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Interim Minister Announcement

The Search & Call Committee and the Administrative Board are pleased to announce that, effective June 1, 2021, our Interim Senior Minister will be Rev. James Hill. You may be familiar with that name since Rev. Hill served as the Administrative Pastor at our neighbor, First Baptist Church until his retirement from that position in December 2018.

One of the paths to the committee's selection of Rev. Hill to be Interim Minister was the strong endorsement of our own Rev. John Bennett:

I enthusiastically endorse Rev. Dr. Jim Hill as Interim Minister for First Christian Church. I first met Jim in 1998 at a meeting of the Missouri Christian Leadership Forum, the ecumenical fellowship organization of the state's bishops and denominational executives. I sensed in that first encounter that Jim was an exceptional faith leader. Jim has impressed me with the depth of his ecumenical spirit and we have worked together in several ecumenical organizations, including Missouri Faith Voices of which he was the founding president.

Recently, I asked Jim why he would like to serve a Disciples congregation? This is a summary of his response: (1) he desires to minister in a more progressive denomination; (2) he's impressed by the Disciples' social and advocacy ministries and our distinctive ecumenical vision and (3) during recent years he has come to appreciate the ecumenical lectionary and emphasis on the liturgical year in church life and desires to preach and witness in such a setting. Jim is a person of deep and developing faith, excellent pastoral skills, a good preacher, and a visionary leader with exceptional skills in Interim ministry.

I commend him to the congregation because of his excellent professional skills and his gracious and compassionate spirit.

Rev. Hill has been ordained since 1973 and has earned, in addition to his Bachelor's degree, the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry degrees. In addition to service as a settled Senior Minister, Rev. Hill has served as Interim Minister at twenty-two churches including nineteen in Missouri. He holds a Certificate for Intentional Interim Ministry since 2001. Rev. Hill's training and experience as an intentional interim minister will aid our congregation in defining our mission for the coming years and in identifying the skills needed in a new settled minister to pursue that mission.

Please join us in welcoming Rev. Hill as our Interim Minister during the search for our new settled Senior Minister.

*FCC Search and Call Committee
FCC Administrative Board*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Beverly Anderson, Steve Brown, Jane Burd, Richard Carroll, Nancy Dunwiddie, Ken & Karen Dykes, Gary Gonder, Marilyn Gross, John & Barbara Gulick, Norma Hasselman, Philip Hawkins, Jeanette Hickman, Shirley Jarrett, Emily Lane, Vivian Murphy, Mae Oehring, Kathy Speidel, 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, 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

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

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

MAY
1
2
Beau Underwood
<i>Richard & Alicea Mullen</i>
3
Miranda Fishback
Shane McClain
Kurtis Villafane
4
Jenny Hagenhoff
5
6
7
Juanita Dietle
Norma Woodson
8
Rylee Gonder
9
Jon Alexander

10
11
Jessie Schell
Gail Watkins
12
<i>Craig & Heather Giles</i>
13
14
<i>Jose Villafane & Alexis Engelbrecht</i>
15
Paige Nolte
<i>John & Barbara Kuebler</i>
16
<i>Otis & Dot Baker</i>
17
Alice Durbin
18
Rebecca Frye

19
Sydney Foutes
20
Blake Snyder
21
22
Allie Claycomb
<i>David & Rochelle Reeves</i>
23
Grace Lepper
Tracy McClard
Chris Sheppard
24
<i>Mark & Jana Millard</i>
25
<i>Bob & Vivian Murphy</i>
26
27
Charlotte Middleton

28
Kathy Speidel
Peggy Veatch
29
Larissa Jackson
Bob Robuck
<i>Mickey & Barb Gage</i>
30
<i>Russ & Kathy Dunwiddie</i>
31
Craig Giles
<i>Nike & Callie Thompson</i>

Thank You!

FCC Family,

Doctors say I'm well down the road to full recovery from my quadruple bypass, and I'm sure that one reason for that is the prayers and kind thoughts from members of First Christian Church. I have a prayer shawl that I will cherish, good memories of visits from Beau and Sarah, pictures of some flowers and a pile of get-well cards that I will keep.

Thanks also to choir members and others for their support of Nancy during this adventure. Each of us experiences these events from different perspectives and her support---and your support of her---is greatly appreciated.

Bob Priddy

Thank You!

FCC Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and caring following my surgery and illness. To be a part of such a loving, caring and supportive congregation brings joy to my heart. God bless all of you.

Nancy Dunwiddie

New Prayer Call Time!

