



In Worship on January 30

Questions of faith will be the focus as we are lead in worship by texts from Micah 6 and Matthew 25. Have you ever wanted to know how to be a sheep? Have you run from being the chance to be called a goat? Dr. Veatch's sermon "Sheep or Goat?" will lend its aid to the question.

The Chancel Choir's anthem this Sunday is *All Loves Excelling*. Hymns for the day will include the moving *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*; the more contemporary *Spirit Song*; and the table centered *I Come with Joy* and *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* will continue to send us forth.

Adult Study at CAFÉ



Living The Questions (LTQ) is an adult DVD course designed to explore in a safe environment some of the troubling questions people have about Christianity. The approach is to "stir the pot," not provide answers. Participants will be exposed to current theological thinking, presented by leading theologians and scholars. Rev. Veatch will lead the discussion. LTQ will meet in Morris Parlor **Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.** as part of the CAFÉ experience. All welcome!

Weekly Report

Jan. 23, 2011

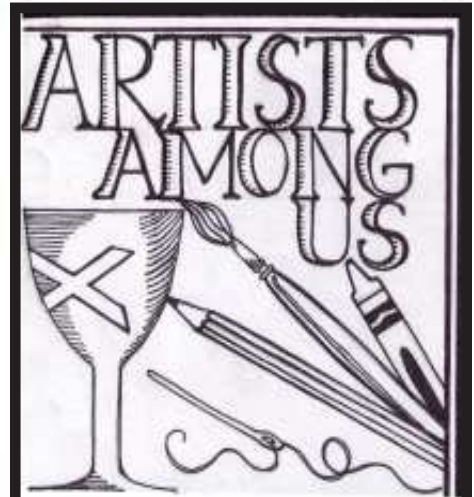
Received this week \$5,269
 Received to Date \$255,902
 Needed to Date \$255,602
 Attendance - 187
 (includes early worship - 23)

Nominating Committee Requesting Nominees

The Nominating Committee met Monday evening to begin its work, concentrating on nominees for the Administrative Board and for executive leadership roles. In its February meeting, the committee will focus on nominations for appointing new elders and deacons to service boards and on special recognition awards. Your help is needed in nominating individuals who would be good candidates for elder, deacon or special recognition. Forms have been available on the shelf in the narthex for use in nominating individuals since January 16th and will remain there through January 30th. You may use those forms and leave them in the box provided, or since bad weather has prevented some people from getting out, you may alternatively call Kay in the church office to let her know of people you would like to nominate for elder, deacon or special recognition. The deadline for submitting names is February 1st. Your assistance with this important matter that helps determine future leadership of our church is greatly appreciated by the Nominating Committee and by the church. Thanks very much.

Your Giving

Through their special offerings, members and friends of FCC continue to support the work of the church. Since July 1, the beginning of the church's fiscal year, the following donations have been received for the Christian Church (DOC) special offerings: Christmas \$573.00, Reconciliation \$708.00, Thanksgiving \$764.25, and Week of Compassion (Pakistan Relief) \$150.00. In addition your offerings have supported these special causes: Central Missouri Food Bank \$1,075.25 (\$560.25 of which was received at the Christmas Pageant), Heifer Project \$2,581.00, Room at the Inn \$505.00, VAC Christmas \$1,208.00, Woodhaven \$1,100.00. ~Fred Mottaz



"A showcase of art by members of our congregation - past, present, and future"

Closing Reception:

**Sat., Jan. 29th
 5 -7 p.m.**

Bethany Hall

Come meet the artists and enjoy refreshments!
 Kids invited to create at the "future artists" table

Looking for a Valentine's Day Gift?

Valentine's Day is coming soon and the Fair Trade Ministry is here to help you find a perfect gift. We are *restocked* with jewelry, teas, coffees, and many more wonderful items. Come shop any Sunday morning in the Amy Kay Fair Trade Ministry store in Bethany Hall. On Feb. 6 and Feb. 13 we will have a few items in the Narthex for your convenience. ~World Outreach Department

Epistle (Jan. 24, 2011)

While stopped at the traffic light at Providence and Walnut I was surprised to look up and see a soul. I actually saw a soul! Did you know that KIA makes one?

When I got to the office I looked it up on the internet. My eyes were not mistaken. Soul has its own website complete with a picture one can rotate to see it from all sides.

