



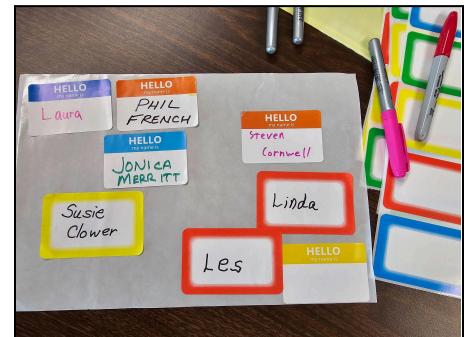
A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

Dear Church,

I recently heard myself tell some first-time guests to our worship service, "Sit anywhere you like! I promise that no one will give you the stink eye if you're sitting in their spot!" We laughed and then I thought, "Gee, I sure *hope* no one will give them the stink eye." We all have our routines that make us feel comfortable, and sitting in a familiar spot is one of those routines. But I think I know you well enough now to know that you also understand how difficult it is to be the new person. When everything is new and unfamiliar, a smile and handshake go a long way toward making you feel welcome.

That's what the push to wear nametags is all about. The long-time members all know everyone in the church - and the Smithville community! But new people don't. And wearing a nametag is a way to say, "I'd like to meet you." It might seem like a very small thing, maybe not worth the time and cost of buying sticky nametags. But for someone who is looking for a place to belong, a place to be known, something as small as a sticky tag with a handwritten name can speak volumes.



We'll finish up our series on Jonah this week with the sermon, "Jonah and the Wail." I told you I love sermon title puns!



The following week will be the launch of our stewardship campaign. I am really looking forward to dreaming and praying together about where God will lead us in the next year! We'll be mailing out letters and some other resources in upcoming weeks, so be on the lookout for snail mail from the church.

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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announcements & **EVENTS**

First Christian Church
Smithville



Smithville First Christian Church Softball Team

Come support our church softball team at their remaining games. All games are played in downtown Smithville at beautiful Heritage Park. The final game is Monday, August 25 at 7:30 pm. We are playing against Grace 1 in Field 2.

Women Together Outing: Sat., Sept. 13

Our next Women Together outing is a time travel tour to the fabulous Nicol House, built in the 1960s, and featured in the New York Times in 2013. We'll leave the church at **9 am on Saturday, Sept. 13**, get a private tour of the house from the owner (Cheryl Parks Hill's brother) and then get lunch at a nearby restaurant. Don't miss this groovy adventure!



Church of the Resurrection Tour

Our first tour of the sanctuary at Church of the Resurrection was such a big hit that we've scheduled another one! The tour will be **Saturday, Oct. 11th at 2 pm** at the Leawood Campus of Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Ave, Leawood, KS 66224. Don't miss this opportunity to see a sanctuary and stained glass window that were built to be a destination hundreds of years from now. We can carpool from church at 1 pm, and we'll return around 4 pm. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

time



talent



treasure

Northland NetWORKS for Good

A new community organizing group is forming in the Northland called Northland Networks for Good. Anyone who is interested in organizing to attend their free training event on Sept. 5 & 6 at Turning Point, 1900 NE Englewood Rd, Gladstone, MO 64118.

- Friday, Sept 5: 6-8:45 pm, Dinner and Program
- Saturday, Sept 6: 8:30-11:30 am, Brunch and Training

Join us for a two-day hands-on workshop led by Paul Turner, Regional Supervisor with the South and West Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) and former Lead Organizer of AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy). Paul brings decades of experience helping communities organize for real, lasting change. He will guide NNG through the next phase: organizing a group of founding member institutions who are ready to support a local organizer and launch a grassroots movement rooted in justice, equity and collective power. All costs covered by Northland NetWORKS for Good. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

August Food Pantry



Non-canned items for the Blessing Box like Ramen Noodles, Hamburger Helper, Pasta & Rice sides, Mac & Cheese, Cereal & Instant Mashed Potatoes, would be appreciated in August. Donations can be dropped off at the church: **Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 12 PM.** The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM.**



Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 13th at 10:00 AM to help fill and deliver Christmas bags to 85+ families! It's hard to believe we're already working on these in this hot weather, but we have begun collecting items and we'll share more details as it gets closer.

