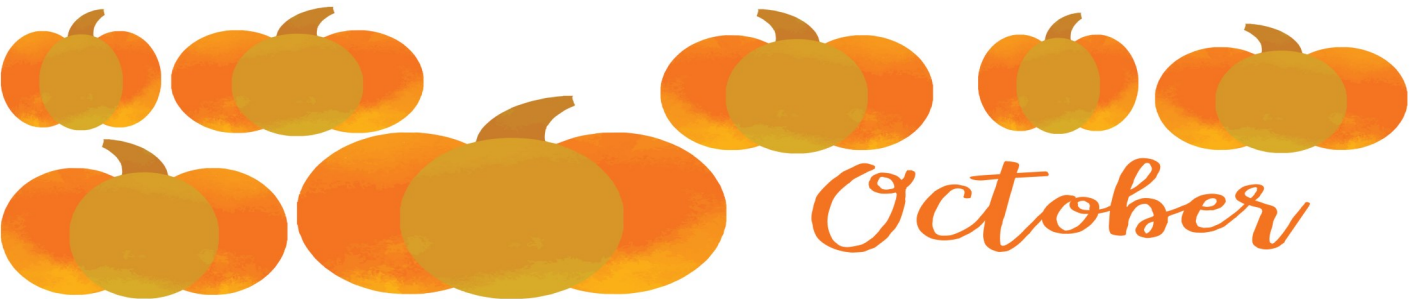


FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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So also Christ

did not glorify himself
in becoming a high priest,
but was appointed by the
one who said to him,
"You are my Son,
today I have
begotten you."

Hebrews 5:5, NRSV

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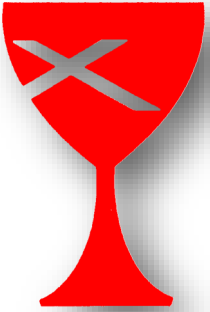
Join us this Sunday:

10:30 a.m.
Worship onsite

on our FaceBook Page
Or
on our website



THE
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Maryville First Christian Church Newsletter

October 14, 2021

Fall
BAZAAR

7 A.M.
TO
7 P.M.

OCTOBER
14



Worship with us onsite Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

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Set Aside by God, Hebrews 5:1-10,
Pentecost 21B, Oct 17, 2021,
Theme: A Holy Priesthood

“You are special!”

The first time I remember hearing these words they were spoken to me by my mother. I was a very small child at the time. I don’t remember my age. Looking back, I’m sure she was quite biased. I’m not even sure I was old enough to know what she meant by it. But I think I remember it because of how she said it. She said it with conviction. Anyway, the words stuck.

Maybe you have a memory like that. I hope so. I really believe those words were to lead me and challenge me the rest of my life.

These words have never been for me any kind of narcissism. Instead, they have been empowering.

Well, I believe in God’s eyes, we are all special.

Yes, each of us is set aside as something special. It means each of us is different from another. But we are not just different, but especially different. Each of us is set aside for a specific purpose.

So.... Is this ‘special purpose’ a mystery? How do we know what our purpose is?

Many of us know the struggle of finding our place in society. What are our skills, what is it God wants from us?

The author of Hebrews speaks of a Royal priesthood. Some commentaries (the ones I prefer) interpret the text for this Sunday as that priesthood referring not to just a few, but all believers. In other words, anyone who believes in Jesus is a part of a special priesthood.

This means if you believe in Jesus’ teachings and that he arose from the dead, you are set aside as a special Royal priest.

Yah, that probably means you.

Join us at First Christian Church Maryville, Missouri either in person or via the internet (on the church Facebook site or <https://fccmaryville.com>).

