



## Welcome New Member!



It was a pleasure to welcome **Mona Stevenson** into our congregation who united with us as an Associate Member at the early service on December 24. No stranger to us, Mona is the sister of Janice Dysart of our congregation, and the daughter of the late and Phil and Berre Dysart. Mona and her husband, Jay, met while students at the University of Missouri involved in the Christian Student Congregation of our congregation. Active members of Central Christian Church in Warren, Ohio where they lived for many years, they moved to Columbia last summer and are making plans to build a home west of Rocheport. (address: 3228 Wind River Circle, Columbia 65203; phone # 234-7714) Welcome home, Mona!

## Greetings from Gulfport!

Greetings from Gulfport, Mississippi and Disciple Disaster Response! As I write this, our group of 17 is busy cleaning the defrosted deep freeze, picking up trash around the church and getting ready for a big rest of the week. We are still working out our big plans for the day which may include painting the outside of a house that we worked on this summer when we were down here. Wednesday through Friday will be spent roofing a trailer's house that is literally falling in on the family who had to move into the home because of the destruction of their original home pre-storm. It is amazing what many are continuing to deal with from the disaster. This is a powerful ministry of our church and we are so thankful to get to be a part of the works. You are welcome to see our journal as our trip progresses online. We are linked off of the church's main page. And, you are invited to hear more about this trip and all of the others of this past 2006 on Wednesday, January 10th (see article below).

## Mission Trip Celebrations - an all-church event

Have you ever wondered about all these mission trips we are taking? What even happens on these journeys? You are invited to come to the church for a night of celebrations of all of our learning and serving experiences on **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall**. During this time we will be enjoying a mission-trip-styled supper (yummie!), and presentations from each of our five trips. Pictures will be shared in powerpoint style with commentary. Mission Trippers are invited to come at 5:30pm and view their group's segment and divide up memories to share. Don't miss this all-church event!

## In Worship on Sunday!

Although Christmas is past the first Sunday of the new year, January 7, is the first Sunday of the season of Epiphany, and brings the familiar story of the wise men which we most often hear as part of the Christmas story. Found in Matthew 2:1-2, this story will serve as the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon, "Home By Another Way."

Special music for the day will include at the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir anthem, "March of the Kings," a traditional French carol which was arranged by Mark Hayes.

### Weekly Report

December 24, 2006

Received \$8,066.73

Received to Date \$240,276.80

Attendance - 367

(includes early worship - 102)

### Weekly Report

December 31, 2006

Received \$6,627.50

Received to Date \$246,959.30

Attendance - 212

(includes early worship - 56)



## Heeerrreee's Johnny!

We all know about centennials and bi-centennials, but have you ever heard of a terquasquicentennial? That's a 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and that is what we are getting ready to celebrate in 2007 – the terquasquicentennial of First Christian Church.

Our congregation traces its roots to 1832 when a group of men and women left the Bear Creek Christian Church, located on what is now the south edge of Albert Oakland Park, and moved to Columbia to establish a new congregation of Christians and Disciples of Christ. We have been worshiping God and serving Christ in this place ever since! And that is something to celebrate.

In the coming year monthly themes will highlight the many facets of the ministry of the church during its long history. **January** will focus on historical remembrances beginning with an "old fashioned" worship on January 14. Men will sit on one side of the sanctuary and women will sit on the other! Hymns will be sung without instrumental accompaniment and the preachers will appear in period style clothing. **February** will bring the first David B. Rogers Memorial Lecture, presented by Bob Priddy, focusing on the impact of religion on historical development of the state and the city of Columbia. **March** will include a Sunday afternoon concert by the Jane Froman Singers from Columbia College, and **April** will celebrate the congregation's ministerial leadership, culminating with a reception honoring Ken Watson's retirement.

The summer months will bring an ice cream social, a picnic and a rag-time concert. The fall will find us recognizing the ministry of Christian Education and entering a float in the MU Homecoming Parade, celebrating a "Coming Home Sunday" with a sermon by one of our "Timothies," and the publishing of a "Book of Thanksgiving." The year will come to an end as we focus on the future.

On the streets around the church building we will soon see new banners hanging from lamp posts and telephone poles announcing the celebration,

**From the Frontier to the Future  
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

**1832 – 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2007**

It all begins on January 14. Dress up in something "old-timey", bring ma and pa and all the little ones, and join us in the house of the Lord as we kick off our terquasquicentennial celebration.

