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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

The Congregation of First Christian Church
 Invites you to a Retirement Celebration

**Honoring
 Reverend Doctor Kenneth R. Watson**

In recognition of his 43-year ministry
 Of serving Christ and the Church
 And his 13 years as Associate Minister of
 First Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri.

A buffet reception will follow worship on
 Sunday, April 29, 2007
 12:00 noon.
 Fellowship Hall
 First Christian Church
 Columbia, Missouri

There will be a tribute to Ken followed by favorite
 musical pieces performed by Melissa and Michael
 Straw accompanied by Mary Bancroft.

A book of letters is being assembled for Ken and
 Nancy. Please share a memory, a special thank you
 or just a wish for a happy retirement. Send letters
 to:

Mimi McRoberts,
 1001 Cherry Street, Ste. 201
 Columbia, MO 65201-7931



Easter Sunday Services

On Easter Sunday we will gather in the sanctuary to worship God and celebrate the message of the Risen Christ! The sanctuary will be adorned with beautiful lilies, and both worship services will include the great hymns, and include the Chancel Choir with brass accompaniment presenting their anthem, "Worthy is the Lamb" by Pote. Dr. Yonker will deliver the Easter message, "A Passion for the Possible" based on scripture texts found in Isaiah 65:17-25 and Luke 24:1-12.

Christ the Lord is risen today! Come and celebrate the joyous message of Easter with us!

Weekly Report

April 1, 2007

Received \$10,196.01

Received to Date \$356,167.26

Attendance - 293

(includes early worship - 59)

Don't forget to sign up for Date Night

Do you need a Date Night? Join us for a NEW quarterly gathering geared toward younger couples. Each will have a fun theme and include FREE child care! Our first one is coming up and we'd love to see you there.

Italian Progressive Dinner Date Night

Friday, April 13, 6 p.m.

Morris Parlor, First Christian Church

\$15 per couple covers the FABULOUS Italian dinner

FREE child care

Reserve your Italian getaway by calling the church office at 449-7265 by **Monday, April 9. Buon Appetito!**

From the Frontier to the Future



**First
 Christian
 Church**

(Disciples of Christ)
 Columbia, Missouri



Heeerrree's Johnny!

For anyone who has ever read the Bible with more than a skimming glance there are passages which are difficult to understand and some, which if taken literally, seem to contradict other passages. It is particularly true when we compare the accounts of the resurrection in the New Testament.

On that morning who went to the tomb? Mark, probably the earliest gospel written, says there were three women, but Matthew reports only two, and Luke says there were several.

Was there a massive earthquake that morning? Matthew says there was, but the other gospels say nothing about it.

What did they find when they arrived at the tomb? Matthew reports that during the earthquake, an angel came down and rolled the stone away and told the women that Jesus was risen from the dead. Mark, however, reports the women found a young man dressed in a white robe who gives them the news. But Luke says it was two men in dazzling apparel.

And John's gospel reports an entirely different tradition. He says that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb alone, saw that the stone was rolled away, went and told the news to Simon Peter and "the other disciple," who then raced to the tomb and went in, but did not understand what had happened. Then John's gospel follows with that great story of Mary Magdalene weeping in the garden, meeting a man she mistook to be the gardener, who calls her by name, and who turns out to be Jesus risen from the dead.

And beyond all this, it is pointed out the earliest report of the resurrection comes from the Apostle Paul, found in 1 Corinthians 15, who says nothing about the empty tomb stories, but simply says that Christ was raised from the dead, appeared to many people and then "he also appeared to me."

What really happened on that morning? Historians cannot answer that question with any degree of certainty. All we know is that some of those first disciples who had known Jesus continued to know him and experience his presence after Good Friday. The gospels are written records of their experiences with him, as they continued to know him as a living presence, to encourage, inspire, guide and instruct them, calling them to continue following him.

And after all is said and done, isn't that what really matters? That is, we know him too through the witness of the scriptures, and in the company of those who continue to follow his way? As Albert Schweitzer said at the conclusion of his famous book on the quest of the historical Jesus,

"He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lake-side, He came to those . . . who knew him not. He speaks to us the same word: 'Follow thou me!' and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is."

May we continue to follow Him, and discover Him alive in our midst!

Work Day Thanks!