Lem

Your Interim Pastor

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*There are several ways to
give besides on Sundays:*

**Mail/Bring in
Cash and Checks*

**Automatic withdrawal for
checking accounts, debit
and credit cards with
forms available by calling
or e-mailing the church*

**Mobile app at
www.givelify.com/givers*

Keeping in touch with our church families

☐ **Sympathy**
The family of Marcia Thompson

Nancy DeMott and family
17753 State Highway 148
Pickering MO 64476

☐ **Our Community Prayer List...**

Please pray a special prayer for:

Stetson Jackson
Jack Balwin
Rosetta Mayes
Steven Owens
George and Diana Petty
Bob and Jan Colville
Sheryl Davis
Andy and Sonia Money
Vicki Hersh
Terry Buholt
Shoba Brown
Janet Drummond
Karla Parman
Curt Jeter

☐ **Active Military...**

Josh Carpenter
Chrissy Carpenter
Jimmy Costello
Sam Ferguson
Dawson Kitzman
Kevin Schluter

☐ **Prayer List Guidelines...**

We pray and care for one another in the name of Christ. **Names are added to the prayer list by request and remain on for two weeks.** Notification biweekly or an update is required for someone to remain on the list. Please share briefly the prayer need if appropriate as this assists us in offering prayers and pastoral care. If you do not want your name listed or mentioned publicly, please tell a pastor and you will be placed on the private Staff Prayer List. Contact a pastor or the church office at 660.582.4101 or fccmaryvillemo@gmail.com with prayer requests.



First Christian Church

BAZAAR

201 W. First, Maryville

October 14

7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Coffee & baked goods available at 7 AM

Beef & Noodle meal from 5 PM to 7 PM

(carryout available, free will offering for meal)

Lots of handcrafted items

Quilt auction at 6 PM

Silent auction items available all day

Raffle for KC Chiefs and Royals fleece
throws

Raffle tickets are available now by contacting: Joann Espey
(660) 528-0134, Betty Praiswater (660) 582-1896, or Sue
Schenkel (660) 254-9100



General Fund
September 2021

Beg. Balance	\$17,224.70
Income	\$10,587.59
Expenditures	\$15,844.67
End. Balance	\$11,967.62

Missions Fund
September 2021

Beg. Balance	\$ 6,191.68
Income	\$ 2,214.91
Expenditures	\$ 1,193.00
End. Balance	\$ 7,213.59

Worship Attendance

	FCC	online	Total
Oct 3	48	30	78
Oct 10	55	30	85

Discipleship Classes

	FCC	online	Total
Oct 3	9	-	9
Oct 10	8	-	8



Lem Whitmer
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Organist

Merlin Atkins
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Technical Director



After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children's book *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o'-lanterns.

- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)

- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)

- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)

- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)

- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)

- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

—*The Newsletter*Newsletter, October 2009

From the cup of mid-October the spice of life is poured, and with the zest of autumn's noontide comes a welcomed sense of rest.
—Anonymous



October 17

9 a.m. Discipleship Classes
10:30 a.m. Worship onsite
Livestreamed on Facebook

October 24

9 a.m. Discipleship Classes
10:30 a.m. Worship onsite
Livestreamed on Facebook



Adult Discipleship Classes

Prayer and Share
9 a.m. Room 106

Last Supper Leftovers
9 a.m. Fellowship Hall



**YOUTH CLASSES ARE NOT
MEETING *IN PERSON* AT
THIS TIME**

Pre K-K
Room 17

Lower Elementary
Room 14

Middle School
Pastor's Study

High School
Pastor's Study



**TO WEAR OR NOT TO WEAR...THAT IS
THE QUESTION**

**We encourage you to wear
facemasks during worship
because we sing and the risk
is greater**



October 17

"Set Aside by God"
Hebrews 5:1-10

Theme:

A Holy Priesthood

Hymns:

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Special Music:

Taylor Jakes

October 24

"Sight"

Mark 10:46-52

Theme:

Vision

Hymns:

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

"Amazing Grace"

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Special Music:

Addie Fitzwater



Name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Number of white: _____ Number of red: _____

Total poinsettias: _____ @ \$13.50 each = _____

Deadline for ordering: Sunday, November 14



Sundays

**10:30 a.m. onsite/livestream
Service available online on
our Facebook page OR
Website on Monday**



November 1

Hostesses:

Linda Davison

Karen Brown

Circle of Joy,
our Women's Fellowship group,
meets on the first Monday of the month
at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall *unless noted*

Please contact hostesses to RSVP