



### Date Night!

Young couples, married or dating and with or without children, it's time for another Date Night! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 29th** at 6pm. We will be bowling at **Town and Country Lanes** located on North Providence. Childcare will again be provided for FREE at the church until 9pm. Drop your kids off between 5:30-5:45 and meet at the bowling alley by 6pm. We will be responsible

for our own bowling fees and refreshments. Hope to see you there for another great evening of fellowship!

### Calling all non married people of the church

The college group would like to invite you all to join them in playing a rousing game of wiffle ball on **Aug. 2nd** at 8:30 pm. The game will be held in Stephen's gym located on Dorsey St. (off of Broadway) We are hoping to have enough of you all to have a team to play against the college students. Let Elizabeth or Amy Kay know if you are interested in playing!  
~Elizabeth Rottmann

### Search Committee Narrows the Associate Minister Field to One!

After many months of good work, the search committee has chosen a minister that they are excited for you to meet. You are invited to come to the 175<sup>th</sup> Picnic on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm to informally get to know our new Associate Minister candidate. He will be hosted by John, Amy Kay and members of the Search Committee. As the process of these things go, this candidate won't tell his congregation of his possible relationship with us until we extend a call to him. For this reason, we will not publish the candidate's name and because we will have disciple guests at the picnic from other churches, we will not be announcing our candidate as such in front of all who are gathered. Further, the Administrative Board is invited to formally meet with this candidate on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. If the Board accepts the recommendation of the Search Committee, they will further recommend the minister's call to the Congregation on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. At that point, we will gladly, loudly and proudly publish information about our new minister! Exciting times are here and we thank the diligence of the Search Committee for the opportunity to be in relationship with this outstanding minister.  
~Amy Kay Pavlovich

### Pictorial Directories are in!

The church's directories are finally in. If you would like a copy, stop on by the church office, or you can pick them up on Sunday mornings.  
~Elizabeth Rottmann

**Weekly Report**  
July 22, 2007  
Received \$4,944.53  
Received to Date \$65,657.54  
Attendance - 250  
(includes early worship - 50)

### Sunday Services

This coming Sunday Dr. Yonker's sermon, "Sharing the Feast," will be based on the text from Matthew 14:13-21 and John 17:20-23.

Special music at both services will be a solo by Jerry Daugherty. "My Tribute" is the title of the music written by Andrae Crouch.



### Contemporary Worship Service

Next Thursday evening, **Aug. 2** we will be having a group come in to lead a contemporary worship service at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. The group comes highly recommended by Melissa Straw. If you are interested, come see what this group has cooked up for us!  
~Elizabeth Rottmann



## From the Land Beyond the Workroom... With excerpts from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram

John and I are both currently enjoying the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fort Worth, Texas. To share a bit about the event and our experiences with it, I will weave some of the media's coverage of our event with our personal narrative...

"More than 7,000 people from the United States and Canada are [gathered] for the 2007 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly from Saturday through Wednesday at the Fort Worth Convention Center. The theme is Share the Feast, based on the account of Jesus' miraculous feeding of 5,000 people in the Gospel of Matthew."

It certainly feels like over 7,000 ministers and lay people are gathered here in Cow Town! The chalice is everywhere we look – on bumper stickers, street light banners in the downtown area and even on the convention hall's adornments.

"Sharon Watkins, the denomination's general minister and president, said she will share good news with clergy and lay representatives in her State of the Church address: that the denomination of more than 700,000 members is ahead of schedule on its goal of starting 1,000 new congregations by 2020.

New methods... Watkins said the church will likely continue to expand its ministry by reaching out to people in new ways.

'Jesus was very down-to-earth, lived where people lived, reached out in very ordinary ways to make people's lives better,' she said.

'When that's our model, it's natural to reach out to people,' she said. 'That can be anything from prayer and counseling to a cup of cold water to computer programming classes to after-school programs.'

New focus... Assembly organizers said the event will feature more than 80 workshops with such diverse topics as the environment, the economy, evangelism and sexual intimacy."

