



## Ken's Retirement Celebration- April 29, 2007

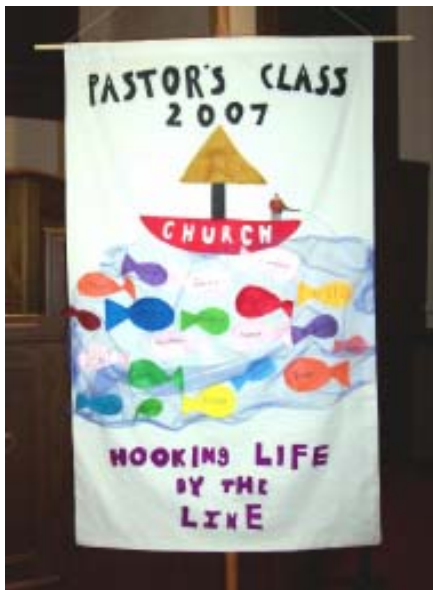
Join us this Sunday when we celebrate Ken's ministry and honor the Watson family as Ken retires. This is a special day you won't want to miss! Look for details about the celebration in the 175th Anniversary insert in this mailing.



## Sunday Services

As we gather for worship this coming Sunday, April 29, we will recognize Ken Watson's thirteen years of work as our Associate Minister. Passages of scripture will be read from Psalm 139 and Hebrews 11:8-12, and Ken will deliver the sermon, "Not Knowing Where He Was Going."

In honor of Nancy and Ken Watson there will be very special music at both services. At the 8:30 service Brenda Mosby will sing "Thank You" written by Ray Boltz. The Handbells, Brass Ensemble, and Chancel Choir will enrich the 10:30 service with "Come, Christians, Join to Sing," and the anthem "I am Alive and I Can See." There will also be a special offertory, written by Alan Nellis, in Ken's honor.



## Pastor's Class Ends with Baptismal Service

Our Pastor's Class for young people concluded with an exciting and moving baptismal service this past Sunday. All eight of the youth came forward to make their Confession of Faith and receive Baptism. John and Ken met with the young people and their mentors over the past few weeks, and Amy Kay joined the class as they finished with a fun weekend retreat at Rickman Center. It was a great class with a lot of diversity, creativity, and curiosity. We want everyone to say "Welcome" to these young people (and a "thank you" to their mentors). Thanks also to Pam Hunsaker for providing our meal last Wednesday — truly a feast! — and to Angie Allen-Hylen for hosting the reception for the young people in the Fellowship Hall after the baptismal service last Sunday.

*Pictured above is the banner which the members of the Pastor's Class crafted at their weekend retreat at the Rickman Center.*

Members of the class and their sponsors are:

- Lauren Cupp**, daughter of Mike Cupp, mentor, Joni Cupp
- Steve Gieseke**, son of Dan and Holly Gieseke, mentor, Harsh Brown
- Cameron Grahl**, daughter of Tiki Grahl, mentor, Nancy Watson
- Heather Hunsaker**, daughter of Mark and Pam Hunsaker, mentor, Fred Mottaz
- Andy Janssen**, daughter of Louis and Janice Janssen, mentor, Janice Janssen
- Brian McCarty**, son of Ken and Susan McCarty, mentor, Dane Pavlovich
- Jenny McCarty**, daughter of Ken and Susan McCarty, mentor, Jackie Davidson
- Nathan Sapp**, son of Joni Cupp, mentor, Joni Cupp

These are our youth and already a vital part of our congregational life. Congratulations to all!

### Weekly Report

April 22, 2007

Received \$6,491.00

Received to Date \$379,168.16

Attendance - 312

(includes early worship - 55)

*From the Frontier to the Future*



**First  
Christian  
Church**

(Disciples of Christ)  
Columbia, Missouri



## Heerrree's Johnny!

As head of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Genie Rogers has written an excellent article for this VISITOR inviting everyone to attend the retirement celebration of Ken Watson this coming Sunday, April 29. Without being overly redundant, I want to add my voice to hers inviting and encouraging you to be present for Ken's recognition.

We have all come to enjoy Ken's sermons, not knowing what to expect as he takes his place behind the pulpit, or as he begins to walk around the front of the sanctuary, telling stories and reminding us of the truths contained in the Bible, very often from the pages of the Old Testament. This coming Sunday will be nothing different as he takes off from the words of Psalm 139, and the author of Hebrews who talked about Abraham who answered the call of God and set out, "not knowing where he was going," wandering his way across the desert into the land of Canaan. I can't predict what he is going to say, but I would bet that as he speaks we will be treated to a glimpse into Ken's heart and soul, reminded of his love for the church, and his desire to continue answering the call of God into his retirement years.