Thanks to everyone who has donated non-canned items for the Outdoor Blessing Box, mini pantry. It is used a lot and those are the only items we can put out during the heat. We've had some nice produce donations this past month. Thanks to Rader Miller planting and watering the church garden, we've been able to distribute bags of cherry tomatoes. We've also had some larger tomatoes, and there are a lot still green on the vines. Cheryl Lewis, Susie Clower, and Jan Heath have also brought tomatoes. This fresh produce and the farm fresh eggs provided by Mike and Mary Gordon are special treats. Thank you!!

Thank you Marcia Hayes, John and Kathy Hamilton, Ashley Hall, Gary and Debi Luppert, Richard and Evelyn Clark, Frank and Jan Bagley, Susan Whitacre, Doreen Farmer, Shirley and Denney French, Tom and Cara Massie, Diane McKown, Mikaela Stout, Don Hanks, Paradise United Methodist Church, the Church of Good Shepherd, Little Platte Baptist Church, Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Jan Howard and Bill Swendson, Andy from General Mills and Linda McComas, Kent Bridges, CWF, and all those who continue to anonymously donate. We cannot express how thankful we are for your support! Items we could use in September include:

- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Rice and Pasta Sides

Thank you so much for your support! ~Cheryl Parks Hill



Weekly Coffee & Donut Fellowship

Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship!
We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!



Watch Last Sunday's Service



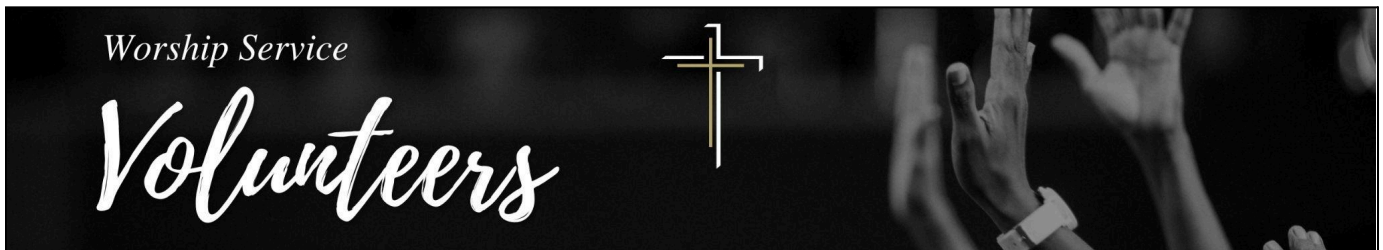
Watch the August 10 Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1GXHjAtPwJ/>

Click here for website->[ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



Please submit any prayer or praises - new or continuing concerns - through the Prayer Request Form. If you'd like a public prayer to be in the Sunday bulletin, make sure to send by the end of the day on Wednesdays. Handwritten prayers put in the prayer box at the back sanctuary by the office will be checked weekly and added. Thank you for praying with us for the needs in our community!

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20 NIV



(Attention Greeters: We will need one Greeter at the East Entrance, and one Greeter at the West Entrance. Thank you!)

Worship Service Schedule for August 24, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: Jennifer Schoonover
Lay Leader: Kathy Hamilton
Greeters: Mac Clough & Judy Clough
Prep Help: Suzanne Becker
Prep & Serve: Diane Soetaert & Earl Soetaert

Serve & Clean-up: Sandra Matthews & John Matthews
Cash Counter: Phil French
Acolyte(s): Lincoln Viebrock & Kyla Kays
Nursery: Ruth Anne Porter
Laptop: Johnny Viebrock

Worship Service Schedule for August 31, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: Angie Viebrock
Lay Leader: Becky Crosby

Greeters: Shirley Curtis-Klein & Kathy Hamilton
Prep & Serve: Linda Prout & Belinda Miller

Serve & Clean-up: Linda Neer & Kathy
Hamilton
Cash Counter: Janice Roberts

Acolyte(s): Keaton Cosby & Case Cosby
Nursery: Suzanne Becker
Laptop: John Merritt



*If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Wednesday at noon. The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/4ktjhGm>.

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