



September 28 - October 4, 2025



A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Church,

Drumroll, please...the total amount raised from the noisy offering on Sunday is \$592.82!!

The children will get to pick out many more animals they want to send to families through Heifer International. Thank you for your generosity, and for everything you did to make the all ages worship a special morning. My little donkey friend is hanging out in my office, reminding me that, just like Balaam, I'm not as smart as I think I am.





The sermon series in October is all about REVIVAL! We hope to evoke the sense of an old-fashioned tent revival by singing songs from our hymnal with a 4-part vocal group to lead us. We've had a lot of fun rehearsing these songs, and we hope that you have a lot of fun singing them. The sermons will focus on the four things the Bible tells us to use in our love for God - our heart, soul, strength and mind (Luke 10:27). Come to worship seeking to be renewed and revived! And invite a friend to join you!

At the start of worship on Sunday, I shared with you the results from our stewardship campaign. Rader Miller compared the pledged amounts with what people have been giving, and the 35+ households who have turned in a pledge card increased their giving an average of 27% over current giving! This is exciting news for two reasons. Number one - the budget committee is now able to go to work with a clearer expectation of offerings and gifts that will come in next year. And number two - the pledges indicate a sense of hope in the congregation. People invest time, talent and resources into organizations and causes that they believe in. I'm feeling hopeful about our future, too, and I'm so grateful to everyone who filled out a pledge card, whether you were able to increase your giving or not.



October will be a very busy month for us as a church. I hope you will read this newsletter carefully each week and make a note of all the opportunities to serve and grow and love others.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Laura

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announcements & EVENTS

First Christian Church
Smithville



Northland NetWORKS for Good: Oct. 3 - 4

A new community organizing group is forming called Northland Networks for Good. Anyone interested may attend their free training event on Oct. 3 & 4 at Turning Point, 1900 NE Englewood Rd, Gladstone, MO 64118.



- Friday, Oct. 3: 6-8:45 pm, Dinner and Program
- Saturday, Oct. 4: 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 helps communities organize for real, lasting change. He will guide NNG through organizing a group of founding member institutions who are ready to launch a grassroots movement rooted in justice, equity and collective power. All costs covered by Northland NetWORKS for Good. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Women's Craft Day: Sunday, October 5th

Women Together Autumn Craft Day is Sunday, Oct. 5th, After worship (11:45 - 2 pm). Meagan Jacoby will lead us in making fall-themed candle holders using dried leaves and flowers. Bring a jar or glass vase and a light lunch item to share - sandwiches or a salad. We'll use items from God's beautiful creation to make a new beautiful thing!

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Youth Group Activity: Sunday, October 5th

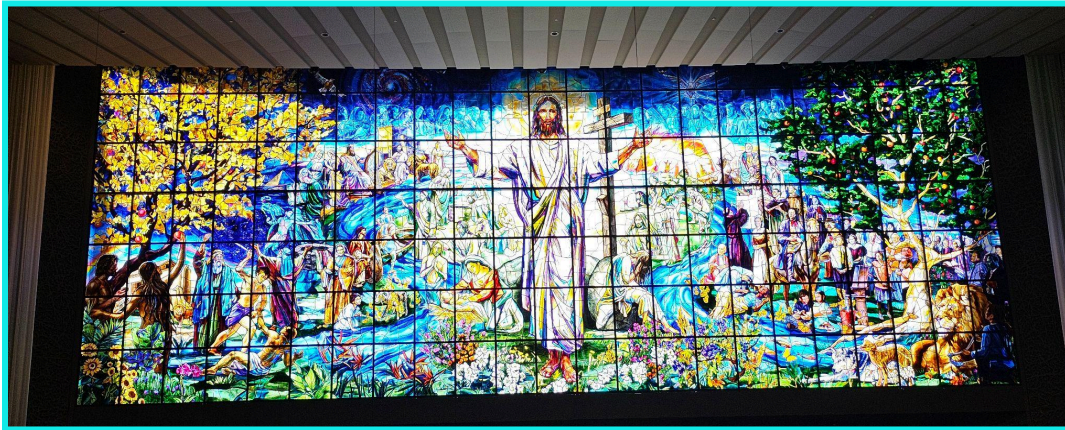
UPDATE: REVISED TIME! We're having a combined Youth Activity with Smithville United Methodist Church for 5th - 12th Grade Students on Sunday, October 5th **from 4 to 5 pm** at the Methodist Church.