Thanks to a great group of hardworking folks, you will see new mulch, flowers, bushes and fresh paint on the gutters around the block of 10th and Walnut! Our church had a Spring work day last Saturday and the rain held off just long enough to complete our trimming, planting, fertilizing, painting and spreading. A big thanks goes to Harlan Hackett, Mark and Ryan Hunsaker, Eric Arnett, Roy Rodgers, Mike Korman, Dan Gieseke, Russ DeVenney, Fred Mottaz and Jay, Chris and Jack Creasy. We thank Pam Hunsaker and her helpers for the wonderful Sloppy Joe lunch she provided – it was a welcome spread for our hungry crew. The teamwork was great! Check it out this Easter Weekend :)

Your Special Birthdays!



Perry Ewing-
91 on April 8
Betty Mai-
90 on April 10
Smiley Herrin-
90 on April 12

News of the congregation

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Gene Musbach** who's brother Ralph died Wed., March 28th. Services were held March 30th in Fulton. **Gene and Betty Rose**, formerly members of First Christian Church, now live at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Thank you to **Susan Woodbury** for conducting the Chancel Choir and leading the Congregational Hymn Sing last Sunday at the 10:30 worship service. Thanks, also, to **Pat Rybolt** for leading the Congregational Hymn Sing at the 8:30 worship service.

Julie Bramon of Columbia was a recipient of the John and Mary Pritchard Humanitarian Service Award for 2007 from William Jewell College in Liberty. She plans to work for six weeks this summer with the Peace Rehabilitation Center in Kathmandu, Nepal. She is a junior art major at William Jewell.



Church Eat-Out

Friday - April 6
5:30 p.m.
Country Kitchen
Everyone Welcome!

Silent Bazaar Reminder:

We hope the ladies of the church received their letter regarding the Silent Bazaar for 2006-07. This donation serves as an important part of the CWF budget for next year. Please send in your monetary gift to Royanne Tracy c/o CWF by April 10th. Contact Debbie Potthast at 443-0368 if you have questions. Thank you for your continued support!!

Happy Birthday!

Charles Scott-Apr. 8
Angela Allen-Hylen-Apr. 8
Yvonne Clark-Apr. 9
Troy Sisson-Apr. 9
Laura Daugherty-Apr. 10
Erich Unterschut-Apr. 10
Alan Bancroft-Apr. 12
Willie Harris-Apr. 12
Greg Stansberry-Apr. 14



JYF = (grades 3 - 5)
 Chi Rho = (grades 6-8)
 CYF = (grades 9-12)

www.firstchristian.org/youth

Partner thanks to **Pam Hunsaker** for providing us two lunches throughout our Garage Sale weekend and to **Susan McCarty** for providing our youth group lunch on Sunday. Huge thanks to Susan for also leading our Chi Rho twisted Easter Egg Hunt activity and discussion. (Please see the Garage Sale Thanks.) We all thank you ladies for making our youth groups possible!

Chi Rho and JYF will not be meeting this Sunday (Easter), but we encourage all youth to check out the mission trip and camp info that is on the web (www.firstchristian.org/youth). Can't wait for this summer's great times together!!

CYF will meet on Wednesday, April 11 from 7:15-8:30pm. We begin our time in the Fellowship Hall with some light snacks and then will generally move up to our CYF room. We will always end in prayer by 8:30pm so that you can get home to your homework or whatever. We are totally loving this new time and format and hope that you can join us next week!



THANK YOU!
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Words can't express our thanks to **Joyce Stanley** for her long hours of work with the Garage Sale. She kept a cheery demeanor while dealing with all the ruckus that comes with sales of this nature. Each and every day of our mission trips we will remember Joyce and all of the friends who made our trips possible through the sale.

Garage Sale A Rousing Success!

Folks! We've done it again!! The total garage sale profits and donations squeaked over the \$4,000.00 mark! We can send our youth and college kids off on their mission trips (and bring them back home too!)

I feel like an Academy Award Winner with so many people I want to thank for accomplishing our goal! First to Amy Kay Pavlovich – who kept up with all her ministerial duties as well as spending evening and Saturday and Sunday hours with us working, cheering us on, directing the youth and providing snacks and treats to keep the enthusiasm and energy running high!