The workshops that are offered each afternoon are amazing. The only problem is that

there are too many good classes offered at the same time! Dane is even considering attending some that are different from my picks so that we can get the most out of our short time here.

"Assembly representatives will also consider several nonbinding resolutions. Among them:

To oppose the war in Iraq as contrary to the teaching of Jesus and the "just war" standard of war as a defense and last resort.

The resolution notes that leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Churches, the Episcopal Church and mainline Protestant churches have expressed opposition to the war. However, the proposed resolution supports members of the armed forces serving in the war.

To encourage prevention of abortion through such measures as health and sexuality education paired with Christian spirituality; and shelters and counseling for women facing crisis pregnancies."

This resolution is actually being proposed by some of my classmates at Eden with the leadership of Michael Kinnamon. I am impressed with their diligent work that they were able to get this issue on the docket.

To oppose the use of tobacco because of its health risks.

To work to establish more widespread children's healthcare.

Advice only... D. Newell Williams, president of Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, noted that the assembly is not a policy-making body.

'There are reports and resolutions and advice, but nothing that limits or mandates what a congregation does,' said Williams, the nominee for assembly moderator. 'It's the responsibility of every congregation to discern Christ's will for the church.'

'The bulk of the assembly is about fellowship and determining how we can better equip ourselves to meet the spiritual and material needs of people from our doorsteps to the end of the Earth.'"

And the fellowship is outstanding. We are meeting people we've only know through disciple list serves, reacquainting ourselves

with old friends and processing the assembly with our close friends who are soaking it all in as well. The exhibition center is a great place for us to mingle while learning more about the different branches of the church.

Thank you all for allowing us this enchanted time of Assembly going. My only wish is that you could all be here with us! For the complete article(s) about the assembly, check out [www.star-telegram.com](http://www.star-telegram.com). Also, pictures and commentaries by the Disciple World and others can be found at [www.disciples.org/ga](http://www.disciples.org/ga).

~Amy Kay Pavlovich

## News of the congregation

Thanks are extended from the 8:30 worship service to **Norma Miller** for leading our music, to **Brenda Mosby** for offering a solo, to the **Martz family** for being our liturgists and to **Will and Donna Houston** for providing our Minute for History dialogue. Thanks are extended from the 10:30 worship service to **Mary Bancroft** and **Norma Miller** for their duets and to Mary for her music leadership, to **Linda Ridgeway** for being our liturgist, to **Linda Chandler** for her solo, to **Cliff and Mary Tompson** for their Minute for History dialogue, to **Rob Martin** and **Jessi Klockow** for their musical performance, to **Parker Rossman** for presiding at the table and to all of those who helped with the worship services!

Members in our concern include: **Jeryl Vaught** and **Lois Brown**, both at Boone Hospital.

## Attention Coffee Lovers

The church is pleased to announce that they have "Just Coffee" for sale in the church office. "Just Coffee" is a place located in Mexico that sells fair trade coffee. The college students visited this place while on their mission trip, and decided that the church should start offering fair trade coffee. By buying this coffee you are helping the coffee farmers receive the money from their beans more directly. We have available for sale Arabica coffee that comes in dark or regular roast, beans or ground, and a blend of Arabica and Robusta that comes in dark or regular roast, and these only come in ground. Stop on by the church office if you are interested. We are selling them for \$9 a bag or donation. (each bag holds a pound of coffee) ~Elizabeth Rottmann

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

## Picnic with Alexander Campbell



We are very fortunate to have as our guest on Sunday, August 5, 2007, Rev. John Bolen, Disciple minister and professor at Simpson College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He has spent many years honing the skills of portraying Alexander Campbell in his appearance, dress and speech. He will deliver the sermon at both services on August 5 and we will once again return to our 1832 roots. Anyone who wishes is encouraged to dress in period clothing. Once again, we will be using our old fashioned offering boxes. We will try very hard to be "in period." Later in the afternoon we will gather at the Reichmann Building at Stephens Lake Park. All Disciple area churches, Woodhaven staff and clients, and Lenoir Woods residents will be invited as our guests. FCC will provide fried chicken, paper plates, cups, plastic utensils and lemonade for everyone. If you choose, you may bring a side dish, but you do not have to do so. We simply want people to come!