We will put together games for the 5th Quarter. It will be a fun evening! Bring a friend!



Church of the Resurrection Tour: Saturday, October 11th, 2 pm

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. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.



SFCC Fellowship Dinner: October 12

Please join us for a fellowship dinner after worship service on Sunday, October 12th. Please bring a dish to share.

Candy Donations for Haunted Campground

We will be participating in the Haunted Campground event again this year and are requesting that candy donations be dropped off at the church by **Sunday, October 12th**.



Town Hall Meeting

The Board has been discussing the option of selling the parsonage, and now they want to widen the conversation to include the congregation.

TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 14
6 pm

Topic of Discussion:
Pros and Cons of Selling our Parsonage

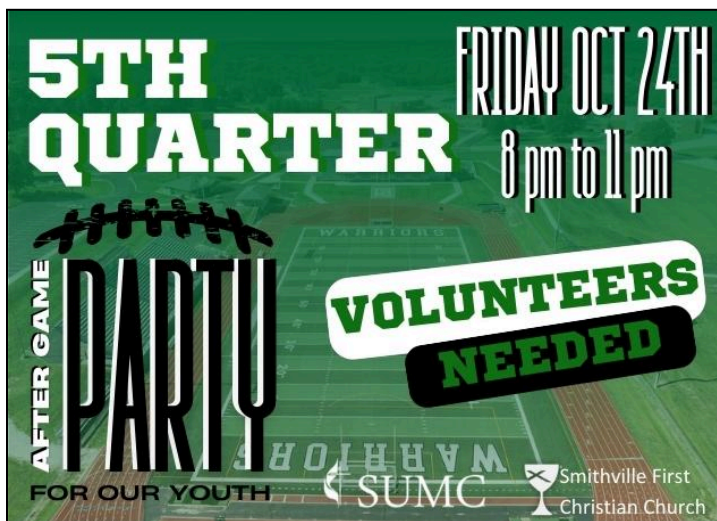
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Haunted Campground: Saturday, October 18

All Students 5th - 12th Grade are welcome! Smithville Haunted Campground, Campsite 32. Wear your costume and come pass out candy, Little Jesus', and church information at the Viebrock Families Campsite. Arrive at 3 pm - park at Grace Church and walk over to the campground to avoid traffic and parking issues or carpool. **The event runs from 3:30 - 6:30 pm.**





5th Quarter Event Volunteers:
October 24

Volunteers needed from **8 pm to 11 pm** at Smithville Downtown Heritage Park for the 5th Quarter. It is an event after home football games organized by Community in Action to provide a drug and alcohol free activity after games. We are sponsoring the event on Oct 24th with Smithville United Methodist Church. Enjoy our Amazing Race challenge with specific activities and games attendees must complete. We are committed to providing 12 volunteers that evening. Please contact Angie Viebrock at 816-805-8501 or viebroca@gmail.com to help out.

Bingo Night:
Sunday, October 26 at 6 pm

Back by popular request! Our next Bingo night will be Oct. 26th. Make our game even more fun by donating Bingo prizes for all ages. Please bring them by noon on the day of the event.. Feel free to wear a costume (or just a silly hat) and have fun playing Bingo and eating spooky snacks. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! Please no costumes that might scare young children (or the pastor).