Thanks to the many, many congregational members who brought in donations for the sale! It's always amazing how generous everyone is with their 'treasures' – and how bravely they let them go for a good cause!

An enormous thanks to the volunteers who sorted, folded, marked and laughed their way through this incredible undertaking: Rachel Fullington, Barb Rothenberger, Mary Kay Mueller, David Birkenbach, Laura Estes, Donna Kessell, Sarah Storm (who celebrated her birthday at the garage sale!) Bragg Stanley, Becky Bramon, Connie Guy, Colleen Nilges, Christy Von Taller, Kim Boger, Judy Creasy (who made the mistake of laying her purse down and we put it on the accessory rack for sale – luckily she found it before the sale started!), Vicki Johnson, Susan Klokow, Brenda Martin, Dave Beem, Richard and Sue Underwood, Judith Wildman, Tom Sisson, Eric Arnett and Pam Hunsaker (who provided lunch for the garage sale workers as well as the Saturday cleanup crew!)

A huge thanks to Fred Mottaz and Kay Beisenherz whose patience seems limitless with the odd little requests for help I tossed their way as well as Jim Burt who worked around the maze we set up between his work closet and the rest of the church!

And finally, to our youth and college students who go on the mission trips representing the best of First Christian Church and who also worked to make the garage sale a success: Ryan Hunsaker, Lindsey Chandler, Sidney Embry, Heather Hunsaker, Sara Klokow, Jessica Klokow, Tim McCarty, Samantha Fullington and younger brothers Aiden and Quinn, Emily Unterschut, Sally Kessell, Sam Poole who brought along friend Zach, Brian McCarty, Jenny McCarty, Janie Hellwegg, Steve Gieseke, Alec Wright, and Alexandra and Jack Estes.

Thank You to Everyone! Your grateful Garage Sale Queen, Joyce Stanley

Upcoming Exciting Happenings...

Without taking up too much of our coveted Visitor space at this point, we wanted to highlight an exciting happening that will be kicking off at the end of the summer – our church's dedication to the whole of the mind/body/spirit selves. We've been doing well with the mind and spirit aspects of our beings and are now uplifting the importance of taking care of our bodies. Our Health Ministries will be developed in a variety of ways, one of which is a partnership with the Gold's Gym which is located caddy corner from the church. Church members will have reduced rates and sign up perks when we launch our ministry. Ask Amy Kay for the early bird information if you are interested in this area of ministry within the life of the church. Good times are here and ahead for us, friends!



The Ladies' Book Club is reading Marion Zimmer Bradley's *The Mists of Avalon*. It's the story of King Arthur but told from a woman's perspective. We're meeting in the Church Library at 1pm on Wednesday, April 25. Please come join us in a discussion of this fascinating book. If you have questions, please call Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or email her at lhutton50@hotmail.com.

Mid-Month Movies

The April Mid-Month Movie is Friday, April 13. We'll sink into nostalgia-ville with a wonderful, uplifting, and meaningful film, "Lilies of the Field." Amazon.com gives us this summary of this 1963 film:



"Sidney Poitier won an Oscar for this endearing movie about a handyman who thinks he's just passing through a little town in New Mexico, and ends up staying awhile to build a chapel for a cluster of German-speaking nuns. The renowned actor is highly entertaining in his combative exchanges with Lilia Skala, playing a Mother Superior who survived Hitler and makes no bones about bullying the goodhearted, itinerant worker into doing more and more for her. The film has an ambling, easygoing style with several memorable moments, not least of all is Poitier leading his holy hostesses through verses of the gospel song 'Amen.'"

This is a "can't lose" movie – if you haven't seen it, you'll be glad you have; if you have seen it, you'll be glad to see it again. This is a great family movie for young and old. We will have free childcare available. The film begins on Friday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cinema on 3rd floor. Join us for hot popcorn, cold water, and warm fellowship – no reservations necessary!

Pet Pedals On By Hand

PET, the easily hand-cranked vehicle that gives mobility to people worldwide who cannot walk, rolled out its 10,000th PET mobile on Monday evening last week. A grateful assembly of 170 of several denominations and at least three states celebrated the milestone at Community United Methodist Church. A PET can go where even a wheelchair cannot, and it is estimated that worldwide more than 21 million persons cannot walk. You should hear the life stories of PET recipients!