Join us Wednesdays at 9:15AM for our weekly prayer time. Come share joys and concerns and pray for our congregation, community, and world. Calls usually last 30 minutes.

Rev. Sarah's Schedule for May

For the month of May, Rev. Sarah's day off will be Thursdays. She will have office hours on Mondays 2 to 4PM.

East School Summer Care Packages for Students

Volunteers needed!

While we were unable to have a block party for the 2020-2021 school year, we are still finding ways to support our East School community. This year we are sending care packages home with every East School student and we need volunteers to help! Join us after the 10:40AM service on Sunday, May 23rd to help pack 250 care package bags.

If you would like to help us deliver the care packages on Monday, May 24th, please contact Robin Grumm or Rev. Sarah.

The Board of Transformational Housing
invites **ALL** to 203 Cherry Street

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

We will be
PRAYING AND PRAISING
for the
WALL RAISING
and
WRITING PRAYERS AND SCRIPTURES
ON THE FLOORS, ON THE STUDS,
and ON THE WALLS

RSVP ~ mcgg46@gmail.com ~ ASAP!

An Update from Alexis, Our Youth Director

While our Intergenerational Reading and Writing Prayers Lab groups are full, members of all ages can contact me to receive the devotional I prepared for the group, along with some of the materials we use to learn about different ways to pray and consider what helps us connect with God. Each session focuses on a particular type of prayer in scripture and explores how we might learn from that prayer in writing our own. There is also room for reflection and the sharing of experiences with prayer. The devotional is prepared for both individual and family use.

It continues to be an honor and a joy to witness the type of connections and forms of support that occur within our groups.

There is summer camp information in this issue of the *Bell*, and you can contact Rev. Sarah at sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org with questions or to learn more.

Alexis
Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

I'm humbled by the comments received during this challenging time about the music shared in worship. I love knowing when a vocal solo, instrumental offering, organ prelude, piano piece, or hymn feeds your spirit or touches your soul – not for my glory, but for the glory of the Author of Music who, for reasons I don't understand, chooses to work through this weak vessel. That is the Spirit at work! Of course, faithful volunteers sharing in this music ministry alongside me are essential! Please share your thanks with a few of those offering special music in the next couple of weeks.

***MAY 16, 8:20** – As the service looks at the theme of "Called to Wisdom," **Deanna McKay and Carolyn Green** will sing an arrangement of the perennial favorite, "Ancient Words." The duo will also lead congregational song.

***MAY 23, 8:20** – **Jubilant Sound Handbells**, under the capable leadership of Terri Lloyd, will share special music in worship as we celebrate Pentecost. The group will play arrangements of two well-known hymns, "Come, Holy Spirit, Come" and "Be Thou My Vision." Sherry Jordan will lend her vocal talents to leading congregational song and Anne-marie Scott will be at the piano in both morning services as I enjoy a Sunday off.

***Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 p.m.** – **Karen Kelley and Ashley Fox invite the congregation** to a recital in our sanctuary to share music they've been studying as each works towards a Master's degree in music. Karen, a native of Jefferson City, is studying Opera Performance at Arizona State University. While a student in high school and college, Karen regularly offered special music in FCC worship services and with our worship team. Ashley, originally from Bolivar, MO, is working towards a French horn performance degree. Together these talented young ladies will present a collection of arias, art song, symphonic solo, and musical theatre works. Masks and social distancing will be in place for attendees, but please don't let that discourage you from attending!

Gretchen Huedepohl
Director of Music Ministry

Saying Goodbye

Hello FCC family,

It pains me to write this letter to you, but it needs to be written.

I joined FCC with my children in November of 2017. I have never been more embraced by a community than I was with this one. The outpouring of love, support and guidance has been unimaginable. First Christian Church is the first and only church I ever attended in Jefferson City. When I walked through the doors, Rev. Beau was the first person I met. I originally thought I was coming to a church where the pastors wouldn't even know we existed. I was blown away by the simple fact that when I returned the following Sunday, Rev. Beau remembered my name. Instantly, my children Lejla, Haris and myself were part of a big family that we will have with us for life.

This wonderful church family and community trusted me so much that within two months of joining, I was given the offer to drive the church bus which I graciously accepted. Then I was asked to be a deacon. In my time with this church, I have grown in more ways that I could never explain in words. I faced homelessness less than a month after first stepping through those beautiful red doors. The team of people that showed up to pack up a 3-bedroom house was a blessing. The list of people I have to thank will take up too much space in this newsletter. But, I do want to say thank you to everyone who contributed to our growth, our faith and our growth as individuals.

