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Loving Our Neighbors

Dr. Jim Hill

Interim Senior Minister

If you are like me, you are tired of the safety measures we have all had to take to keep our ourselves and our families safe as our community, our nation, and our world has dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic. None of us enjoyed having to deal with the shut-down of businesses and schools in our community, and we were certainly not happy when many of our regular church activities were impacted. I am grateful like the rest of our church family that we were able to resume our in-person worship services with some manageable and necessary changes.

Unfortunately, the number of COVID cases in our community are on the rise again. In fact, Missouri currently has one of the highest rates of infection in our nation. Cole County is also one of the Missouri counties with the highest infection rates, and the report from last Saturday indicates we have seen a 163% increase in the average number of new cases per day over the past two weeks. Only 39% of our county population is fully vaccinated when our nation is 48% vaccinated. No one wants to have to take drastic measures again, but if the number of new cases continues to rise, we may be faced with taking necessary steps to protect our neighbors and community.

So, what can we all do now? First, if you are able and have not been vaccinated, please get vaccinated. The vaccine is safe and is readily available at no cost to everyone other than young children. I have included a link to a brief video produced by Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She talks about why she chose to get vaccinated, and how her faith informed that decision. She also encourages Disciples to share why they got vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated, I hope you will take a couple of minutes to watch the video. You can find the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuVS4735gXw&list=PL2EOD-rJvRNuIHIDaScVy-MqTybveDjc2>

I know all of us want to help keep our family, neighbors, friends, and the larger community safe and healthy. For those who are too young or are otherwise unable to get vaccinated, I want to encourage you to wear a mask anytime you are at church or in other settings with crowds. I believe it is a way for us to live our commitment *to love our neighbors*. Since COVID can sometimes be passed by vaccinated people some of us who have been vaccinated are choosing to wear masks, too. We will continue to make a few alterations to our normal worship procedures to help keep people safe. We also encourage those who cannot be vaccinated or feel more comfortable to join us on Facebook for worship.

This summer we have been exploring *the extraordinary stories of Jesus* from the gospel of Mark. This Sunday we will begin a five-week series on *the Bread of Life* from the sixth chapter of John's gospel. This chapter helps us explore what it means to be nourished by *the Bread of Life*. My message for Sunday is "More Than We Expect." I hope you will join us in-person or online for worship on the Lord's Day. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Beverly Anderson, Steve Brown, Jane Burd, Nellie Campbell, Richard Carroll, Darlene Charles, Georgiale Dallas, Doug Defreese, Nancy Dunwiddie, Marilyn Gross, John & Barbara Gulick, Cheryl Hanson, Norma Hasselman, Jeanette Hickman, Brooks Jarrett, Shirley Jarrett, Jessica Kozlen, Emily Lane, Vivian Murphy, Jackie Possinger, Kathy Speidel, Elaine West, 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, 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

Georgiale Dallas

Shirley Jarrett

Emily Lane

PRIMROSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Norma Hasselman

Wendell & Myra Hubbs

Jessie Schell

ST. JOSEPH'S BLUFFS

Doris Yelton

THE TIMBERS

Marilyn Gross

VILLA MARIE

Terry Fockler

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Mariam Craddock

OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Betty Schramm

Betty Schulte

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

JULY	
	1
Elizabeth Coffman	
Wendy Miles	
	3
Abby Lloyd	
<i>Jeff & Sally Moore</i>	
	5
Jim Dunwiddie	
	6
Tucker Gregory	
John Hequembourg	
	7
Amelia Bell	
Tabbatha Howard	
Michael Lauf	
Shelly Woodson	
	10
Marilyn Langley	
Kurt Toebben	
	11
<i>Ed & Joy Powers</i>	
	12
<i>John & Jeanne Ruth</i>	

	13
Karen Shroyer	
	14
Don Lloyd	
	16
Bob Priddy	
<i>Bob & Sherry Jordan</i>	
	17
Cathy Crocker	
Doris Yelton	
	18
Blair Johnson	
Marsha Posz	
<i>Ken & Ann Lane</i>	
	19
Drew Gonder	
Jeff Moore	
	20
Andrew Highland	
Hannah Huedepohl	
Mark Woodson	
	21
Wanda King	

	22
Chris Bell	
Ron Jordan	
Cindy Leveron	
	23
Jon Schwartz	
	24
Renaldo Frye	
Juliet Kroeger	
John Ruth	
	25
Casey Gentry	
<i>Ken & Karen Dykes</i>	
	26
Kathy Cavender	
Gretchen Huedepohl	
C.J. Nolte	
	27
Corey Dawson	
Christie Oliver	
	29
Jeanne Nelson	
<i>Jim & Nancy Dunwiddie</i>	

	30
Amy Schwartz	
Jose' Villafane	
<i>John & Fanci Bennett</i>	
	31
Jonathon Prouty	
	AUG
	1
Sharon Gonder	
Joyce Wagner	
	3
Barbara Kuebler	
Cameo Middleton	
	4
Toni McNeal	
<i>Brian & Kara Knight</i>	

Joy! to Ashley and Shaun Crisp on the birth of their daughter, Adeline Marie Crisp, born June 28.

Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning Committee has been working to develop a draft Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Core Values. We are nearing a time where we'd like to invite the congregation into discussion regarding these core values. We'd like to understand what these values represent to you, where you see them at work at FCC, and which ones you believe speak the most to who we are and what we do. Your input is vital, as we'll use this feedback to finalize our recommendations. Be on the lookout for an upcoming event!

Bible Study

Join Rev. Sarah or Rev. Alexis for Bible Study every Wednesday!

Noon in the Activities Room

Bring your Bible

Due to scheduling conflicts we will no longer be meeting on Zoom at 6:45PM. Check out Rev. Alexis' information about small group offerings for other opportunities!



Jigsaw Puzzles

Do you enjoy putting together jigsaw puzzles? Would you like the opportunity to purchase one of your church?

Rufus Harmon has offered to order jigsaw puzzles of the picture shown for anyone who would like one. They are 500 piece puzzles at a cost of \$30 each. The deadline to order is July 23.

If you are interested in purchasing a puzzle email Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org or give her a call in the office at 573-636-5157. You may pay by mailing in your check to 327 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65101, bringing your check with you to church on Sunday morning and placing it in the offering plate, or by going to www.firstchristianjcmo.org/donate.html. Whichever option you choose, please be sure to note on your check or with your online payment that it is for FCC's jigsaw puzzle.

Youth & Other Updates

NEW Small Group Offering for All: The Roman Empire and the New Testament

Utilizing Dr. Warren Carter's book: *The Roman Empire and the New Testament: An Essential Guide,* our first small group series will delve into the New Testament's context. The dates provided are tentative, but we hope to begin meeting every other week by August 16. Please complete this form to **RSVP by Sunday, July 25** to help ensure you have a copy of the book in time: <https://forms.gle/PoP6qKFY2QE3hqsy7>.

While this is slightly different from an intergenerational experience, parents, guardians, or grandpeople might enjoy engaging in this opportunity with youth from 6th-12th grade. There is an option to indicate that is what you are doing within the survey.

Groups will be facilitated by Rev. Alexis - she can hardly wait to explore this fascinating material with you and to learn what questions and ideas it inspires within participants. If you have questions or need help completing the form, please email Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org.

FYI: Community Gardens

There are two new community gardens in Jefferson City: Ramsey Garden, provided by Quinn Chapel, and Ubuntu Community Garden, which you can read about here: <https://www.ubuntucommunitygarden.com>. If you'd like to learn how you might support the organizers in their efforts, contact Rev. Alexis at Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org so she can connect you with some wonderful people.

Coffee House Open Office Hours

I'm going to work from the Coffee Zone at 130 E High Street from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM on July 22 and 29th. You're welcome to join me for a coffee and chat at any point during that time frame or email me at Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org to arrange another time to meet. As weather and space permit, I plan to be sitting at one of the tables outside.

One of my favorite parts of ministry is the opportunity to spend time with members and listen to whatever you'd like to share. Let me know if you plan to stop by so I can look forward to seeing you.

With You on the Journey,

Rev. Alexis

[*Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org*](mailto:Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org)

Music Ministry

UPCOMING SPECIAL MUSIC

***July 25, 8:20** – Trumpeter Dan McClard will share two musical offerings, playing “People Need the Lord” and an interesting arrangement of “The Old Rugged Cross.”

***July 25, 10:40** – Our worship team will share “Because of Your Love” and “King of Love,” a new song we recently learned which draws its inspiration from Psalm 23. To prepare for *your* part in our musical worship, take a listen this week to links of these songs: [Thrive](#); [Jesus Messiah](#); [Multiplied](#).

***August 1, 8:20** – Allen and Marsha Posz will sing “Feed Me, Lord,” an anthem which partners the much beloved tunes of *New World Symphony* and “Amazing Grace.” This is an apt piece for our continuation of the sermon series on Jesus as the Bread of Life.

Special music is needed for August 29 for the 8:20 service. If you would like to share your musical gift with our church family, please let me know soon!

The Jubilant Sound Handbell Choir will start up again in September under the fine leadership of Terri Lloyd. Stay tuned for decisions about the possibility of Chancel Choir resuming.

Livestreaming in July

For the month of July, we will be livestreaming the 10:40AM service on Facebook. Videos of worship will continue to be posted to the church website on Monday if you are unable to access them on Sunday. If you are interested in helping with sound or video during either worship service, we are looking for volunteers! Please contact Rev. Sarah for more information.