Have you seen any souls lately? Not the car, but those mysterious things we call soul?

Supposedly a medical student dissected a cadaver completely. When he finished he said, 'I opened every organ of the body and found no soul, so how can religious people say a soul exists?'

Well, as a religious person, I would answer that the soul is a completely different kind of reality. It is the resonance within that yearns to embrace the eternal beyond time and tangible things. To have soul is to be connected to the One who called all things into being and to whom all things return.

How does one find it? An unknown writer points the way: "I looked for my soul, but my soul I could not see. I looked for my God, but my God eluded me. I looked for a friend, and then I found all three."

As a religious organization First Christian Church is in the soul business. It helps people identify their souls and assists them in living a soul-full life.

~Larry Veatch, Interim Senior Minister



It was certainly a treat to be remembered on my birthday with the lovely bouquet of flowers which Debbie Potthast brought on Sunday. Thanks to all who had a part in sharing the beautiful red and white flowers.
~Marjorie Ellis

Thank you so much for the floral tribute sent for my dad's services! Your thoughtfulness at this time was truly appreciated.
~Mark & Janet Mills; Jordan Mills; Greg & Jade Mooney



Ladies Book Club meets at noon in Bethany Hall, Wed., Feb. 9 to discuss *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout.

Elders Breakfast

Saturday, February 5, 8 a.m. Reserve your spot by Thursday, February 3.

Chancel Bells

Chancel Bells will take a brief break for a few weeks and re-convene with rehearsals on Sunday, February 6. All are welcome to come join and ring 🎵

CAFÉ

**Christian Action Fellowship Education
Wednesday Evenings**

Opportunities for the church family to share in fellowship, while learning and growing in spirit and faith.

5:30-6:15 - Dinner
\$7-adults, \$3-kids 5-12 years
\$18 cap for a family. Under 5 free

*Child Care Available

Place your reservation by marking the pew registration pad "activity box" on Sunday morning or call the church office (449-7265) for dinner reservations by noon on Tuesday.

February 2

Menu: Teriyaki Chicken, Rice Pilaf,
Sweet Potato Mashers and Dessert

CAFÉ Programs (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)

- "Living the Questions" - with Rev. Larry Veatch
- Children's Choir Fellowship & Activities
- Christian Youth Fellowship (grades 9-12) with Jimmy Spear

News of the congregation

Thanks to **Jerry Daugherty** for singing special music in both services on Sunday. Thanks to **Mark Hunsaker** for installing the new parking signs in the parking lot. (See the related article on parking.) Thanks to **Mark and Ryan Hunsaker** for getting some serious snow removed around the church sidewalks last week.

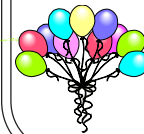
Thanks to **Will Houston** who helped out in the church office last week and to **Joyce Stanley** and **Dave Beem** who are willing to come and help get the newsletter out regardless of the weather.

Congratulations to **Tommy Gay & Dale Evans** on their 52nd anniversary.

Trays and plates: The collection of church member dishes and trays from the Christmas eating season has grown in the church kitchen. The ones in question are just behind the door by the ice maker. Pick up yours this week!

Eating at CAFÉ: Please remember to reserve your spot at the dinner table for Wednesday nights. If you have been a regular in the past and want to be on the standing list for every week, please check to be sure your name is on that list or request that it be added. Reservations ensure the right quantity of food purchased and cuts down on shortage and waste. Thanks!

Your Special Birthday!



Millie Bolman
- 92 on Feb. 2

Celebrating a



Jan. 30-Ronald Sheppard
Feb. 1-Amy Marrero
Feb. 2-Millie Bolman, Itsel Updegraff
Feb. 3-Abe Creasy

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JYF (3rd-5th) CHI-RHO (6th-8th)
CYF (9th-12th grade)

CYF on Wed., Feb. 2
6:00 - 8 p.m., 3rd floor
(dinner at CAFÉ at 5:30)

JYF & Chi-Rho Schedule
(no groups on Feb 6 - Super Bowl)

Feb 13

JYF: lunch & swimming at the ARC
Chi-Rho: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Feb 27: Regular Plan

JYF: 4:30-6 p.m.
Chi-Rho: 6-7:30 p.m.

