



3rd Annual Show Down, Hoe Down, Chow Down

Oct. 12, 6-8 p.m.

Get ready — the 3rd Annual Show Down, Hoe Down, Chow Down is here!

Think your chili has what it takes? Bring your best (or worst!) pot of chili to win your bragging-rights and share in our fun-filled chili showdown. It's all about flavor, laughter, and community!

After the bowls are full, stick around for a talent show packed with variety — music, comedy, and surprises from right here in our own community, **featuring such talents as Spectrum, Bill Richardson and Crazy Professor Hair**. You'll be amazed at the gifts God has placed in our friends and neighbors.

Bring your appetite, bring your friends, and join us for a night of good food, great company, and unforgettable talent.



**CHILI
SHOW DOWN**

Sign up to bring your best
(or worst!) chili for the

Scan the QR code or go to
https://bit.ly/SDHDCD_chili
and tell us what you're bringing

FREE

Sign up to
show off your
talent or hobby
Entry Deadline
Oct. 3

**Talent
Show**



Scan the QR code or go to
<https://bit.ly/Event-Volunteer-Signup>
and tell us what you're talent you're sharing



I hope this week's note finds you well and encouraged as we continue to walk together in faith. I am grateful for the spirit of love and perseverance that shines through this congregation. For quite some time now, something has been

stirring in my heart. Each week I see people who are searching for more hope, more community, more love, and even more of themselves.

As a church, we have weathered much together, and I treasure that resilience. At the same time, I sense a new invitation before us. While this next step may not be everyone's cup of tea, I am asking you to lock arms with me. I truly believe it honors not only the mission of our church, but ultimately the mission of Jesus, to make disciples, to feed the hungry, to welcome the stranger, and to extend God's love in practical and life-giving ways. With that in mind, I am excited to share with you the beginning of something fresh and new, something welcoming and deeply rooted in our call to love and serve others. We are calling it The Table!

Starting Wednesday, November 12, from 6:00–7:00 PM, we will gather weekly in the Fellowship Hall for this new service. At The Table, people will enjoy a meal, share life together, and experience community while being fed both spiritually and physically. Our mission is that The Table will serve as a space of belonging, spiritual growth and alignment. This is meant to be a place of genuine, love-filled community for anyone who comes. This service is not in competition with Sunday mornings. This service is meant to have a different format and a different feel. By sharing food and faith side by side, we hope to create an environment where those who may not be drawn to a traditional service can still encounter the love of Christ in a meaningful and welcoming way.

This new service is about more than just trying something different; it is about widening our reach, pouring into others, and embodying the love of Christ in practical ways. To make this possible, we need your help. Whether it's preparing food, setting up tables, greeting guests, or simply being present with a warm smile...your role matters. We are also asking you to consider adding an additional gift in your giving designated to helping create space for this service so that meals, hospitality, and resources can be provided week after week. Thoughtfully, consider these things and see the information on how to support below.

This is an exciting new chapter for our church. I hope you will join me in prayer, service, giving, and participation as we prepare to welcome people to The Table.

Blessed to Sit at the Table With You,

Gina ♥



How You Can Be Part of It:

- **Sponsor a Night**— help provide or cover the meal
- **Serve**— join the kitchen, greeter, or set up/take down teams at fccmaryvillemo.com/ministries
- **Show Up**— bring a friend and join the community
- **Pray**— support through your prayers for connection and impact

Go to fccmaryvillemo.com/ministries for more info.

Why It Matters...

The Table is FCC extending hospitality to our town—creating a space of belonging, nourishment, and community in the middle of the week.



Scan this QR code or
Mark your cash/check "The Table"
to make a contribution

Welcome Home



Sunday Mornings

**Last Supper Leftovers
Sunday School Class**
9 a.m. Room 106

**Children's Sunday School
(K-4th Grade)**
**Youth Sunday School
(5th - 12th)**
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Downstairs

10:30 a.m.
Service in the Sanctuary

Monthly Worship Attendance

Aug. 31	28	Sept. 14	35
Sept. 7	39	Sept. 21	31

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Keeping in touch with our church families

Our Community Prayer List...

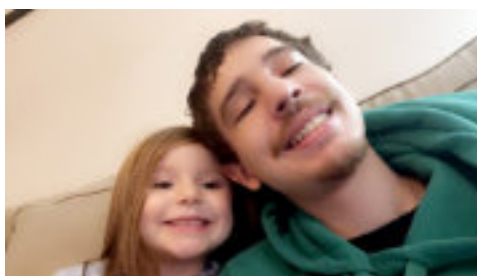
JoAnn Nanninga
Maddie Kauffman
Emily McLain
Karla Parman
Linville family

Jim Meyer
Jeannie Gibbs
Nancy DeMott
Mary Ross
Doyle Watkins

In Sympathy...

Family of Jeannie Gibbs

Welcome to the Family!



FCC Family, meet Nic!

Nic joined our church family just 2 weeks ago, following the Spirit's leading with an open heart. He recently moved here from Leavenworth, Kansas, and works at Kawasaki, but what shines most is his devotion

as a father to his daughter, Kahlina Layla Rosa. Nic carries a deep passion for learning God's Word and walking as a true disciple of Jesus. His enthusiasm for serving the church and community is contagious, and his hunger to grow spiritually is a beautiful gift that we're so blessed to welcome into our family.