Coffee & Donut Fellowship & Puzzles
Every Sunday at 10 AM

Hungry for some time chatting with friends? Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship! We are thankful for these sweet treats each week, and most of all, time together. Come hang out with us on Sunday before service.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Time



Talent



Treasure

October Wish List

- Stuffing Mix
- Rice and Pasta Sides

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Mon. - Fri. from 9 AM - 12 PM
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Food Pantry
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The Tall Oaks Gala

The Tall Oaks Gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year to support our church camp. Make plans now to attend this year's Gala on Friday, Nov. 14 at 5 pm at Tall Oaks.

<https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025>

ONCE UPON A TIME
at the
Tall Oaks
Gala
at Tall Oaks Manor
12778 189TH STREET
LINWOOD, KS 66052
NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 14 5:00 PM
2025

Watch the September 28 Service:

Watch Last Sunday's Service

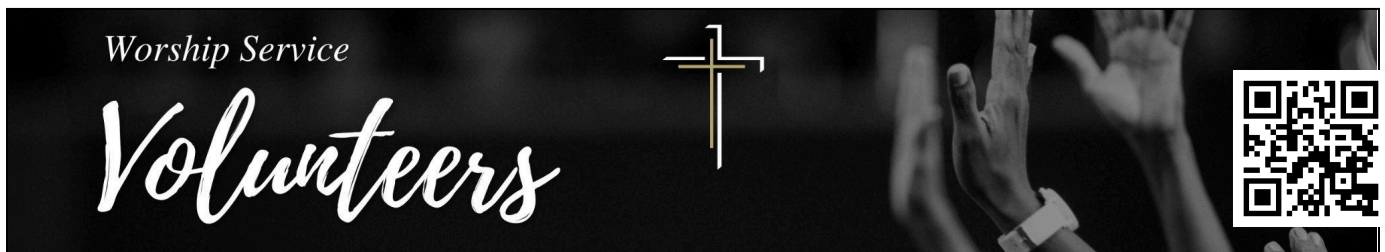
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We've reopened the in person handwritten prayer box made by our very own woodworker Argel Merideth! You can also share prayers or praises through the Prayer Request Form online too. If you'd like a public prayer to be in a Sunday bulletin, make sure to send by Wednesday before. Handwritten prayers put in the prayer box at the back sanctuary by the office will be checked weekly and prayed for. Let's all pray for each other and for the needs in our community!

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14: 13-14, NIV



Worship Service Schedule for October 5, 2025

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Greg Atkins
Lay Leader: Kathy Hamilton
Greeters: Jonica Merritt & John Merritt
Prep & Serve: Sue Boswell & Becky Crosby

Serve & Clean-up: Cheryl & Argel Merideth
Cash Counter: Susie Clower
Acolyte(s): Keaton Crosby & Case Crosby
Nursery: Joyce French
Laptop: John Merritt

Worship Service Schedule for October 12, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: Angie Viebrock
Lay Leader: Jan Howard
Greeters: Connie Murphy & Donice Ratliff
Prep & Serve: Barbara Millard & Cheryl Lewis

Serve & Clean-up: Belinda Miller & Jack Massie
Cash Counter: Janice Roberts
Acolyte(s): Lincoln Viebrock
Nursery: Ruth Anne Porter
Laptop: Johnny Viebrock

*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>.

CONNECT WITH US:

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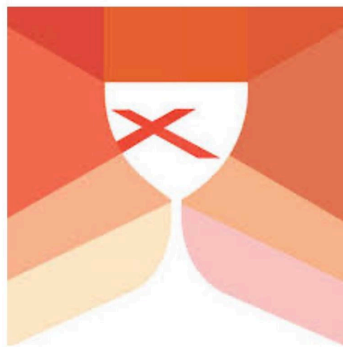
office@smithvillefirstchristian.org
www.smithvillefirstchristian.org

To submit a Prayer Request: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9 am - Noon
Saturday/Sunday: Office is Closed

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