



A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

July 22, 2026

Dear Church,

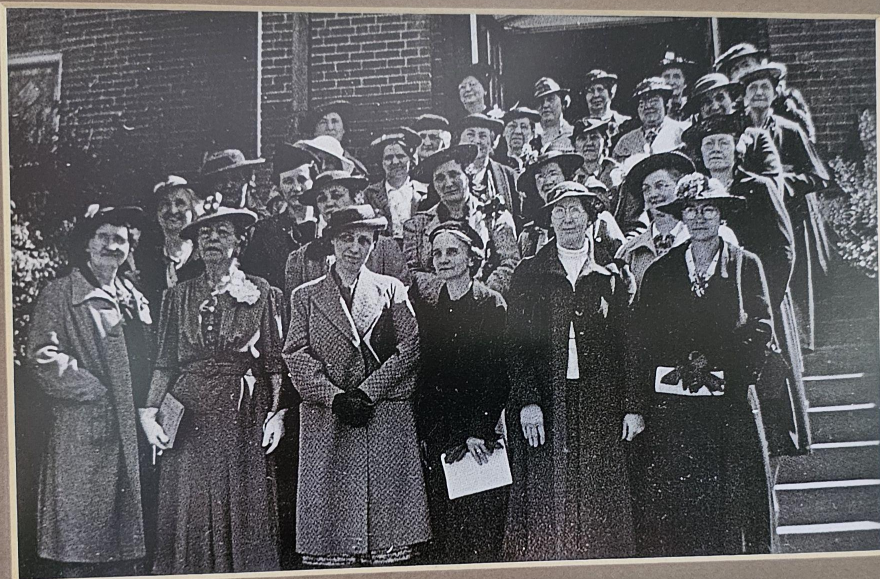
I hope you're getting excited about the special events planned for next year's Celebration 2027! So far, you know about:

- The church shirts we are getting printed.
- The concert by 3 Trails West on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 3 pm.
- The birthday party on Sunday, May 16 (Pentecost) with a meal following worship.
- The Homecoming Weekend on Sept. 12 when our General Minister and President will be here to preach, along with other special guests. We might also do some kind of community festival on Saturday, Sept. 11.



Those are the big plans for the year. But there's a couple of smaller projects I'd love to do, just for fun. I think it's so cool that we have photos of past church members hanging up in our Fellowship Hall. Those black and white photos are fun to look at - and see how fashions have changed - but they also remind us that we have inherited the church from them. And someday, our color photos hanging on the wall might look just as "old fashioned!"

I think it would be fun to try to re-create one of those old photos by finding clothing that looks like the 1920s (the era of our sanctuary) and taking a black and white photo on our steps. We would probably take the photo in October of 2027, so you would have plenty of time to look in attics and thrift stores for something that might look 100 years old. The men will have it easy as long as they have a suit. The ladies will need to find some longer skirts and possibly some hats. (I'm not sure why the women and men had separate photos other than they wouldn't all fit in one photo? And the women's photo is from 10 years after the sanctuary was opened.)



**Ladies of First Christian Church
1937-1938**



**Men from the First Christian Church
Taken upon completion of this
building in 1927**

So keep your eyes open for something you can wear in the photo next October!

Your guest preacher this Sunday is my friend Rev. Dr. Jose Martinez, Minister of New Church Strategies. He has preached for you previously, and he is happy to be with you again.

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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p.s. My office hours vary each week depending on my schedule. I'm happy to meet with you, but ask that you make an appointment so I'm sure to be in the office.



Dear Church, Thank you for the Birthday wishes I received for my 95th birthday. I want to thank all my friends. I have so many friends and I received so many cards and wishes and texts. I am so thankful for my friends and I love them all.

*signed,
LaVera Craig*



disciples youth



Church please join us. Win prizes for our back to school Scavenger Hunt! Join the youth group in this trek through downtown and our church history. We have two grand prizes that are a Nike Backpack filled to the brim with fabulous back to school prizes even a NeeDoh Squishy! And the best writing pens, fun stickers and more. We also have prizes for adults participating.