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& Blue Sky



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Our Staff

Gina Johnson
Senior Pastor

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Virginia Ripple
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Kendric Santos-Briggs
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Anita Dew
Organist

Chloe Petersen
Live Stream Lead



October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School 5:00 – 9:00 PM CPH	29 7:00 – 9:00 PM Nodaway Chorale	30 4:00 – 6:00 PM Youth choir	1	2	3	4
5 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30 AM Worship 5:00 – 9:00 PM CPH	6 1:30 – 2:30 PM Circle of Joy 7:00 – 9:00 PM Nodaway Chorale	7 4:00 – 6:00 PM Youth choir 6:00 – 7:00 PM Maryville Garden Club	8	9 5:15 – 6:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 5720 6:00 – 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2942	10	11
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19 8:00 – 9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 – 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 – 11:30 AM Worship 5:00 – 9:00 PM CPH	20 7:00 – 9:00 PM Nodaway Chorale	21 4:00 – 6:00 PM Youth choir 5:00 – 6:30 PM Nodaway Chorale Board of Trustees	22	23 5:15 – 6:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 5720 6:00 – 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2942 6:00 – 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 3376	24	25
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The Bulletin Following the Progress Board of FCC's Leaders

The following is a condensed version of the Board minutes. For the entire version, please see Office Administrator Virginia Ripple.

Finance Reports: Coby reported that FCC has a net equity of \$370,000, not including real estate or furniture and fixtures. He reported that line item per line item is good and that we're controlling expenses, but income is an issue. He also reported that Proctor & Associates shows that there will likely be a shortfall of \$6,000 to \$7,000 that will need to be transferred. He explained that we would likely only need to transfer that amount for October and November because December tends to be a good month of contributions.

Coby recommended, on Pastor Gina's information based on what she's seen in other churches, that we do not do pledges in 2026. Instead, he recommended presenting the expenditure plans to the congregation rather than presenting a negative budget. He pointed out that FCC still has plenty of assets and dollars and feels we should have faith that the finances will work out. Coby and Pastor Gina recommended presenting the proposed budget expenditures to the congregation with an emphasis that a lot of expenses have been cut and an understanding that needs and giving are fluid.

Trustees Report: Trustee Chair Linda Baker reported she, Trustee Deena Poynter and Finance Chair Coby Lamb had a meeting with Proctor & Associates. Proctor said in 2023 we had 189 contributors and by the end of 2024 we had 74.

Team Reports:

- **Property:** Property Co-chair Marcia Jordan reported that property had approved a supplemental agreement for property and equipment to the building use and fees, which the Board approved. Marcia also reported that she had talked to Liberty Gas and Evergy regarding the proposal that the church change their billing to an averaging billing status and found that we are eligible to do so. The Board approved the motion.
- **Outreach/Evangelism:** Pastor Gina reported that the Green Chalice planting went well with a good turnout of people. The Giving Tree is continuing to do well. Pastor Gina and Finance Chair Coby Lamb have been in discussion regarding the Outreach expenditures and the Caring & Sharing program. Pastor Gina reported that plans are being considered on Christmas outreach projects and that the team will be taking another look at where we are spending outreach funds and possibly making some changes.

Minister's Report:

Pastor Gina shared she has been checking with team leaders to see who is staying on for 2026 and what spots need to be filled. She asked for suggestions for people for leadership roles. She reminded everyone that our current situation is not the same as it used to be, so rather than stressing about trying to fill all the empty slots, it will be a case of "all hands on deck" with a core group mentality.

Pastor Gina shared that our 3rd Annual Show Down, Hoe Down, Chow Down will be scheduled for the middle of October. She added that this is a great opportunity not just to generate income, but also to get people in the building.

In November, Pastor Gina is planning to launch a second service called The Table, which will be a dinner church in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. She has already contacted Second Harvest of St. Joseph and other local businesses about providing food and recruited some volunteers. Funding has already been secured. She will share the full presentation with the congregation prior to the launch either the first or second week of November. She also made it clear that The Table is not its own church, but rather a second service of FCC in a different format from Sunday morning.

FCC Leadership

Board Moderator: Jason Ripple

Property: Allen Davison, Marcia Jordan

Worship/Diaconate: Guy Ebersole

Christian Life: Terry Immel

Christian Education: Gina Johnson

Treasurer: Donna Rickman

Trustee Chair: Linda Baker

Pastor Gina reported that she met with our Tech crew and other Team Chairs regarding the state of the Recreation Room and the need to make it a safer place for groups that meet in that room. She also reminded the Board that the Trustees gave permission in 2024 to post pictures of items on the marketplace for a low love offering or OBO. Anything remaining after that time will be thrown in the dumpster, as approved by Property.



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2025 Dates and Hostesses

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 otherwise noted

Please contact hostesses to RSVP

Oct. 6

Nov. 3

Dec. 1 Pastor Gina, Virginia Ripple



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YouTube Find us at
[youtube.com/@firstchristianmaryvillemo](https://www.youtube.com/@firstchristianmaryvillemo)

Remember to Comment, Like, & Subscribe today!

Looking Ahead...

Sept. 28: Reconciliation Sunday

Oct. 5: World Communion Sunday

Oct. 6: Circle of Joy, 1:30 pm

Oct. 12: 3rd Annual Show Down, Hoe
Down, Chow Down

Oct. 13: Closed for Indigenous
People's Day

Correction:

*It was incorrectly reported that FCC is
a certified Green Chalice Church. The
correct designation is Green Chalice
Ministry.*