Appropriately, the celebration featured, not speeches, but a concert of stirring Christian choral music by the exhilarating 24-voice Valley Men's Chorus of Rock Valley, Iowa. Following was the unveiling of the 10,000th PET up on a decorated pedestal and an informal reception. All PET workers are volunteers, including our own Gene Moore, a 90-year-old public relations worker full of vitality.

Making brief comments during the evening were Columbians Steve Baima, volunteer international PET director, and Mel West, PET originator. The PET project is only 12 years old, yet hundreds of volunteers make parts, ship them, and assemble them at 14 centers around the US and in four other countries. A PET can be built and shipped almost anywhere for \$250 and are given at no cost. One assembly site is an ongoing hands-on ministry of First Christian Church, Luling, Texas.

In our church narthex and office, colorful brochures of PET photos and news are available.

Ethical Guidelines

As a result of the recent application process for our new Associate Minister, the Administrative Board recently approved the Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct subject to the cabinet making changes specific to our congregation. This document is not intended to be a set of rules, or "law", but instead to be used as a guide in how we treat one another, our church officers and other leaders, our ministers, and how we interact within this community, as members of the Disciples of Christ network and the church at large.

We have had a lively discussion and at this time we would like to welcome any and all written comments that you may have regarding this document. Once all comments have been submitted, a sub-committee will meet to discuss and create a "consensus document". A meeting date will be determined once everyone who wishes has had a chance to contribute their thoughts. PLEASE SUBMIT ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS BY FRIDAY, APRIL 20. If you would like to review a copy of the Ethical Guidelines, you may pick up a copy at the church office. Thank you for the written comments that I have already received. I look forward to a healthy discussion in the future. All questions and/or written comments can be directed to Chris Creasy, by leaving them in the Vice Moderator mailbox at church, or mail them directly to me at 911 West Rollins Road, Columbia, 65203.

Shawl Ministry Program

Thanks to Martha (Shrou) Brown for the beautiful shawl made for the Shawl Ministry. How gratifying it is to be supported in this program by our extended Church family members like Martha!

Thanks, also, to Judy Hall, Laura DeVenney and Sarah Yonker. Because of their work schedules, none can attend our regular meeting time, but each have produced many beautiful shawls which have enriched the lives of many of our church members.

The Shawl Ministry Group

Women's Ministries Envision Next Yr.

Going together from here to the Northeast Area CWF/Women's Ministries "Springfest" at Fulton last Saturday were Shirley Park, Edith Taylor and Muriel Leach, also Alice Snyder, former FCC member now of Rocheport.

The one-day coaching event presented new CWF materials, presentations, and workshops about the coming year, which begins July 1. Our own Rev. Sally Robinson spoke about her service as Area chaplain for ministries to older adults. The women also got to hear and know Rev. Kris Tenny-Brittain, the new Area Minister. Some 40 women participated.

Currently until July 1, the regional service ministry is zealous to provide one of many new deep water wells with Church World Service throughout drought-stricken Kenya east Africa. During the coming year, the focus will be on Korea, the most Christian but politically divided country in east Asia. Across our denomination, women are responding in growing numbers to a CWF change in emphasis to hands-on "women's ministries."

175th Anniversary News - Genie Rogers



April is Ministerial Appreciation Month

April Theme

April is the month that has been chosen to honor our long tradition of strong ministerial leadership. There are five Sundays in April and it was a difficult challenge to select the five ministers to profile. The selections were made to represent an era, because of some unusual characteristics of their ministry or because of some groundbreaking issues they introduced into the church

In reading through the biographies and information we have on each person, for the most part, the Elders and Ministers were of an unusually high caliber. It becomes obvious from the early days of the church that education was important to the people who settled in the Boonslick area and attended the Christian Church. There were many signs of progressive thought and being a step ahead of the times. The congregation always supported the church even when serious debt arose as it did at the beginning of Dr. Lemmon's tenure.