Hopefully you have written your letters of thanks to Ken for his ministry. I will write mine to be included in the book of letters which will be presented on Sunday morning. But let me take this public space to say thanks to Ken for his support and comradeship during these past thirteen years. It hardly seems possible that it was that long ago when I talked to him about the spot on the staff we were going to create to provide support for the beginning of our computer lab. We had a young couple, professors at Columbia College, who set the wheels in motion to begin the project, and we needed someone on the staff to help us follow through and fulfill our dream of setting up a space in the church where members of the church, young and old alike, could use computers in the educational ministry. When he heard that announcement, his ears perked up and he decided to accept our invitation to join the effort.

I want to thank Ken for his support of me and the whole church staff in these past years. When I have called upon him to help me with the pastoral ministry, to make hospital calls, to take a wedding, or to conduct a funeral, he has always said yes, and re-

sponded with a caring ministry to our people. We have been fortunate to share together as players on the same team. Occasionally I reminded him that I was the boss, and we both enjoyed a good laugh. We have both said many times in private conversations what a great privilege we have had in serving as ministers of this congregation. I want to thank him for the years of service we have shared together, and invite you to do the same as we celebrate his ministry on Sunday.

For My Church Family,

A great big thank you for visits from John and Amy Kay and many other church friends - The Easter Lily and altar flowers brightened my stay at the hospital. The shawl made by Millie Bolman is so soft and warm. It looks as though I have many months ahead of me that will require extra care; therefore, I will move to South Hampton upon my release from the hospital.

Don Houston



## Easter Offering

You are an awesome congregation! Once again the members and friends of First Christian Church have shown their tremendous Christian love through their support of the greater work of the church. Through Sunday, April 22, 2007, your special contributions to the Christian Church Disciples of Christ Easter offering totals \$2,194.25.

### Happy Birthday



Sherry Dobbs-April 29  
Kelli Embry-April 29  
Susan Ramsey-April 29  
Anne Tomlin-April 29  
Jade Mills-April 29  
Korinna Hylen-April 30  
Jane Ann Hackett-May 1  
Margot Lubensky-May 1  
Doris Neidhardt-May 2  
Jacob Ripley-May 2  
Deidre Wipke-Tevis-May 4

## News of the congregation

The following members of our congregation are in our concern at this time: **Don Houston** is recovering from surgery last week at Boone Hospital. **Parker Rossman** is recovering from surgery on Wednesday also at Boone Hospital. **Sue Wright** has returned home to recover from surgery on Monday and **Bill Niedergerke** has returned home to continue recovering from surgery last week.

Our prayers are with **Kurt Schaefer** whose father, Dr. Glenn Schaefer, is in serious condition at a hospital in St. Louis.

Thanks to **Jerry Daugherty** for his beautiful solo, "The Holy City" which was presented at both services last Sunday morning.

Congratulation to **Dorothy Jacobs Hatfield** on the Columiba College Service Award that she received at the Columbia College 2007 Alumni Award Program on Saturday, April 21.

Congratulations to two of our Columbia College students who were recognized at the Columbia College Honors and Awards Convocation on Friday, April 13. **Kathleen Keaveney** was presented the History Book Award, which is given to an outstanding history student. **Amanda Jorgenson** was awarded the Lucinda Van Meter Haynie Memorial Scholarship, which is given to returning history or political science majors with strong academic performance.

Congratulations to **Katie Stanley** who was elected National President of the National Society Children of the American Revolution at the 112th National Convention held this past weekend in Washington D.C. Katie took the oath of office on the grounds of George Washington's home at Mount Vernon. Katie is the daughter of two extremely proud parents, **Bragg and Joyce Stanley** and the sister of **Jason Stanley** a theater student in New York.

## Thank You

Dear Members of First Christian,  
I am certainly enjoying the lovely Easter lily that came from the Easter Sunday Service. Thank you, Sally, for bringing it to me.

