 **First Christian**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
302 North Church Street  
Fayette, MO 65248



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	Emily Bange	Jr. Kunkel	Darrel Monckton	Rick Sage
	Leslie Sutton	Rosie Thornton	Terry Bentley	Lisa Cook
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	Kathy Baylor	Edris Wilhoit	Wade Monckton	Marcella Zellner
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<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b>	Nancy Shepherd	Joan McMillan	Nancy Symes	Jay Stevenson
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# THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR

The Newsletter of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
July 2020


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Adult Sunday School—9:00 a.m.  
  
Children's Sunday School—9:30 a.m.  
  
Morning Worship -10:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship—5:30 p.m.  
Nursery Provided @ both services  
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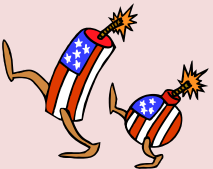

Fourth of Ju-ly! That was always my favorite holiday growing up. All the other holidays were family only, but the Fourth of July was a holiday for friends of the family too. We always went over to my grandparent's house and people we wouldn't see any other time of the year would be there for bar-b-que, homemade ice cream and fireworks. We had hot dogs, hamburgers, flavors of soda (we called it pop) that were not usually present due to some mysterious family tradition of being a strictly Coca-Cola household. We would get to hear all the great stories from our friends who seemed to get into endless predicaments that were certain to end in injury, death, or incarceration. But somehow, they always pulled through with only mild regrets. After the eating and good stories had died down, a family basketball game would get started. It didn't take long for it to get way too serious for most of us. We would take a seat and watch as my uncle and brother battled it out. My uncle had a seven inch height advantage over my brother, but my brother had more speed, agility and determination. I can't say I can remember anyone ever actually winning a game before my grandmother would put a stop to it when it looked like blood would soon be drawn. Sometimes she spoke up too late. The city fireworks would start right around dark, but never as dark as you wanted. My uncle would talk us into going on one last run for fireworks and you knew that you wouldn't get back in time for the start of the show. We would go and get a bundle of mildly explosive entertainment and be heading for the car in time for us to barely make it back before the booms started filling the air. But then someone would spot my uncle. Someone who he apparently hadn't seen in twenty years and they were bound and determined to go through every detail of every year right then and there. Just when you thought you were going to make it back in time, you realized it was just never going to happen. You looked out the small side window of the back seat of a two-door car watching for flashes of color in the sky. The drive took forever. Once you pulled into the driveway, everyone had already lined up the lawn chairs facing the part of the sky where you could see the fireworks. The first couple were always low on the horizon, partially obscured by the trees. It was a bit of a disappointment for us, but you know the crowd at the park was amazed by the sight. It was about this time that the ice-cream was usually ready and even without the fireworks being finished, once you had that ice-cream, the Fourth of July was complete. We would continue on watching the show, followed by one of our own. Sometimes we would set my grandparent's field on fire. It was OK. It was more exciting that way and one of our usual guests was a firefighter. It would have been an insult to his talents not to set something on fire.

I hope you are able to reflect on some good memories over the holiday and I hope you are able to make some new ones to carry you through the future.

Take care and be safe. See you on the Fifth!  
Stephen



### A Note from Stephen





## July Birthdays and Anniversaries



### First Christian welcomes another sweet baby!

#### Lennox Wilson Bentley

Lennox is the son of Andy and Emily Bentley. He was born on June 13th weighing 9 pounds 1 ounce. He is 19-1/2" long. Terry and the late Jim Bentley, members of First Christian, are the proud grandparents. If you would like to send a card of congratulations, it can be sent to:

Andy & Emily Bentley  
607 Howard Street  
Glasgow, MO 65254

Hello Church Family,

I hope this letter finds all of you healthy and happy as we continue to work our way through this Pandemic.

Your Pastoral Search Committee has continued its work despite the challenges that COVID-19 has presented. We have been meeting regularly via Zoom virtual conferencing, and we have had interviews with three potential Pastoral candidates since the first of May.

As I type this letter, the committee is gearing up to welcome one of those candidates to our community for a formal in person church / community tour and interview, and we sincerely ask for your prayers during this time.

I have come to the realization that finding our next minister will take place in Gods time and not in "our" time. As a church community we have a simple task; to have patience, and continue to pray. Our next Pastor is out there, waiting to feel Gods presence in their heart that our church is where they are needed. I believe with all my heart that we will find that "perfect" person, and that person will find us, and we will be their "perfect" church!

Please continue to pray!

I hope to see all of you very soon.

Yours in Christ,

Fred Eaton,

Chair Pastoral Search Committee



July 2	Michelle & Larry Ishmael
July 3	Skip Vandelicht
July 5	Myrl Frevert
July 7	Bob Wilhoit
July 10	Joy Rasche Ben Gladden
July 11	Ashley Davis Crocker Rick & Pam Huffstutter
July 14	Sterling Hilgedick Emma Hilgedick
July 16	Everett Stroupe
July 18	Jeff Strodman Kayla Strodman
July 19	Oliver Strodman
July 20	Janet Adams Blakely Pettit
July 21	Novy & Valerie Foland
July 24	Tom Hackley Cathy Johnmeyer Terri Rohlfing Mike and Heather Hilgedick
July 25	Brady Lyon Kaden Lyon
July 27	Pansy Kean
July 28	Sheri Eaton Matthew & Jennifer Vandelicht
July 30	Curtis Baylor
July 31	Kathy Baylor

Please let the office or Pam Huttshell know if you would like to provide special music one Sunday morning during the Summer!



This is an email that went out to the congregation on June 22nd. For those that do not have email, it is being printed in this newsletter to keep everyone updated regarding our worship services.

Dear FCC Community Members,

With the easing of distancing restrictions many churches are returning to on-site worship with a modified format. With Pastor Stephen's vacation time coinciding with this change in restrictions, Stephen and Skip decided to go ahead and continue with online worship through at least July 5, 2020. Pre-recorded worship for June 21st and 28th have been uploaded to YouTube and will become viewable each Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. July 5th will be a live-stream worship, but online only. Stephen is traveling to North Carolina, an area where the number of people with Coronavirus is more than double that of Missouri. Given he will have been in a higher risk setting, he feels it would be wise to wait to see if any symptoms occur before reintegrating into the community. Stephen hopes to get a test for Coronavirus after his return as a precaution. If you have any questions about this or other church matters, you can contact Board Chair Skip Vandelicht now or Pastor Stephen once he is back in the office on July 1, 2020.

We are working on what worship will look like when we return and will let the church community know when we have those details finalized.

Thanks for your patience and understanding,

Skip Vandelicht

Board Chair, Fayette First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



This picture was taken on April 9, 1939. It is the Sunday School Class that was taught by Mrs. Trau and Mrs. Callie Ketchum. The names written on the back of the picture are: Bertha Frazier, Hester Deatherage, Sarah B. Mounter, Jewell Holloway, Ann Hamley, Blanch Hackley, Ona Bell Wilhoit, Ruth Reynolds, Kathleen Hawkins, Margaret Oldlove, Ester Walker, Theta Mae Harris, Myrtle Deatherage, Helen Williams, Doris Manion, Billie Long, Sue Dell Scotten, Beckie Howard, Cecil Strodman, Jane Clatworthy, Leona Duren, Zelda Frazier, Lucile Slagle, Zula Shiflett, Martha Hackley, Nola Manion, Sue Dinkle, Margaret Briggs, Adelle Weir, Nadine Bowers, Helen Collins, Maggie Bell, Mr. Phillips, Sunday School Superintendent; Rev. G.O. Grimes, Minister.