There is a distinct difference from the first generation preachers ending with J.K. Rogers who were part of the original Disciple movement. They had studied and preached with the founders and their lives had been shaped by the roughness of the frontier. Even though this church was more influenced by the teachings of Barton Stone, there was also influence from the Cambellite part of the movement. Most of the people leading the church as well as early members had their roots in Kentucky. John Mountjoy, assuming the pastorate in 1867, was the first of a second generation of preachers who were confronted with a very different world. We were no longer a frontier society and the church had changed with the people. Issues of church organization and role in society and the world became important. There was a need to codify structure.

The amazing consistent thread is this congregation's desire for intellectual exploration from the early days, its commitment to education and to have leaders who were highly educated. Many people contributed to the foundation, establishing a deeply rooted church for the past 175 years, which we all take pride in today.

Quilt

More and more quilt blocks are being turned in and they are outstanding! We will soon have received enough blocks that we can begin to make plans for the final assembly even though the block completion date is not until **May 20**. There will continue to be reminders of the turn-in date in the Visitor.

(see next page for more)

April Calendar:

- April 1-Palm Sunday, Old Fashioned Hymn Sing—profile of D. Pat Henderson
- April 8-Easter Sunday—Profile of John Mountjoy
- April 15-preaching by one of our own "Timothy's"—Paula Ritchie
 - profile of Joseph Foy
 - minute for history
- April 22—profile of Walter Haushalter
- April 29-Ken's Retirement Sunday; Ken will be preaching; reception after church
 - profile of Clarence Lemmon

Meet the Committee

Now that we are into April, it is about time that everyone knows the people responsible for the work on the 175th Committee. Each has, or will be playing a large role in the year of celebration. We met during fall 2006 to put the plans together. Each meeting had close to 100% attendance. We tried to use everybody's ideas somewhere to provide a diversity of events that would appeal to everyone before the year was over. We hope you are enjoying and will continue to enjoy the activities of this very important 175th celebration:

Committee members: **Mary Bancroft, Chris Creasy, Judy Cunningham, Harlan and Jane Ann Hackett, Darren Hellwege, Linda Hutton, Jessica Humble, Fred Mottaz, Moray Kiehl, Tom ShROUT, Sarah Storm, Cliff and Mary Tompson, Sharon Winner, Cheryl Unterschutz, John Yonker and chair, Genie Rogers**

"After the Committee"

Since the end of the 175th committee meetings, the work and sub committees have spread throughout the congregation. Many of us have asked many of you for help with various projects. Thanks to each one of you who have said "yes". As the year goes on, do not be surprised if you get a phone call to be involved in some activity spawned by this group. If there is something you want to be involved with, please let any one of us know. The original calendar of events went out the first of the year in the Visitor and is in the church office. Thank you to everyone for being a contributor and enthusiastic over the things we are doing.

David Patterson Henderson

1810-1897

Known as “D. Pat”, David Patterson Henderson was born in 1810 near Lexington, Kentucky. Barton Stone had baptized his father, James Patterson in 1801 at the Cane Ridge Revivals. Young D. Pat was raised in a religious household and attended school at Cane Run Seminary in Fayette County, Kentucky. Barton Stone also baptized



him as a young adult in 1832 in the Elkhorn River in Scott County, Kentucky, which is adjacent to Fayette County. The following Sunday he united with the Christian Church in Georgetown, KY, and soon began his preaching career. His career intertwined with Barton Stone until Stone’s death in 1844. Stone performed the marriage ceremony of D. Pat Henderson and Elizabeth Smedley in 1837. They never had children of their own, but adopted Eliza’s niece, Mary Ellen Johnson.

Preaching and evangelism continued to be Henderson’s passion, and he also assumed the publishing of the monthly publication, *The Christian Messenger*. Additionally, he served in the office as clerk of the Morgan County Court, became a Probate Judge, and began taking courses in the Medical College in Illinois.

In 1848 he began protracted meetings* in Marion, Monroe, Howard, and Boone Counties in Missouri. He captivated the Columbia congregation for the week he spent preaching here and was issued the call to be the church pastor in 1849. He was described as: “A tall, slender, well proportioned, attractive gentleman weighing about 180 pounds. Henderson had a graceful, easy manner before an audience. With his pleasant approachable personality, he greeted people with genuine friendship. His dynamic personality attracted people like a magnet. His blue eyes were bright; his voice was a baritone, musical and magnetic in its influence. His trademark was the high silk black hat he wore.”