Amy Kay will be in charge of games for all the kids. We hope some of the old-fashioned games will appeal to the kids, like potato sack races! Anyone who is able to help Amy Kay, please call her at the church office.

Our friend, Elder Campbell will be present, in character, and will offer the blessing before supper. He will be around to discuss the challenges of church history of the day and the pull between the Campbellites and the followers of Barton Stone. We will utilize the air conditioning of 2007 and the updated kitchen in the new Reichmann building so it will not be a total step back into history! Bring the kids, your extended family and a covered dish for an old-fashioned picnic with other Columbia Disciple Churches.

Sally Robinson is in charge of planning and details for the picnic. If you are able to help please contact her directly, or the church office. We hope to have a good crowd and plenty of food for our guests.

~Genie Rogers

## Local Mission Work

### Personal Energy Transportation (P.E.T.)

When people go to war, they protect themselves by planting Land Mines.....a lot of them, perhaps as many as 200 million. Boys and girls going to school or out to play, step on them, long after the war is over. Men and women walking to work, step on them. They lose the use of their legs. In Cambodia during conflicts in the mid-1980s a legacy of 6 million landmines were left scattered along the Cambodian border with Thailand. Cambodia has one of the highest ratios of amputees in the world with one amputee for every 290 people. The toll on human life and the suffering caused by landmines is devastating to the people involved, the economy, and health care of a country. The lives of families and the people affected are shattered for their life time. When Polio sweeps through any country, thousands upon thousands lose the use of their legs. 22 million people in the world cannot walk. They are doomed to crawl in the dirt and over sharp rocks, or ride on the backs of friends. People without legs have been shunted off into the back rooms, kept in the dark, despised and ignored reaching back into biblical times. They can't go to work, receive schooling or training, and are doomed to a miserable life often becoming beggars on the streets.

It all started here in Columbia, Missouri by Mel West, a retired minister in 1994-95. He understood the problem and was committed to find an answer. With the help of two friends, he designed a 3-wheel hand crank machine. People without legs, but with upper body strength and good hands could move the device as a hand-cranked vehicle. It would be a vehicle providing Personal Energy Transportation. Hence the name PET.

It was soon determined that field testing would have to prove three things:

1. **STURDY** construction: in order to provide service for many years.
2. **SIMPLE** vehicle: to be easily maintained.
3. **LOW-COST** to make and maintain: so the donor dollar can serve as many as possible.



The secret to keeping costs low would be the extensive use of volunteers. Equipment is obtained by the volunteers. The wheels and tires are purchased and the remaining work is fabricated by the hands of volunteers. Volunteers in over fifteen states are part of 18 Assembly Centers including three in foreign countries. The growing number of Assembly Centers will require more helpers to do the fabrication. There, more volunteers meet to assemble, pack and ship the PET. Volunteers even help with the shipping. This volunteer work and the hours invested means that a PET can be made and shipped to all of the 67 places around the world for \$250. Every PET means a new life to the one that receives it, and joy and happiness unlimited to his/her family.

These machines go to people in desperate need, who live on \$2 a day or less. Stuffed toys and good used clothing make excellent packing materials, which provide more resources for the people in need. These are collected as contributions from the area that is shipping the PET. They make use of everything that goes with the package. Even the metal straps around the box are used to tie down their houses.

To determine where the PETs are distributed, shipping is determined by professionals who can validate the need. Delbert Groves of New Life Ministry in Zambia canvassed polio victims in central Africa and said the need in that area alone was 100,000. Assembly Centers are expanding into new locations in the U.S. Generally, all PET vehicles are distributed to needy third world countries. They are given away, free of charge, without respect to nationality, gender, age, race or religion. There is no patent on them with the reasoning that they are so cheap to make that no one can afford to patent it to make money.

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More and more Christian Churches, like First Christian, are making PET a part of their Mission Program. Some are making PET a part of their Vacation Bible School programs.