Thank You!

Thank you to Robin Grumm, Laura Avery, Jenny Hagenhoff, Yolanda and Kory King, and Nick Faddell for helping load and unload the church bus with camp supplies and providing me with rides before and after camp last week! You all made a big job so much easier!

-Rev. Sarah



I want to provide the congregation with an update on the progress of Transformational Housing's work on the apartment building at 203 Cherry Street.

Since we started reconstruction in February, we have replaced 34 floor joists that were damaged by fire or termites, replaced all of the old subfloor, cut out and replaced portions of the basement concrete floor to allow plumbers to install drain lines, replaced nearly all of the 25 windows (should finish this week), replaced the front door, framed all of the interior walls, installed some sheetrock so the HVAC subs can make their runs, and installed piping for fire protection sprinkler system. Most of this work has been done by volunteers, including a Monday and fourth Saturday crew from FCC. So far, despite the sharp rise in material costs, we have been able to beat most of our cost targets.

We still need to raise about \$50,000 to meet our target of \$357,000. As you may recall, Missions authorized up to \$50,000 in matching funds from Community Ministry for any donations made by FCC members between Jan 1 and July 31 of this year. So far, we have received nearly \$20,000. If you are interested in helping Transformational Housing complete this Cherry Street home, your gift will be matched as long as we receive it this month. You may simply give your check to the church and note on it that it is for TH.

Blessings and thanks for your continuing support.

John Blosser

Volunteer Recognition

Do you have church volunteers you would like to recognize? Individuals or groups you think deserve some thanks for the work they have been doing? Contact Rev. Alexis or Rev. Sarah with suggestions and for more information about how you can help us celebrate the hard work of our volunteers!

OFFICE NOTES

Church office hours are 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. Kathy takes a lunch hour somewhere between 1:30PM and 3:00PM [usually 1:45PM to 2:45PM]. If you need to drop something off at church, or need to speak with Kathy, coming in before 1:30PM or after 3:00PM is the easiest way to know someone will be in the office.

Rev. Dr. Jim Hill is in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, besides being here on Sundays. You may always get in touch with him by email Jim@firstchristianjcmo.org or by calling the church office.

Rev. Sarah can be contacted by phone or email Sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org. She has office hours on Mondays from 2 - 4PM and is off on Thursdays.

4TH SUNDAY JULY 25

8:20AM

ELDER

Bob Priddy
Ann Littlefield

LITURGIST

Robin Grumm

DEACONS

Doug Hagenhoff
Jenny Hagenhoff
Barb Gage
Kathy Cavender

USHERS

Kathy Cavendar
Rick Vaughan

COMMUNION PREP

Sandy Robinson

10:40AM

ELDER

Laura Avery
Barbara Kuebler

LITURGIST

Elizabeth Coffman

DEACONS

Stephen Foutes
Brenda Foutes
Sherry Anderson
Ashley Crisp

USHERS

Marsha & Allen
Posz

1ST SUNDAY AUG 1

8:20AM

ELDER

Patty Osman
David Avery

LITURGIST

Rita Starnes

DEACONS

Allen Posz
Marsha Posz
Kathy Brown
Venita Jackson

USHERS

Doug Hagenhoff
Milinda Dawson

COMMUNION PREP

Virginia Lister

10:40AM

ELDER

Ray Miles
Wanda King

LITURGIST

Beth Nolte

DEACONS

Brian Knight
Kara Knight
Tyler Fishback
Miranda Fishback

USHERS

Jim Dunwiddie
Russ Dunwiddie

2ND SUNDAY AUG 8

8:20AM

ELDER

J.T. Yarnell
Cindy Leveron

LITURGIST

John Blosser

DEACONS

Ken Littlefield
Nancy Samp
Linda Ringo
Nancy Hequembourg

USHERS

Joe Payne
Nike Thompson

COMMUNION PREP

Meghan Hagenhoff

10:40AM

ELDER

Bob Priddy
Laura Avery

LITURGIST

Available

DEACONS

Blair Johnson
Sally Moore
Charles Highland
Steven Claycomb

USHERS

Debi Wells
Georgia Griffith

3RD SUNDAY AUG 15

8:20AM

ELDER

Ann Littlefield
David Avery

LITURGIST

Bobbi Enslen

DEACONS

Lauren Eichelberger
Chris Lloyd
Marsha Graham

USHERS

Greg & Sherry
Fitzpatrick

COMMUNION PREP

Karen Shroyer

10:40AM

ELDER

Wanda King
Steve Waters

LITURGIST

Georgia Griffith

DEACONS

Missy Mann
Jessica Bivin
Shaun Crisp
Leigh Love

USHERS

Morris Woodruff
Stephen Foutes

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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 August 4, 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)



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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.



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 *servicing* 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

Mid-America Updates: <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/newsletter-signup/>
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