Then Take a photo of each item on your smart phone and either post, tag or email the church in your fave way:

- instagram @smithville_fcc or
- fb smithvillefcc or
- youtube @SmithvilleFirstChristianChurch or
- email the pics to office@smithvillefirstchristian.org
- you can also tag smithvillemainstreetdistrict

However, you have until 11:50 am Sunday, August 2nd to get all the bonus points for a bigger prize and long standing fame. Continue wed, thurs, friday or saturday afternoon week for example to get a selfie eating ice cream. You get 1 point per clue, 2 points per bonus clue. You get three points for getting a selfie inside of the locations when they are open.

***Sunday, Aug 2nd- Scavenger Hunt Due!
& Street Car to Union Station**

**Sunday, Aug 16th-
Nelson Atkins Trip**

Thanks!

Blessings, Polly McCann

Youth Leader- 816 507 4193



CWF is collecting school supplies now through Aug 14th. Please bring school supplies to the fellowship hall.

Ideas for what schools need are on the [Smithville Schools Website](#).

For example here is the third grade list for a local school:

- 12- #2 Ticonderoga pre-sharpened pencils
- 4 wide-ruled composition notebooks (1 green, 1 yellow, 1 red, 1 blue)
- 2 - 1 inch binders
- 5 two-pocket folders (1 green, 1 yellow, 1 red, 1 blue, 1 design of choice)
- 1 boxes Crayola Crayons (24 count)
- 1 box Crayola thick markers (10 count, classic colors)
- 1 box colored pencils
- 2 jumbo glue sticks
- 2 four pack dry erase markers
- 1 pencil box
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pair of wired headphones (no earbuds or bluetooth)
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes
- Art: Girls -2 fine tip sharpie markers; Boys: 2 ultra fine tip sharpie markers
- Innovation Lab: Girls- 1 pack of pipe cleaners; Boys- 1 pack of straws
- Library: Girls- Glue Sticks ; Boys- Elmer's liquid glue
- P.E: 1 pack Expo markers

Music: [1 Soprano Recorder](#) (this brand is recommended, not needed until 3rd quarter. Please try to refrain from buying a colorful one as these are often toys and do not play in tune.)

Update on Fundraising for Tuckpointing



Older buildings like ours need tuckpointing to replace crumbling mortar and keep the building watertight. This work costs a lot, but it is necessary to protect and preserve our historic church. We currently have donations that almost cover half the costs of the completed work, but we are looking for more gifts to help us cover 100% of the costs. If you are able to help, [you can give online](#) (use the dropdown menu to choose Property - Tuckpointing) or give by check with "Tuckpointing" in the memo line. Thank you!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

time



talent



treasure

Summer Lunch Program MWF July 6 to Aug 14th

Our kitchen was certified as a Commercial Kitchen! This means it is full steam ahead for our Summer Lunch Program. We are going to offer free meals from July 6th to August 14th from 11:30 - 12:30 on Monday,

Wednesday, and Friday. Monday and Wednesday will be a hot meal. On Fridays, the meal will be a grab and go sack lunch. Each family will be provided with a weekend meal kit on Fridays as well. This kit will have all the ingredients for a meal for 4 to 6 people for the weekend.

Please [use this link](#) to sign up to help. We'd like five volunteers per day. A signup genius has been created for people to sign up to volunteer. If you need assistance in signing up to volunteer, please let Angie Viebrock know.

We have added a Summer Lunch Program tab on our donation drop down menu on the new website. THANK YOU Rev Laura and the office. Plus, we have sponsors! This allows for anyone in the community to donate or sponsor the program with ease and the peace of mind knowing that their donation is being set to good use.

Cara & McKinley Massie and Rev Laura have been a big help behind the scenes with this program. Thank you so much! The work has just begun! We've already had calls from the community of those wanting to donate. Thank you so much. Please share and help us find volunteers.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions! Love and God's Blessings, Angie Viebrock 816-805-8501

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." – Matthew 25:35



SMITHVILLE
FIRST
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CHURCH



SMITHVILLE
LIONS CLUB
Together We Serve

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER!

Join Smithville First Christian Church and the Smithville Lions Club
as we serve local children and families through our

Summer Lunch Program.



Many Hands.
BIG IMPACT.

Your time can help ensure kids
have healthy meals and
a brighter summer!

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM OVERVIEW

We provide free lunches on-site three days a week and
distribute meal kits for the weekend—at no cost to families.



JULY 6 –
AUGUST 14, 2025
Monday, Wednesday
& Friday



LUNCH SERVED
11:30 AM –
12:30 PM



SMITHVILLE FIRST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
201 N. Bridge Street
Smithville, MO 64089



SIGN UP
to Volunteer!