When Henderson came to the Columbia church he shared preaching duties with University President James Shannon and Thomas Allen, an early Disciple evangelist and promoter of higher education in Columbia.

In 1850 Henderson was elected by the state Christian Churches as evangelist of the year. That year Henderson, along with Thomas Allen and James Shannon, worked on the establishment of a women’s college in Columbia. In January 1851, the Columbia Female College (later Christian College, now Columbia College) was incorporated. Using his position as state evangelist, Henderson began traveling around the state raising money for the new college. He later clashed with Thomas Allen over plans to eliminate

the debt of the new college and became discouraged with the Columbia endeavor.

Henderson left Columbia with his family to establish a coeducational college in the Mississippi River town of Canton and began raising funds. He received a charter for Christian (later Culver-Stockton) University in January 1853, and diligently worked to get the new school established and well funded. A great deal of bitterness developed between D. Pat and his old friend Allen over the new school as Allen considered it competition with the Columbia Female College and the University of Missouri. Henderson served on the Board of Christian University from 1853-1872 and again from 1877-1894. He assumed several pastorates in other localities and held protracted meetings after returning to Missouri in 1870. He died at his home in Canton in 1897 at the age of 87.

Genie Rogers

Protracted meetings recur throughout early church history. They were largely over by the early 1900s except in a few rural areas.

Protracted meetings were a type of revival meeting popular in the colonies during the Great Awakening. Cane Ridge was a type of “protracted meeting” that was often referred to as a “camp meeting.” Generally, when the word “protracted” is used, it meant that the meeting was held indoors on successive days, usually in a church building. Guest preachers were nearly always invited in order to draw a crowd. Popular preachers were the rock stars of their day and everyone knew their names.

The growing Pentecostal movement and black churches would hold long protracted meetings, sometimes lasting weeks or even months! Most Christians/Disciples felt satisfied with a week or two, using the experience as a way to “revive” the spirit of the church more than to add members. Many, however, felt they failed if members were not added, but many protracted meetings generated only a handful of converts. When large numbers were baptized, it generated big news. Protracted meetings featured one or more guest speakers and many of the speeches delivered messages about matters of doctrine or church order rather than evangelism.

Quilt

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Reminder: Each block needs to be 6 1/2 inches square, which will allow for a generous seam allowance to end up with a 6" square in the quilt. Do not trim or cut the material squares you have been given to another size.



If you have not yet signed up for a block or if you need a little help completing it, there is still time. Call Pat Rainey (446-0419) or Mary Tompson (442-8849) for help. We want everyone to be included in our anniversary quilt!

Ecumenical Lecture Series for Church Members and Friends - "Gaining New Perspectives for Life Enrichment"

To serve our respective congregations by offering continuing education opportunities for church members, friends and the general public, Rev. John Yonker of First Christian Church, Rev. Rick Frost, Broadway Christian Church, Rev. Dick Ramsey, First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Jim Bryan of United Methodist have all participated in the planning of a series of educational programs under the theme, "Gaining New Perspectives for Life Enrichment." The series of lectures, described below, will be held at Columbia's First Christian Church, 101 N. 10th Street. There is no fee or registration for lectures, and the public is invited to attend:

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MONDAYS-7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

April 9 - WAR AND RELIGION: DILEMMAS OF BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE - Since religion is often a source/cause of violence, what role can it possibly have in our desire to have a culture of peace. How do we handle the dilemmas of tolerance and relativism, the relationship of religiousness and intolerance, linking religion and nationalism, interpreting truth, and handling the notion that the prophetic voice of one's religion is to transform the state or culture? - Charles Cowger, PhD, M.U. Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor of Peace Studies.

April 16 - THE SCIENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE CURRENT STATE OF GLOBAL WARMING - What are the arguments for human causes of global warming? What are the arguments against human causes of global warming? Dr. Lupu will review these arguments and the findings of the intergovernmental panel on climate change. He will also discuss, "Where in the world do we go from here?" - Anthony Lupu, PhD, M. U. Professor of Atmospheric Science.