Future Dates: March 6, 20, April 3, 17

Children's Choirs:
Every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Pre-K kids
Cherub Choir Practice
Sunday, Jan. 30 and
Feb. 6 & 13.

SOUPerbowl Sunday February 6



Bring Cash! Bring Canned Goods! Sunday, February 6 is SOUPerbowl Sunday at FCC. Youth will collect **canned goods and cash** to feed the hungry. The offering will be collected in large soup pots at the building doors before and after 10:30 worship.

Chi-Rho 10

Oh it is good when they all are there. It is often a lament that we never really get to be a "group" because we always have a different group at youth gatherings. The following has been needed to be said for some time:

Holly Gieseke and Jimmy Spear are the consistent leaders for the Chi-Rho (middle school) youth group. We have noted the following: This church has a bad habit with consistency. Each time one of the younger youth groups meets, it is a different set of kids. Sure there are a few that are consistently present, but as a whole the group often does not even know who really is in the group because it is always a different bunch.

This last week the kids were so excited because there were 10 at Chi-Rho! And we had 3 girls! It has been the chagrin of Jimmy and Holly that each time Chi-Rho meets, a different girl comes – and never



more than one or two at a same time. This week we had 3! And it made all the difference to the group AND to those three! Having 10 present also makes all the difference! How much we would be able to achieve in ways of spiritual growth and fellowship if that group was consistently together at youth group. When kids get into high school cohesiveness of the group is key and only can be had when the kids are consistent with attendance. (The success of the CYF – high school group in recent years is due to the consistency of that group in being present every time the youth door was open.) The famed and integral summer mission trips also rely upon this consistency/cohesiveness. A chance for a life changing experience is unlikely if the youth never or sporadically attends youth group. Active older groupers come from active younger ones. Habits are set in early on and can make it hard for kids to be committed to the group in High School if they are not in the frame of mind to be there on a regular basis. Lamenting parents of 17 year olds who don't participate, and/or having difficulty navigating life, or left church/faith behind all together need only look back to how it shook out in 7th grade.

I would venture to say the above could be said of all people who are a part of an organization/ church. So, friends, let's own it and be it and be amazed at the outcome!

~Jimmy Spear

Parking at Church

There are new relationships concerning the church parking lot usage in 2011. The city no longer leases any parking spaces nor are there parking meters. Presently the parking is as follows: The church has 24 hours a day/7 days a week, the spots for church staff on the west side of the building (by the park & kitchen door), the 12 spots north of the church building next to the alley (facing the church), and 6 spots north of/next to Bethany Hall facing the building (these are new). The rest of the parking lot is leased by Boone County for their employees. The new church bus has its own parking spot next to Bethany Hall – there is a sign noting it. It only fits in this spot!

During the week the Mother's Day Out teachers will park in the 6 new spots by Bethany Hall. People doing business at the church can park in any church spot. Please do not park in the Boone County spots. You will be ticketed and towed.

The church only knows your car by it's chalice. Church parking stickers are the red "chalice" and can be obtained from the church office if you find you need one during the week while at church. During the weekend the entire church parking lot is open for church use.

The Visitor

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Jan. 30

Van Driver: James Taylor
Office Receptionist: Debbie Potthast
Church School Greeter: Lorene and Nelson Trickey
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Tom & Susan Gray
Delivered by - Joni Cupp, Cari Sapp & Nathan Sapp

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tom and Susan Gray
Elder: Barb Rothenberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Rebeckah Hart, Robert and
Cathy Seltsam
Liturgist: Nora Dietzel
Elders: Brenda Martin, Jacki Davidson, Sally Robinson
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeter North Door: Ed and Eva Bright
Greeter South Door: Elizabeth Hensley
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Wyatt Rogers and Wolf Schaefer
Candlelighters: Erich Unterschut and Abigail Reardon
Children's Worship Leader: Eric Arnett
Children's Worship Helper: Elizabeth Mottaz

This Week (Jan. 30 - Feb. 5)

- Mon.** - Church Staff Meeting, 11:00 a.m.-Noon
- Tue.** - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Connie Guy's
home
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ, dinner - 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
program, 6:30-7:30 p.m., *Living the Questions*
- Children's Choir, 6:15-7:30 p.m.
- CYF (9th-12th grade), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri.** - Church Dine Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!
- Sat.** - Elder Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall



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