Scan the QR code or visit the link
below to see available volunteer
opportunities and choose a time
that works for you!



SIGN UP NOW:

<https://bit.ly/summerlunchvolunteers>



Thank you for helping *create stronger communities* through compassion and service.





Wish List Food Pantry

*S m i t h v i l l e
F i r s t
C h r i s t i a n
C h u r c h*

JULY:

DRY BEANS & LENTILS



In **July**, we could use the following, or any other non-canned item:

Dry Beans & Toilet Paper

We hope everyone is having a great summer! Thanks so much for your support!

Cheryl Parks Hill



Coffee & Donut Fellowship
Every Sunday at 10 AM

Enjoy some time with new friends and old. Chat and chew. Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship! What a sweet time together. Come hang out with us on Sunday before service.

*Puzzles are now located in the office.
Feel free to borrow, trade, or take home a puzzle.



DATE	6:00 P.M.	7:30 P.M.
July 6	Field 1 Grace 1 (H)	Plattsburg (H)
	First Christian	Vineyard
	Field 2 Prevail (H)	
	Grace 2	
July 13	Field 1 Grace 2 (H)	First Christian (H)
	Plattsburg	Vineyard
	Field 2 Prevail (H)	
	Grace 1	
July 20	Field 1 Grace 2 (H)	Grace 1 (H)
	Vineyard	Plattsburg
	Field 2 Prevail (H)	
	First Christian	
July 27	Field 1 Grace 1 (H)	Vineyard (H)
	First Christian	Grace 2
	Field 2 Plattsburg (H)	
	Prevail	
August 3	Field 1 Vineyard (H)	First Christian (H)
	Grace 1	Plattsburg
	Field 2 Grace 2 (H)	
	Prevail	
August 10	Field 1 Plattsburg (H)	First Christian (H)
	Prevail	Grace 2
	Field 2 Grace 1 (H)	
	Vineyard	
August 17	Field 1 Grace 2 (H)	Vineyard (H)
	Grace 1	Plattsburg
	Field 2 Prevail (H)	
	First Christian	
August 24	Field 1 Prevail (H)	Grace 1 (H)
	Grace 2	First Christian
	Field 2 Plattsburg (H)	
	Vineyard	

Softball Begins July 6th

Good day.

We will be participating in the church softball league again this year. Requesting please put information in the church bulletin.

We play in Smithville at Heritage park on Monday nights starting July 6th.

The league is coed with the only requirement being 14 years old to play. All are welcome even if you can only make a few of the games. The season is an 8 week schedule.

We will take care of fees so no cost to the players.

If you have any questions or would like a game/practice schedule please feel free to text or call.

My number is 816-813-3819.

Thank you

Patrick Burns



<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19NH94bqLG/>

Click here for website->ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS &
EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE:



Submit prayer requests in person handwritten in our prayer box at the back of the sanctuary by the office.

AND you can also share prayers or praises through the Prayer Request Form online. Want your prayer to be in a Sunday bulletin? Make sure to send it to us through our online form or email the office by Wednesday before.

Let's all pray for each other and for the needs in our community together. Where two or three are gathered, God is there! To share a Prayer Concern: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>.

May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.

May we shout for joy over your victory
and lift up our banners in the name of our God.

May the Lord grant all your requests.

Psalm 20:4-5, NIV

July 26th, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: Jose Martinez

Elder: Susie Clower

Lay Leader: TBA

Greeters: Marilyn Simrall, Sue Lake

Prep & Serve: Janice Roberts, Sue Boswell

Serve & Clean-up: *David Manka, Jacinda Manka*

Cash Counter: *Susie Clower*

Acolyte(s): *Kyla Kays, Lincoln Viebrock*

Children's Church: *Joyce French*

Aug 2nd, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: _____ *Rev Laura Guy*

Elder: *Angie Viebrock*

Lay Leader: *Susie Clower*

Greeters: *Jan Heath, Janice Roberts*

Prep & Serve: *Cheryl Lewis, Melody Kolka*

Serve & Clean-up: *Linda Neer, Jack Massie*

Cash Counter: *Janice Roberts*

Acolyte(s): *Maeve & Stella Jacoby*

Children's Church: *Jonica Merritt, Polly McCann*

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 going to [this link.**](#)*