Elwyn Ewer

# 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary News - Genie Rogers

## April is Ministerial Appreciation Month

### April 29, 2007 - Ken's Retirement Celebration

This coming Sunday, April 29, 2007, will bring joy and sadness at Ken Watson's last Sunday in his ministerial role at First Christian Church. We celebrate with him the excitement of slower days filled with doing the things he enjoys, spending time with Nancy and the girls, and diving into some of his long-anticipated history projects. We know we are losing the support, guidance, and help from a kind friend whose presence in the office during the week and in the chancel each Sunday morning has touched each of us.

Ken's influence and teaching skills will impact First Christian Church far into the next generation. His insight has been a building block in the forward thinking and progressive nature of our congregation. We feel blessed to have been part of his 43 year career in the ministry.

#### 10:30 Service

The 10:30 service at church will have some extra special touches to recognize Ken. Expect some surprises. We plan to welcome the new Area Minister, Kris Tenny-Brittian who will present the Retired Ministers pin. There will be a meaningful tribute given by Micki Kirkham representing the grateful appreciation we all feel for Ken's contributions and legacy at First Christian. Judy Cunningham will present the Book of Letters, which has been compiled by Mimi McRoberts over the last few weeks.

#### Reception

There will be delicious buffet food available after church in Fellowship Hall. Many of Ken's family and friends will be present for his special day. As soon as everyone has gotten their plates and taken a seat, John Yonker will begin the program as the "event MC". A musical narration titled "A Musical Tribute to Ken and Nancy Watson" will be written, planned, and performed by Mike and Melissa Straw, Jean Hall, Susan Woodbury and Mary Bancroft. This is a **"do not miss event."** After the musical program, Sarah Read will present the congregational gift.

#### Book of Letters

A Book of Letters is being assembled by Mimi McRoberts with help from Brenda Mosby and they need your letter to include in the book. A letter of any size, length or shape is welcome. It is not too late but please hurry. We need your letter soon as the deadline is **April 27, 2007** so it can be included in this book. If you are running late, drop it by the church office and Mimi will pick it up. It will be a treasure for Ken and Nancy to have so we want to include every one. Please send your note to: **Mimi McRoberts, 1001 Cherry Street, Ste. 201, Columbia, MO 65201-7931.**

#### Gift

A fund is being collected to present Nancy and Ken with a check as a thank you gift from the congregation. Deadline for contributions is **Friday, April 27, 2007**. If you wish to contribute please send your check to Fred Mottaz, 101 North 10th Street, Columbia, MO 65201. Please note in the memo line that it is for the Watson Retirement Fund.



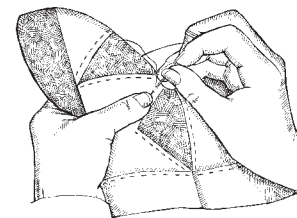
## Quilt

Over 80 squares have now been turned in for our First Christian Church Quilt. There is still time to pick up a square or finish the one you have started, as there are three weeks until the deadline. **DEADLINE IS MAY 20.**

The quilt promises to be unique and beautiful. It seems impossible, but every single square received is reflective of the person or family who created it. All are works of art and a showcase of individual creativity.

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), Mary Tompson (442-8849) or Tommie Ross (442-0615) for help. No experience is needed and these ladies would be delighted to help anyone. We want everyone to be included in our anniversary quilt!



## Walter M. Haushalter 1891-1963



Walter M. Haushalter may have been one of the most handsome men to serve in the pulpit of any church of the day. He is remembered to this day by the few who remember his time in Columbia as a smooth, charming, and good looking man with an impeccable style. He came to Columbia a bachelor and left a bachelor. Unfortunately, for many years his personal life was plagued by a promise he made to a dying fiancée that nearly ended his life and led to a serious mental breakdown.

Born in Doylestown, Ohio in 1892, Haushalter graduated from Hiram College and received an MA from Yale University. He achieved membership in Delta Sigma Rho, an exclusive Yale scholarship fraternity. As a young minister, Haushalter displayed enormous preaching skills, had a magnetic personality, and his sermons held the congregation spellbound. Memorizing his sermons, he never used notes. With his left arm resting on the lectern, he addressed his listeners in a manner like a friendly conversation.

