Kellard, Harold Libbert, Virginia Masters, Toni McNeal, Karen Meade, Dan & Sandy Meade, Vivian Murphy, Milo Mutz, Jackie Possinger, Joe Robey, Jessie Schell, Betty Schramm, Sue Steppelman, Barbara Walker, Sharon Williams, Janice Wood, Doris Yelton, Eileen, Dennis, Debbie, Desmond, 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, if you would like continued prayers for an individual. Thank you!

Members in Care Centers

THE ARBORS AT WESTBROOK TERRACE PRIMROSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Rita Connell

Norma Hasselman

Reba Brandenburg

BLUEGRASS TERRACE

Wendell & Myra Hubbs

Mariam Craddock,

Glenda Crow

Jessie Schell

Terry Fockler

HEISINGER

ST. JOSEPH'S BLUFFS

OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Richard Carroll

Doris Yelton

Betty Schramm

Shirley Ferguson

SUMMIT VILLA

Betty Schulte

Barbara Nikodyn

Shirley Jarrett

Norma Woodson

THE TIMBERS

JC MANOR

Mae Oehring

Jackie Possinger

Our condolences to

Donna Brown on the loss of her sister, Carolyn, who passed away this past week.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

FEBRUARY				
	8	14	19	27
1	9	Ben Gonder	Doris Park	Kayla Vegiard
2	Kathy Brown	Tina Wood	Connie Wade	28
David Lichty	Terri Lloyd	<i>Tom & Mary Ann</i>	Peggy Williamson	Chris Graham
Matt Tollerton	10	<i>Weaver</i>	20	Jana Millard
3	Ashley Crisp	15	21	29
<i>Jon & Lois Alexander</i>	11	16	22	30
4	Jan Alexander	Stephanie Durbin	Rich Green	31
Tucker Lane	Michael Jones	Barbara Gulick	Harrison Imler	
Nancy Samp	<i>Gary & June Spencer</i>	17	Eric Obmann	
5	12	18	Skyler Simms	
Brent Connell	Kory King	John D. Bennett	23	
Trevor McClain	13	19	24	
6	Rosie Woodruff	Terry Fockler	25	
Tim Alexander		Joyous Frye	Cyndi Roberts	
7		Shannon Imler	26	
Ashley Weaver		Ian Murphy		

An Update from Alexis, Our Youth Director

A Lenten Intergenerational Experience for 6th graders and Beyond

Alexis, our Youth Director, is facilitating a special intergenerational experience for Lent. It begins Sunday, February 21, the Sunday after Ash Wednesday and ends March 28. We're going to learn about and explore Lenten practices while reading Matthew 4: 1-11, the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Follow this link to learn about the different options for engagement and to sign up for that series by this Saturday, February 6: <https://forms.gle/UiQUmenjELy9yxmM6>

You are welcome to invite grandparents, grandchildren, and grand people, regardless of their location, to join us. Please contact Alexis (alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org) if you would like to extend such an invitation to a special person or people in your life.

Youth Update

How are participants in the LORD's Prayer Lab engaging with the LORD's Prayer? We spend our sessions focusing on specific sections of the prayer and consider its meaning for the authorial audience (those for whom the author wrote the Gospel). Then, we conduct "lab work" as each participant reflects upon and shares how they can apply our area of focus in their own lives. Youth with a copy of *The Teenage Prayer Experiment Notebook* by Miranda and Noah Threlfall-Holmes share their experience with a prayer from the book with the group. We close with prayer requests and by saying the LORD's Prayer together. It is an honor to facilitate and witness the connections being formed as we both learn from and support one another. If you would like to receive a copy of the material we use, email me (alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org), and I'll be happy to share it with you.

A new Lenten series begins Sunday, February 21, the Sunday after Ash Wednesday and ends March 28. There are various ways youth and families can engage with the material I have prepared. Follow this link to learn about the different options for engagement and to sign up for that series by this Saturday, February 6: <https://forms.gle/UiQUmenjELy9yxmM6>.

With you on the journey,

Alexis

alexis@firstchristianchurchjcmo.org

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS HAVE BEEN ORDERED!

If you would like a devotional, please email Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org or call her at 573-636-5157, and she will reserve a copy for you. If you need one brought to you, let Kathy know and we will find someone to deliver one to you.

Join our Zoom Fellowship Room on Sunday Mornings!

If you are worshipping with us virtually on Sunday mornings via Facebook Live, we would love to have you join us in the [FCCJCMO Zoom Room](#). Because we share the Facebook Livestream directly, this is a great option if you have trouble with the Facebook site or app. The room opens at 9:45AM and is available for fellowship before service and until 11AM after worship. It is our virtual gathering area - hear our Sunday School teachers talking about next week's lesson before worship and say hi to the Friendship class as they gather for Sunday School at 11AM!

Let Rev. Sarah know if you have any questions or would like to schedule a time to learn how to get connected on Zoom.

Come as you are! We would love to have you join us, even if you just rolled out of bed.

If you would like a copy of Sunday's Bulletin or Sermon emailed to you, please let Kathy know so she can add you to the email or mailing list. If you have trouble downloading the Virtual Bulletin, please contact Rev. Sarah.

Have you moved, changed phone numbers, or emails? Want to put an updated picture of you and your family in our church directory? If so, please take a moment now and send those updates to Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org, so we can update your church and pictorial directory records.

The 2021 Flower Chart

is available on the bulletin board across from the office for you to choose a Sunday for flowers on the chancel. For our new members not familiar with this process, you may choose a Sunday "In Honor of" or "In Loving Memory of" a family member or loved one. We ask that each Sunday have only one basket of flowers, so all Sundays are chosen. The cost for a basket of flowers is \$29.95. If you would like to give Kathy a call in the office at 573-636-5157, she will secure a Sunday for you.



Thank You for the Thank You Cards!

Thank you to everyone who has written and made cards for Capital Region employees so far! We had a lot of fun gathering on Zoom last week to work on these expressions of gratitude and support.

By request, we will have one more Zoom meeting for card making and writing on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30PM. If you would like supplies to make cards or premade cards, please let me know and I will have them available for pick up.

All completed cards for Capital Region employees need to be returned to the church office by Sunday February 14th.

In March we will work on cards for the staff at East School. Keep an eye out for more information later this month!

Thanks,
Rev. Sarah Kingsbery



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.

Dear Friends at First Christian Church,

Thank you for supporting Common Ground by making us a part of your annual budget and sending volunteers to serve on our board, talk to clients every Monday, and help with our Families Forward Housing Program. It is with your steadfast support that Common Ground is able to make lasting changes in the lives of our neighbors. Whether it is assisting with a bus pass or rent, or helping someone off the street and into housing; we partner with our neighbors in problem solving. We experience gratitude on a daily basis from those we serve and in turn we are grateful to the churches, individuals, and businesses that make it possible for us to serve our neighbors.

Blessing to you all,

Tina Mollenkamp
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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:
 Please contact Rev. Underwood at 815-303-1990. **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 February 17, 2021.
 (Articles are due by noon the Monday before)



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 AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS ON YOUR PHONE

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

Zoom Meeting Room meeting ID is **2202286773**. If you need the password, please contact the church office at 573-636-5157, Rev. Beau at 815-303-1990, or one of our leaders. To join in on our free conference calls, dial (712) 775-7270 and enter access code 444928.

You may also give online at firstchristianjcmo.org/donate

Financial Records and Questions

Questions related to giving and church finances should be sent to Carol Kaylor at 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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