*Thank You!*

Thank you to the shawl ministry. I was so pleased that you thought of me.  
David R. Chrisman

To all of our friends at the church we send our wishes for a safe and healthy New Year. Our heartfelt thanks go to the Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl and to John for the delivery and the visit. Also, thanks to Nannie Lou Mallett who made the shawl. It couldn't have been any better.  
Ronald and Dorothy Durnil

I want to thank the church and the flower ministries for the beautiful flowers. I hope I can keep them growing for several months. It is great to be remembered.  
Dubby Muir

One evening last week a beautiful Christmas surprise welcomed me at the door where I reside at Lenoir Woods. A mysterious "Santa" left me a bright red poinsettia. To that person or persons, I am very grateful. Thank you!  
Iva Dell Thurman

In the recent tragic death of my granddaughter, the love and support of First Christian Church came to my family in so many ways. The prayers, calls, cards, notes, flowers for Claire's Memorial Service, visits from Sarah and John, have all helped to sustain us during these very difficult days. The shawl from the Shawl Ministry-made by Helen Grahl- has wrapped me in your love. Thank you for being my wider family and bringing God's endless love to us.  
Moray Loring Kiehl

Thank you to the mystery person who watered the poinsettias between Dec. 17 and Dec. 21. They continued to look lovely and added great beauty to our worship. There are a few plants left in the flower room. Please take one if you know of a person who would enjoy it.  
Nancy Watson

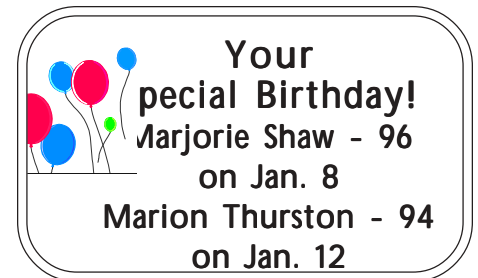
## News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Holly and Josh Wheatley** on the birth of their son, **Kaedon Patrick Thomas Wheatley**, who was born on Monday afternoon, December 18, at Boone Hospital. The proud big sisters are **Makali** and **Emma**.

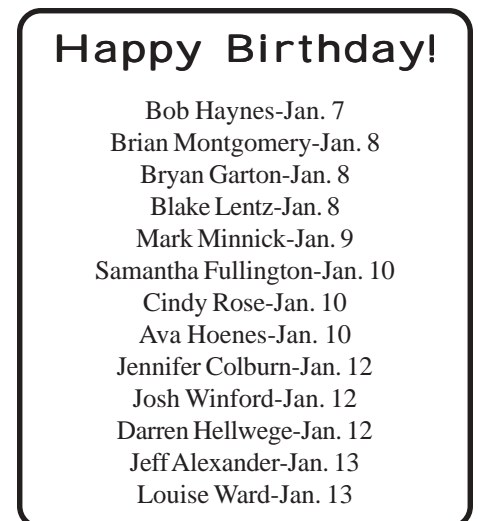
Our sympathy is extended to **Freda Martz** and her family on the death of her sister, **Esther Johnson**, who died on December 21 at Dilworth, Minnesota. She was 70 years old.

We bid farewell and Godspeed to **Ruth Hook** and **Ada Hook** who have moved back to their hometown of Chicago! Having moved to Columbia several years ago, Ruth Hook became a resident of Paquin Towers and a member of our congregation who participated in the Tuesday Bible Study group. Not long after Ruth's move to our city, her parents, Curt and Ada, also moved to Columbia and became active members of our congregation. Curt passed away in 2003. In December last year Ruth returned to Chicago to become a resident of the Bridgeview Health Care Center (8100 S. Harlem Ave, Bridgeview, IL 60455) and Ada moved on January 3 to Moraine Court, Apt. 237 (8080 S. Harlem Ave. Bridgeview, IL 60455).