In 1920 his handsome charm and brilliant preaching skills favorably impressed the Board of the Columbia church. He was issued the call and was given a salary of \$3,000.00. He came to Columbia with many new ideas and a lot of energy to tackle them. Early in his ministry he proposed dividing the city into the four existing wards with a resident elder in charge of each with several deacons working under him to reach all members of the church. For the first time, the church began printing church bulletins informing members of the activities of the church. In 1921 Haushalter presented plans to the Board for a new student organization to be called the Christian Students Congregation. They were charged with handling the Sun-

day evening services. Younger junior high and grade school children were organized into speaking programs and a band. In 1922, Haushalter put 6 ladies on the Board of Deacons and they took over the duty of communion preparation, formerly done by the janitor. Haushalter's popularity led to 2,000 people coming to church services, the 1200 printed bulletins ran short each week and in 1923, 50 collapsible chairs were ordered for seating in the aisles. Large crowds were forced to wait outside until communion was passed so the aisles would be clear. Plans began for an extravagant new church, but since 800 students in the local colleges attended each Sunday, he felt a state-wide financial canvassing needed to be done for funds. The selected architect drew a Gothic style building with two main divisions—a church auditorium seating 1,800 and an educational wing. Soon as the \$75,000 church pledges were secured, Haushalter would then do a statewide campaign preaching in other churches across the state. Meanwhile that year, Haushalter began broadcasting Sunday morning services over radio station WOS in Jefferson City. The church voted to pay a third of the expense for a radio control panel located at Christian College. He also did a great deal of writing in magazines on religious subjects and published his first novel, *The Lotus Throne of Nirvana*. He was elected director of the MO Educational Commission in 1926. That same year, he was the invited speaker before the evangelist session of the national convention of the Disciples of Christ, which drew 7,000 people.

After considerable effort, the state fund-raising campaign for a new church building was abandoned due to lack of success. Exhausted from his non-stop work and the failed campaign, Haushalter appeared to be suffering from exhaustion, illness, and depression. He was granted a leave of absence to go to the Mayo Clinic. After being granted the leave, he traveled extensively and erratically. He went to preach in a Fresno, California Christian Church and was issued a call. Not knowing what to do, he turned on the gas heater in his study, closed it up assuming that he would be found dead the next morning. The next morning firemen broke through the windows to revive him and got him to the hospital. The Columbia church sent his personal physician to California to guarantee him his position and to assess his health. The Columbia doctor took Haushalter to a private California sanitarium. Not long after, he tendered his resignation to the Columbia church.

As the story unfolded, it appeared the young minister had promised his fiancée on her deathbed that he would never marry. He felt increasingly the need for a wife in his ability to fulfill his duties as a pastor. Tortured over a promise he should not have made and the reality of the time, he determined death was preferable to a broken promise.

After treatment and rest, Haushalter regained his health and married. He took on a noted pastorate at the Christian Temple in Baltimore, MD for 10 years then went as a Disciple delegate to Europe. After returning to this country in 1947 he joined the Episcopal Church and was a rector of the Church of St. Luke of the Epiphany in Philadelphia until his death in 1963. Upon the death of Mrs. Haushalter in 1975, a major bequest was left to Bethany College in the name of her and her late husband.

Genie Rogers

# YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

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

[www.firstchristian.org/youth](http://www.firstchristian.org/youth)

We won't be meeting after worship this Sunday, April 29th, because we are all invited to celebrate Ken's ministry during that time! It will be a grand day and we hope you can be a part of it! (See related article)

CYF continues meeting on the even Wednesdays of each month from 7:15 – 8:30pm. Our next gathering will be May 9th and we hope you can make it!!

Just as a reminder, please check the youth bulletin board or our web site ([www.firstchristian.org/youth](http://www.firstchristian.org/youth)) for all of the summer mission trip packets and camp information. FYI, the Area has extended the early bird camp registration date until April 30, so you can still get the cheap rates if you turn your stuff in quickly. Definitely factor in the church's scholarship of half of the registration cost when considering camp – it is a great bargain for an excellent camping experience. Let me know if you have any questions!



## Thank you!

Thanks to all of those who have delivered and reported back about college care packages! Sharing packages with the students is a wonderful, long-term ministry of the church. Thanks also to Kelly Mueller and Alisha Gay (who was back visiting!) for making all of our brownies. They were perfect!



## Coffman-Watson Meets May 7

The Coffman-Watson Circle will close out their year with a meal at the Upper Crust on Elm Street Monday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m. Adam Guy, who is the grandson of Coffman-Watson Circle member Connie Guy, owns the Upper Crust. Each member may invite a guest to attend this \$15.00 a person meal plus tip. We will dine on Sauteed Parmesan Chicken and/or Beef Tenderloin, Yukon Twice-Baked Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, and a dessert tray will be available for us to choose from several delicious treats. Please call Sally Robinson, 819-5043 by May 1st for your reservations.