First Christian Church donates \$500 yearly to the PET project. Our own Gene Moore has been a tireless worker to promote the efficiency of the making and distribution of the PET mobiles. Columbia should be proud to be the home of the concept and initial production of the PET, which has provided mobility to amputees all over the world.

~Gene Moore

### Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is a volunteer driven agency that has helped people get nutritious food for over thirty years in Columbia. There are only 1¼ staff positions so the volunteers are the backbone of the operation. One volunteer delivers an average of seven hot meals of the 150-200 meals delivered daily. Twenty drivers are needed per day with a volunteer pool of 165 people.

Last year, 41,400 meals were served. Meals on Wheels delivers to all economic levels. Those who can pay are charged the cost of the meal, which is \$3.50. Others are assessed what they are able to pay.

Meals on Wheels have been a valuable resource for long-term use to prevent early admission to a nursing home or an extended care facility. It has also been helpful to people on a short-term basis after surgery, hospitalization, a broken bone, or family illness. The drivers often take the same route for years and become friends with the person who is receiving food providing them an outside contact and someone to check in on them regularly.

Meals on Wheels depends on the United Way and the City of Columbia for the majority of their funding. First Christian Church donates \$350 out of its local mission budget yearly. Many people in the church have been drivers for Meals on Wheels including Lorene Trickey, Mary Kay Mueller, Dick Vaught, Harlan Hackett and Bob Mountjoy.

~Genie Rogers

# 175th Anniversary Picnic with Alexander Campbell

## Sunday, August 5th

Reichmann Building  
Stephens Lake

4:00pm - Games

5:00pm - Supper

6:00pm - Speaker



The church will provide fried chicken, paper plates, cups, plastic utensils and drinks. You may bring a covered dish, if you choose.

Sign up in the church office or in the narthex on Sunday.

## Youth, Invite Your Friends

On **Aug. 2** at 7:00 pm we will have a group coming in to lead a contemporary worship service especially for us and our friends. Invite all of your people, and we hope to see you on Thursday night. For more info. about the event see related article (front page).  
~Elizabeth Rottmann

## CYF Mission Trip Reunion

The CYF Mission Trip Reunion has been set for **Friday, July 27th** at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend as we will watch the pictures of our trip, reminisce, hear the update on the house we helped with, and enjoy the now famous vanilla ice-cream with sprinkles.  
~Elizabeth Rottmann

## Youth Swimming Party

JYF and Chi Rho will meet this **Saturday, July 28th**, for a swimming party!!! We will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. and will return by 4:15 p.m. Parents, wanna come swimming also? This is an event where Partner involvement is needed. Call Amy Kay or the church office if you are interested in helping! (808-1980, 449-7265)  
~Elizabeth Rottmann

## Attention all Summer Mission Trippers

The picture CD's are finally done! They will be on the counter in the office, so stop on by whenever you can. I have CD's for the Yakama Trip, JYF, Chi Rho, and CYF participants.  
~Elizabeth Rottmann

## College Notes...

Thanks for everyone who came out Sunday night to enjoy some fellowship and bowling! Mark your calendars for **Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will be having a wiffle ball game from 8:30 -10:00 pm in the Stephen's gym. Stephen's gym is located on Dorsey St. right off of Broadway; if you get lost call Amy Kay's cell phone (808-1980). We hope to see you there.  
~Elizabeth Rottmann

## Hullabaloo

FCC's first ever "Hullabaloo!" is coming Wednesday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Molly Read and Jessica Klockow are cooking up an intergenerational event including snacks, games, and a little dancing competition for the night's conclusion. Come on by to see what these awesome ladies have cooked up for our enjoyment.  
~Elizabeth Rottmann

### Happy Birthday!

Shane Bower-July 29	Andrew Tarwater-July 31
Peyton White-July 29	Frances Brown-Aug. 3
Tom Carey-July 30	Ryan Hughey-Aug. 3
Donna Heinen-July 30	Brian Mottaz-Aug. 3
Anna Rorvig-July 30	Lauren Hofmann-Aug. 3
Matthew Thomas-July 30	Brad Beary-Aug. 3
Nancy Grieme-July 30	Kayla Von Talge-Aug. 4
Nitasha Bradrick-July 31	