Myself, Lejla and Haris moved to Jefferson City from St. Louis originally back in October of 2014 because we were homeless. We came here, and I got us back together. We fell off again, but this time I leaned on God and my new church family. Everyone who is part of this family lifted us back to our feet. I say all that to say that our time with FCC in Jefferson City is coming to an end as we are moving back to St. Louis before the summer is over (early July is what I am anticipating).

This is a much harder move because when we left St. Louis we didn't leave anything behind. We moved here with only things that fit in my vehicle. Leaving this time is more difficult because we will be leaving an entire community who loved us unconditionally and embraced us with open arms. So, part of our hearts will be here forever.

The children and I will definitely miss each and every one of you who helped guide us on our journey in faith.

A special "thanks" to Rev. Beau and Rev. Sarah for all your help over the years. Thank you to every one who trusted me to transport them to and from church.

First Christian Church will always be special to us.

*With love and gratitude,
Nermina Harris*

Are You Graduating This Year?

We are planning to honor all high school, college, and graduate school graduates the end of May and do not want to leave anyone out. Please contact Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org or Kathy in the church office 573-636-5157, if you or someone in your immediate family will be graduating this year.

Register for Summer Camp 2021

<https://bit.ly/3d9TV0S> or

<http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/summer>

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-americadisciples.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.

Children's Sunday School

This summer, children's Sunday school will provide lessons in-person twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 9:30 AM. The two lessons within the same month will center around the same Bible story so that if you can only make it for one of the Sunday's, you'll still hear about the story for that month!

Although the story will be the same, each lesson during the month will be different and will provide an opportunity for review. One lesson for the month will include a craft activity while the other will include a cooking activity.

We're excited to see our kids this summer and have lots of fun while building our faith together!

Erin Lepper

Support our Camp Program!

Supplies needed to help us have a safe and healthy summer.

Mid-America Region Summer Camps are committed to doing everything they can to make sure our campers, counselors, and volunteers stay safe and healthy this summer. To help with this effort, we are collecting the following items. Drop off your items in the container by the front desk and we will get them to camp!

Hand Sanitizer

Clorox Wipes

Disposable Masks

Paper Towels

Spray Bottles

Alcohol (97%)

Medium and large rubber Gloves



Common Ground is hosting the Capital City's First EVER Lip-Sync Battle! This year, it's a virtual battle where dollars = votes.

YouTube link to videos must be submitted to lipsync@cgcb.org by July 30, 2021.

More information can be found at <https://www.cgcb.org/lip-sync>.



SAVE THE DATE
Community Christian Church
Rededication Celebration
May 23, 2021

Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
Community Celebration 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

More details to follow

We appreciate your role in our recovery and want to invite you to our celebration.

**1ST SUNDAY
MAY 2**

**8:20AM
ELDER**
Ann Littlefield
LITURGIST
Sandy Robinson
USHERS
Doug Hagenhoff
Milinda Dawson
**10:40AM-FCC PL
ELDER**
Wanda King
LITURGIST
Georgia Griffith
USHERS
Jim & Russ
Dunwiddie

**2ND SUNDAY
MAY 9**

**8:20AM
ELDER**
Cecile Landrum
LITURGIST
Sally Robuck
USHERS
Joe Payne
Nike Thompson
**10:40AM-FCC PL
ELDER**
Cindy Leveron
LITURGIST
AVAILABLE
USHERS
Morris Woodruff
Georgia Griffith

**3RD SUNDAY
MAY 16**

**8:20AM
ELDER**
Alan Nelson
LITURGIST
AVAILABLE
USHERS
Greg & Sherry
Fitzpatrick
**10:40AM-FCC PL
ELDER**
Ray Miles
LITURGIST
Marsha Posz
USHERS
Debi Wells
Stephen Foutes

**4TH SUNDAY
MAY 23**

**8:20AM
ELDER**
Patty Osman
LITURGIST
Lauren Eichelberger
USHERS
Kathy Cavender
Rick Vaughan
**10:40AM-FCC PL
ELDER**
Melanie Highland
LITURGIST
Marsha Posz
USHERS
Marsha & Allen Posz

**5TH SUNDAY
MAY 30**

**8:20AM
ELDER**
Steve Waters
LITURGIST
AVAILABLE
USHERS
AVAILABLE
**10:40AM-FCC PL
ELDER**
Barb Kuebler
LITURGIST
AVAILABLE
USHERS
AVAILABLE

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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 26, 2021.
(Articles are due by noon the Monday before)

MOBILE GIVING
-TEXT 4842368 TO
715-803-4772
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 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/>
Disciples News Service Updates: <http://disciples.org/dns/subscribe-to-dns/>