Last Sunday the youth groups went to the Mottaz house for an afternoon and evening of frolicking, fishing, and fun. The event could not have been successful without the partners' help. Church Administrative Assistant Kay Beissenherz twisted her husband's arm to take her fishing on Friday so the kids would have fresh crappie to eat. Mark Hunsaker was the official chauffeur and church van driver. He was also the fishing guide, equipment outfitter, hook baiter, line untangle man, and official hook remover from the fish. Pam Hunsaker, the official head kitchen coolie and hash slinger, was in charge of meal preparation. She was helped by Aunt Cora Riley, Susan McCarty, and Elizabeth Mottaz. The kitchen crew prepared fried fish batter, fried hush puppies, fried hand pies, fried blooming onions, and a vegetable tray (we couldn't figure out a way to fry the vegetables). Thanks also to the parents who entrusted their children to the hazards of Hallsville.

## Ladies..... Save the Date!

The 2007 Women's Ministries Retreat will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at Dulany Hall, Columbia College from 9:00 to 3:30. The theme for the day is "Seeking God's Direction through Physical, Spiritual and Interpersonal Relationships". Coletta Eichenberger will lead us through the day with activities and practices designed to deepen our awareness of the mind-body-heart-spirit connection in an atmosphere of grace, ease, acceptance and non-judgment. It will be a fun and creative day! You'll be hearing more about this event in the weeks to come. If you have any questions, call Mary Taylor at 573-687-2256 or e-mail [marytaylor52@hotmail.com](mailto:marytaylor52@hotmail.com).

## Blessing of the Seeds

Saturday, May 5, is a very special day! We are all invited to breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Prairie Grove United Methodist Church in Hatton, MO. I know that is rather early, but think of the companionship. We will have a "Blessing of the Seeds" and then if weather permits we will go down the road a few miles and plant them, hoping for a wonderful harvest in September or October.

Our friends in Hatton will provide scrambled eggs and we will bring "Meats and Sweets." Please let the church office know by Sunday, April 29, if you would like to participate in this exciting event. Thank you.

Harsh Brown, Secretary  
World Outreach Committee

## Graduates

We look forward to celebrating our High School Graduates on Sunday, May 20, at which time we will also rejoice with our College Graduates. If you are a college graduate or know of someone who is, please contact the church office so that we don't miss anyone. Thanks!



**Fifth Street Christian  
Church's Choir Day** - Sunday,  
April 29th, 3:00 p.m. (401 N.  
Fifth Street).

**Boone County Council on Aging  
"Kitchens in Bloom Home  
Tour,"** May 6, 12:00-4:00, call  
443-1111 for more information.

# The Visitor

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## Sunday's Schedule-April 29, 2007

*Van Driver:* TBA    *Telephone:* Joni Cupp

**8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary**

*Worship Asst:* Jerry and Mary Daugherty

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Cherry Hinderberger

*Communion Preparation:*

Mary Kay Mueller, Debbie Taylor, Matthew Taylor

**9:30 Church School**

*Church School Greeter:* Lorene and Nelson Trickey

*Nursery Volunteer:* Hayley Batterson

**10:30 Worship in Sanctuary**

*Sermon:* Dr. Kenneth R. Watson    *Liturgist:* Bettie Koelling

*10:30 Elders:* Robert Swanson, Joyce Stanley, Carol Slusher

*Deacons:* The Stanley Team

*Greeters:*

Eric and Tammy Arnett, *North Door*

Kent and Paula Kurtz, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Scott Team

*Banner Bearers:* Matthew Hoepfner & Megan Potthast

*Candlelighters:* Jeff & Zach Ruffolo

*Flower Ministry:*

*arranged:* Pat Rainey

*delivered:* Mike and Mary Taylor

*Evangelism Calls:* Linda Ridgeway

## This Week (April 29-May 5)

Sun. - Ken's Reception, after 10:30 worship service,  
Fellowship Hall



- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Yellow Field

Mon. - Drennan Singers, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- Search Committee, 7:00 p.m., Morris Parlor

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- World Outreach, 4:00 p.m., Keystone Room  
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Country Kitchen

Sat. - Blessing of the Seeds, 8:30 a.m., Prairie Grove  
Methodist Church in Hatton