



## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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### Sunday Schedule

#### Church School

9:15 a.m.

#### Worship

10:30 a.m.

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It's been several months since our last newsletter and, as we all know, a lot has happened during that time... a pandemic, hurricanes, political unrest, violent protests, and an election that might be the most contentious and vicious in our lifetimes. However, in the midst of chaos, life is slowly returning to normal... at least within the church. The offices are open, meetings are taking place. and we are gathering in person for worship once again (following social distancing protocols, of course). Some good things have happened as well. Our worship service on Facebook Live is receiving 250-300 views per week, so we're reaching more people with the great news of Jesus, so we plan to continue our broadcast even after things get back to "normal." And, many of us have rediscovered the importance of family and slowing down to appreciate the simple things of life. Of course, God always gets the glory of anything good that come out of these tough times. Because, no matter what, God makes something good come out of every situation.



I think that also includes our recommitment to the healing ministry of Jesus. And, that kind of healing is even more important in today's world. Sadly, many of us are often guilty of stoking the fires of unrest by making comments that seem designed to enflame rather than inform. Of course, as Americans, we have every right to express our opinions (and we all have them). However, as Christians, we must rise above the hatred of this world. We are called to be the peacemakers and to be the hands and feet and the voices of God in a world that, every day, seems to be growing more and more divided and, because of those divisions, dangerous. However, this is really nothing new. In years past, political, theological and personal disagreements often led to more than just hurt feelings. St. Francis of Assisi lived at such a time and the hatred and division he saw around him broke his heart. A few years ago, I shared a prayer he composed in response to the brokenness he saw around him... a prayer I think is even more relevant today

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is discord, vision.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled, as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

Our world is in chaos right now, but it won't always be that way. Because, God is *always* working to make something good come out of the turmoil. Maybe, by recommitting ourselves to be the peacemakers, we can be the good that God creates. Then, through our words of love and our acts of kindness, God will use us to help heal our broken world. Isn't that what being Christian is all about?

Peace and Presence,

Rusty

## Getting Back to Being Church- Trunk or Treat



There are many things that we missed over the last several months. But, life is slowly beginning to get back to “normal” and, one of the easiest, and safest, ways to celebrate our fellowship is through Trunk or Treat. This year, this event will take place on Sunday, **October 25 from 5-6:30**. This event attracts many people from the community and, because of that, it’s a great way to showcase the fellowship we enjoy here at FCC. However, in order for the event to be a success, *we need as many people participating as possible*. Bring your car and decorate your trunk with a Halloween theme, or your favorite movie, favorite animal, the 50’s, Hawaiian, or anything else you can think of. It doesn’t have to be spooky. It can be silly too because it’s all about having fun. Of course, we want to be safe during this time of pandemic. So, we ask that you either put your candy in individual bags or use gloves

to hand it out. Maintaining social distancing should not be a problem since we use most of the south parking lot and can easily spread out, but we will ask that participants wear masks. We hope these protocols will help everyone feel safe and encourage many people to participate. Because, in times like these, it’s important for us to be church and share out joy with our community. So, get your costumes and your decorations together and ask your family and friends and neighbors and co-workers to join us for some Trunk or Treat fun.

## A Message from the Boar’s Head Guild

After much discussion and prayer, the Boar’s Head Guild has made a decision that we all probably knew was inevitable... we are canceling the January 9, 2021 Boar’s Head & Yule Log Festival.

We had hoped that trends in the pandemic would indicate that holding the Festival would be possible, even if on a modified basis. However, it doesn’t appear that there will be a widely available vaccine by that time, and it’s highly likely that best practices such as masks and physical distancing will still be in place.

This will be the first time in 39 years that the Festival has not been held. Like so many long-standing traditions (such as Buccaneer Days, Jazz Festival, etc.) we are taking a pause. We will be back in 2022 and, during our hiatus, the Guild will take some time to think about what can be fixed, improved or enhanced. We will, most likely, try some creative things on January 9<sup>th</sup> to keep the message of Boars’ Head alive this year – perhaps a re-broadcasting of a prior taped festival on Facebook.

Thanks to all the members of FCC who participate in and support the Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival! We’ll see you in 2022... bigger and better than ever.