**Fred List** was admitted to Regional Hospital last weekend and hopes to return home soon.



**Your  
pecial Birthday!**  
**Marjorie Shaw - 96**  
on Jan. 8  
**Marion Thurston - 94**  
on Jan. 12



**Happy Birthday!**

- Bob Haynes-Jan. 7
- Brian Montgomery-Jan. 8
- Bryan Garton-Jan. 8
- Blake Lentz-Jan. 8
- Mark Minnick-Jan. 9
- Samantha Fullington-Jan. 10
- Cindy Rose-Jan. 10
- Ava Hoenes-Jan. 10
- Jennifer Colburn-Jan. 12
- Josh Winford-Jan. 12
- Darren Hellwege-Jan. 12
- Jeff Alexander-Jan. 13
- Louise Ward-Jan. 13



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

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

JYF, Chi Rho and CYF will all meet at their regular times this Sunday, January 7th. We will each begin work towards Youth Sunday which is the first weekend in February. This week we will be doing fun activities and games in an effort to understand our scripture better. The following weeks we will work on our actual parts of worship. I've been missing all of you - it will be great to get together again!

Adults who love youth: we would appreciate help as we get ready for and lead worship on Youth Sunday. My dream would be to have a specific person or pair with each youth group throughout this month. Partners would meet with us and then help us facilitate things on Youth Sunday morning. Please call Amy Kay if you are interested in hearing more of the specifics.

Partner thanks to **Kim Boger, Eric Arnett, Ken Watson and John Yonker** for helping us in different ways as we led the 11:00pm worship service on Christmas Eve.

## History Happens

Beginning on January 21 during the Sunday School hour (9:30), Ken Watson will be teaching a 4 week class on the history of First Christian Church. The C.L. Class is graciously allowing us to meet in Morris Parlor for this time. The class will give a brief overview of the history of the Disciples of Christ in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century in order to set the 1832 beginning of our congregation in an historical context. We'll spend the last three weeks looking at some of the amazing story of our church, how it has grown and interacted with our community and the larger denomination. There is no need to register for the class, just come on up to the Parlor on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and join us as we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary through our history.



As we come to work day by day and share in the life of this church Sunday by Sunday, we realize how fortunate we are to serve First Christian Church. We are overwhelmed at your generous monetary gift to us at Christmas and your continued support. Thank you.

The Church Staff

## Help! Help!

We are trying to begin 2007 with a clean library. January work days are to be devoted to that project.

There are about 125 books that have been checked out for more than a month (some for a year or two). Would you please look around your place and see if you have forgotten a book that has the First Christian Church stamp in it. If you find one, please return it.


Edith Taylor



**Church Eat-Out**  
 Friday - Jan. 5  
 5:30 p.m.  
 Country Kitchen  
 Everyone Welcome!

### Mission Trip Photos

(for more great photos check the church website: [www.firstchristian.org](http://www.firstchristian.org))




**175th Anniversary Kickoff** - Jan. 14th  
 Old-time worship service celebrating the founding of our church in 1832, Kickoff to the 175th Anniversary celebration

**Cabinet Meeting** - Jan. 17th, 6:30 p.m.,  
 Morris Parlor

**Annual Planning Retreat** - Jan. 21st,  
 12:00 noon-2:00

**VIP Luncheon** - Jan 28th, Morris Parlor,  
 after 10:30 worship

Check the church website for other events: <http://www.firstchirstian.org>

# The Visitor

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## Sunday's Schedule-Jan. 7, 2007

*Van Driver:* Carol Slusher    *Telephone:* Debbie Potthast

### **8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary**

*Worship Asst:* Lisa Snyder, Mike and Janet Mountjoy

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Sarah Yonker

*Communion Preparation:*

Jane Ann Hackett, Susan Klockow, Vanessa Reynolds

### **9:30 Church School**

*Church School Greeter:* Gerry Coon

*Nursery Volunteer:* Molly Read

### **10:30 Worship in Sanctuary**

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker    *Liturgist:* College/Youth

*10:30 Elders:* Fred Mottaz, Perry Stemmons, Nelson Trickey

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeters:*

Marge Carey and Judy Creasy, *North Door*

Eric and Tammy Arnett, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team

*Banner Bearers:* Logan Garton and Devin Klotz

*Candlelighters:* Conner Stormer and Gavin Rose

*Flower Ministry:*

*arranged:* Roy Rogers

*delivered:* Kim and Buddy Boger

*Evangelism Calls:* Anne Campbell

## This Week (Jan. 7-13)

Sun. - JYF (grades 3-5), after 10:30 worship until 2:00 p.m.  
- Chi Rho (grades 6-8), 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Mon. - Church & Society Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

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

Wed. - Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., 209 W. Parkway  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Mission Trip Dinner & Reflections, 6:00-7:30 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall

Thur. - Property Committee Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

Sat. - Search Committee Mtg., 8:00 a.m., Morris Parlor