## 2007-08 Women's Ministries Board

Our first Women's Ministries Board meeting will be Thursday, August 9 at 9:30 a.m. Here are the new board members:

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-president	<b>Judith Wildman</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-president	<b>Mary Taylor</b>
Recording Secretary	<b>Joyce Stanley</b>
Corresponding Sec.	<b>Pat Rainey</b>
Treasurer	<b>Royanne Tracy</b>
Social Action	<b>Carol Slusher &amp; Erin Bower</b>
CWU Liaison	<b>Shirley Park</b>
Wardrobe	<b>Millie Caringer &amp; Barb Rothenberger</b>
Study/Worship	<b>Shirley Park</b>
Secret Place	<b>Mary Kay Mueller</b>
Reading	<b>Mary Richardson</b>
Historian	<b>Sue Haynes</b>
Yearbook	<b>Stacia Schaefer &amp; Kim Rogers</b>
Event Planners	<b>Amy LaHue &amp; Laura Estes</b>

In addition, each small women's group has representation at each meeting. We will meet eight times this coming year on different days. Check the Visitor for dates and times. Even if you don't belong to a group, you can join any meeting. We hope you do!  
~Mary Taylor

## Women's Ministries Makes Local Donations

At our last meeting in May, the Women's Ministries Board approved donations to three local charities. Rainbow House, the "Buddypack Program" of Central Missouri Food Bank and Coyote Hills each received \$350.00! We have already received heartfelt thanks from each of these organizations which help children in crisis. The letters are posted on the bulletin board by the elevator. Please read them so you will know what these donations will help do and how very much they are appreciated.  
~Mary Taylor

## Update on the Heifer International Ark

We are making progress in raising \$5,000 for the Heifer Ark. We currently have \$1,299.59. You will notice there is an ark with animals in the narthex each week to remind you of our goal. Thank you again to Harlan Hackett for making the ark and animals for us. The display will be in the narthex on Sunday, July 29 if you would like have more information or make a donation.

Did you know that starting at six months, a good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year? Chickens are a reliable source of protein for those children who otherwise would live mostly on starches. Extra eggs can be sold to pay for school, clothes and medicine.

Because chickens require very little space and can thrive on readily available food scraps, families can make money from the birds without spending too much money. In the vegetable garden, chickens peck at bugs and weeds, scratch up the soil and enrich it with droppings, so they improve diets and crops. A flock of chicks is \$20.00.  
~Sally Robinson

# The Visitor

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Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich, Associate Minister  
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**Summer Ministry Intern:** Elizabeth Rottmann

### Music Staff:

Mary Bancroft, Coord. of Music & Organist  
Norma Miller, Pianist

**Mother's Day Out:** Tracy Westhoff, Director

### Support Staff:

Kay Beissenherz, Administrative Secretary  
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Fred Mottaz, Business Manager  
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Michaela Ragains, Receptionist

## Sunday's Schedule-July 29, 2007

*Van Driver:* Nancy Grieme *Telephone:* Carol Slusher

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

*Worship Asst:* Sue Fink, and Judy Hall

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Joyce Stanley

*Communion Preparation:*

Chuck Scott, Emily Scott, Eric Seaman

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

*Church School Greeters:* Lorene & Nelson Trickey

*Nursery Volunteer:* TBA

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

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Jessica Klockow

*10:30 Elders:* Mary Bess and Steve Green, Richard Vaught

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeters:*

Eric and Tammy Arnett, *North Door*

Judy Creasy, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team

*Candlelighters:* TBA

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged:* Sally Robinson

*Delivered:* Russ & Linda Chandler

*Evangelism Calls:* Tom & Carol Hughey

## This Week (July 29 - August 4)

- Sun. - Date Night, 6:00 p.m., Town & Country Lanes  
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Blue Field
- Tue. - Stars Planning Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Keystone Room
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Thur. - Contemporary Worship Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Wiffle Ball Game, 8:30 p.m., Stephen's gym on Dorsey Street
- Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Country Kitchen