Blessings,

Trey McCampbell

Boar’s Head Guild Chairman



## I Went to a Garden Party...

It's been a while since we've all been together and, while Priscilla and Angel have done a great job of maintaining the day to day upkeep of our facility, some issues around the church need special attention. So, next Garden Party will be **Saturday, October 24, from 9-12**. All of our past events have been huge successes and we got a lot accomplished, but we still have a lot to do to spruce up God's house. The Property Ministry will put out a list of projects, along with the tools needed to complete each task, and members of FCC can plan which project you would like to undertake. Since we don't have as many members attending worship during this pandemic, we will email the list to our members the week before the event. You might even want to team up with other members for a particular task. Of course, we want to ensure the safety of all the people who are helping, so we will follow standard social distancing protocols while inside the facility.



God has given us a beautiful facility, but it's looking kind of tired so it's up to us to show our community that FCC cares. We may not get everything done but, with enough people and supplies, we can put a dent in the list. Turnout has been a little light over the last couple of Garden Parties, so we're hoping more caring members will join us this time. So, grab some gloves, roll up your sleeves and join us in getting dirty for Jesus!

## October & Beginning of November Serving Schedule

### Elders Serving at the Table

**Oct 4** Wayne Morris  
**Oct 11** Bud Sutphin  
**Oct 18** Shirley Evans  
**Oct 25** Bud Sutphin  
**Nov 1** TBA  
**Nov 8** Jerry Livingston

### Flower Delivery

**Oct 6** Pat Getz  
**Oct 13** Julie DeBoard  
**Oct 20** Barbara Baker  
**Oct 27** Krishna Morgenroth  
**Nov 3** Kay Scott  
**Nov 10** Alice Sutherland

### Greeter:

Terry Klinger

# October Celebrations

## Happy Anniversary to . . .

11 Linda Force & Juan Santa Cruz

24 Nilza & Jerry Livingston

30 Beth & Rick Ott



## Birthday Wishes For . . .

4 Agnes Fankhauser

4 Gladys Green

5 Avery Morgenroth

6 Art Serrano

7 Steve Holland

7 Janet Morris

8 David Holloway

8 Lilly Stephens

12 Isaac Meurer

19 Amy Meurer

20 Jerry Livingston

20 John Polzin

21 Jane Cromwell

24 Shirley Lowe

25 Kay Scott

29 Dick Humell



**Editor's Note:** If your birthday or anniversary is not on our list, we may not have it in the church records. Please

## Remember in Prayer . . .

**Richard Katz, Nancy Moore, David & Gladys Green, David & Gerry Holloway, Elena Blackburn, Donna Watkins**

**Lois Chesney (Holmgren)      Doris Williams (Homewood)**

# Calendar

October 1 — October 31

**All gatherings are tentative due to COVID-19**

<b>Thurs, Oct 1</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Praise Team</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>Fri, Oct 16</b>	
<b>Fri, Oct 2</b>		<b>Sat, Oct 17</b>	
<b>Sat, Oct 3</b>		<b>Sun, Oct 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b> <b>3:00 p.m. Youth Group</b> 7:00 p.m. AA
<b>Sun, Oct 4</b>	<b>World Communion Sunday</b> <b>8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsals</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b> <b>3:00 p.m. Youth Group</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>Mon, Oct 19</b>	5:00 p.m. AIR Group
<b>Mon, Oct 5</b>		<b>Tues, Oct 20</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Bible Study</b> 7:00 p.m. AA
<b>Tues, Oct 6</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Bible Study</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>Wed, Oct 21</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. Cluster Mtg</b> <b>6:30 p.m. Ministry Council</b>
<b>Wed, Oct 7</b>		<b>Thurs, Oct 22</b>	10:00 a.m. Music Club <b>6:00 p.m. Praise Team</b> 7:00 p.m. AA
<b>Thurs, Oct 8</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Bible Study</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>Fri, Oct 23</b>	
<b>Fri, Oct 9</b>		<b>Sat, Oct 24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Garden Party</b>
<b>Sat, Oct 10</b>		<b>Sun, Oct 25</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsals</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b> <b>5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat</b> 8:00 p.m. AA
<b>Sun, Oct 11</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsals</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b> <b>3:00 p.m. Youth Group</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>Mon, Oct 26</b>	
<b>Mon, Oct 12</b>		<b>Tues, Oct 27</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Bible Study</b> 7:00 p.m. AA
<b>Tues, Oct 13</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Bible Study</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>Wed, Oct 28</b>	
<b>Wed, Oct 14</b>		<b>Thurs, Oct 29</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Praise Team</b> 7:00 p.m. AA
<b>Thurs, Oct 15</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Praise Team</b> 7:00 p.m. AA	<b>Fri, Oct 30</b>	
		<b>Sat, Oct 31</b>	<b>Halloween</b>