April 23 - THE HISTORICAL JESUS - Who is this man who lived two thousand years ago? Did he really claim to be the Son of God? Here is a man who created an entire religion, and is still followed and worshiped by millions upon millions of people around the world. Have new archeological and textual findings changed anyone's perspective regarding Jesus? What evidence do new archeological and textual findings bring to questions concerning this man? Is it important that we care? - Anthony M. Alioto, PhD, Professor and Schiffman Endowed Chair in Ethics, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Columbia College; and John Yonker, DMin, Senior Minister of Columbia's First Christian Church.

(Watch for April 30 details in next week's Visitor)

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A Better Way to Do Missions

From a struggling, fatherless, impoverished family in the countryside in Uganda central Africa to a sparkling student at Connecticut College, USA, is the life drama already of Beatrice Biara. It's thanks to the Christian rural missions of Heifer International. One good milk-producing goat received back home began making the difference.

Our church being a longtime ardent participant in Heifer, the "Visitor" newsletter invited us all to a public meeting about Heifer here in town last Saturday to hear more such "impossible" stories and about Heifer International. Presenters, information folios, a display, lunch chat together, and short subject movies added zeal for Heifer missions.

A genius of Heifer's rapid expansion is that every poor recipient agrees to become a donor of a gift-in-kind as soon as possible. Then more and more families become better off. It is also a spiritual practice of "passing on the gift." The Christian way of life, sometimes unspoken, prevails! As a Tanzania man noted on TV recently, "Hungry people cannot worship or work very well."

Carol Oliver, the farmwise new staff person for Missouri, coordinated the meeting, and chief presenter was longtime and exhilarating Heifer staff man Dave Boothby.

One poor couple in Szechwan, China, received a trio of Heifer rabbits several years ago. They now have a large commercial rabbitry, share how to do it, and have already "passed on" more than 5,000 rabbits.

For our church, the World Outreach committee, headed by C.K. Hoenes, aids Heifer International and keeps us informed.

Dear John,

We recently received a \$300 gift from First Christian Church, which brings the total from FCC since April 2006 to \$1,475.00. Thank you! And in addition FCC hosted the Columbia fund raising dinner.

The support we received from FCC last year and the many years before means a lot to us as we serve in the name of Christ and the Disciples of Christ. It is our hope and prayer that in the years to come we will be more aware of the work we do together. Thanks again to FCC and to you as well.

Best regards,
Larry Veatch, NBA Woodhaven



Good News About Prodigals - Max Lucado says, "The pain of a loved one's hard heart. How do you bear it? How do you respond to it? Because not many have dared to guide us through such a season, this book is invaluable. If you have a prodigal in your life, this author's word is for you. The book and its readers can be aqueducts of God's unending love."

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Sunday's Schedule-April 8, 2007

Van Driver: Cliff Tompson *Telephone:* Laura and Tom Crane

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

8:30 Communion Preparation: Tom and Carol Hughey, Sue Fink

8:30 Liturgist: Mike Randerson

8:30 Elders: Frances and Harsh Brown, Cherry Hinderberger

8:30 Deacons: The Campbell Team

8:30 Greeters: Barb Rothenberger, *North Door*

Mary and Cliff Tompson, *South Door*

8:30 Ushers: The Burnam Team

8:30 Banner Bearers: TBA *8:30 Candlelighters:* TBA

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Dorothy Porter

Nursery Volunteer: Susan Ripley

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 Communion Preparation: Mark, Pam and Ryan Hunsaker

Liturgist: Jennifer Alexander

10:30 Elders: Marsha and Tom Sisson, Joyce Stanley

10:30 Deacons: The England Team

10:30 Greeters: Cora Riley and Shirley Park, *North Door*

Kim and Buddy Boger, *South Door*

10:30 Ushers: The Hunsaker Team

10:30 Banner Bearers: Sam Poole and Conner Stormer

10:30 Candlelighters: Matthew Hoepfner and Megan Potthast

Flower Ministry: delivered - Sally Robinson



This Week (April 8 - 14)

Sun. - Easter Sunday
- No youth groups

Mon. - Lecture Series - "War and Religion: Dilemmas of Building a Culture of Peace", 7:00-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Pastor's Class, 6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 7:15-8:30 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

Fri. - Pathfinders Date Night, 6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Mid-Month Movie, 7:00 p.m., Cinema, 3rd floor - "Lilies of the Field"

Sat. - College Group, 9:00-11:30 a.m., Wardrobe