



**Welcome
New Members!**

It is a pleasure to welcome the Weber Family into our church! Dave and Elizabeth (Libby) and their two children, Max and Hannah, came forward at the 8:30 service on May 13, transferring their membership from another congregation in Columbia. Dave is an engineer who works for Allstate Consultants and Libby is an attorney employed in the Rogers, Ehrhardt and Weber law firm located on Walnut Street. Their address is 2604 Cardinal Drive, 65201 and phone number 443-2008.

Sunday Services

May 20 will be a day of celebration for our graduates as our high school and college graduates will be honored at the 10:30 service. Our monthly Minute for History will be featured at both worship services.

What do you say to those people knocking on your door with their religious tracts, trying to convince you to “get saved” because the end of the world is coming soon? The book stores are filled with volumes purporting to describe God’s future plans for the destruction of the earth, and the second coming of Christ. What do we make of it all? Dr. Yonker’s message for the morning, “Waiting For the World to Change?” will try to answer these questions. Scripture texts for the day are found in Acts 1:6-11 and Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17 and 20-21.

Special music at the 8:30 service will be a solo by Jerry Daugherty, “Grace.” At the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir will sing “Shall we Gather at the River?”



Thanks to the Men’s Choir that sang so extraordinarily at the 10:30 service on Mother’s Day. Members of the choir were: Chuck Scott, Mark Hunsaker, Eric Arnett, David Heise, Fred List, David Chrisman, Dan Gieseke, Mike Taylor, Darren Hellwege, David Read, Harlan Hackett and Steve Lightner.

Weekly Report
May 13, 2007
Received \$5,957.80
Received to Date \$406,173.85
Attendance - 290
(includes early worship - 55)



Heeerrreee's Johnny!

Even though it is now past, I am still thinking about Mother's Day. Did you know that Mother's Day was originally a protest by women against the death and destruction wrought by the Civil War? I did not until just recently! Like everyone else growing up in the "good old USA," I thought the second Sunday in May had always been a time to honor our mothers, probably created by the greeting card industry. Who could be against that! But just recently I learned the story of the beginning of Mother's Day written by Ruth Rosen, history professor at the University of California at Davis.

In 1858 a woman named Anna Reeves Jarvis organized Mothers' Works Days in West Virginia, to encourage women to improve sanitation in Appalachian communities. During the Civil War, she recruited women to care for both Union and Confederate wounded, and after the war, she tried to persuade men to put aside their hostilities.

In 1872, Julia Ward Howe, author of the now-famous "Battle Hymn of the Republic," proposed an annual Mother's Day for Peace, and issued a Mother's Day Proclamation in which she called on mothers to unite to promote peaceful ways of solving conflicts.

"Our husbands shall not come to us reeking with carnage... Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs".

For the next thirty years, Americans celebrated a Mother's Day for Peace on June 2.

In 1913 Congress declared the second Sunday in May to be Mother's Day. But by then the emphasis began to change as the floral industry embraced the holiday, and began to use it as a time to honor mothers by buying flowers for them. It is reported that a spokesman for the florist industry said, "This was a holiday that could be exploited." Seeing what would happen, Anna Jarvis' daughter undertook a campaign against those who "would undermine Mother's Day with their greed," but the change was under way, and through the years the original impetus for a Mother's Day for Peace was forgotten.

What an inspiration! It gives us even more reason to honor all the mothers, and fathers!

of this country who do so much to help make this world a better place for us to live. As followers of Jesus Christ, the "Prince of Peace," I wonder what we can do to change the world! Can't we begin, right where we live, trying to put the ways of Christ into practice, today and tomorrow? To eliminate a way of thinking that automatically assumes the only way to solve our personal, and international problems, is through force and violence? That would be a great observance of Mother's Day!

Drennan Group - May 22

The Drennan group will be traveling to Coyote-Hill Farm on Tuesday the 22nd to visit one of the homes and meeting with a director to learn more about the place. We will leave from the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and should be back by 11:30 a.m.

STARS Luncheon-May 22

The STARS luncheon at Lenoir Fireside Room is Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at noon. Reservations to be called in to church office by May 18, 2007. Cost is \$10 and will be collected at the door. Program will be by Jessie Haden from Columbia Police Dept. entitled "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Scams and Frauds." Invite a friend and join the group for fellowship and learning. If transportation is needed let the church office know and someone will pick you up.

Happy Birthday!



Parker Rossman-May 20
Marvin Tracy-May 20
Jim Estes-May 21
Amy Lightner-May 21
Billie Silvey-May 21
Ryan Smith-May 21
Andrew Stormer-May 21
Jim Shaw-May 22
Ethan Bell-May 22
Evan Holliday-May 25
Mary Jo Banken-May 26

News of the congregation

Our prayers are with **Bill Niedgergerke** who is undergoing a period of testing at Boone Hospital where he was taken when he became ill during the late worship service last Sunday morning.

Thanks to **Pat Rybolt** for her nice solo presented at the early service last Sunday. Also, thanks to the **Men's Chorus** under the direction of **Melissa Straw** for their anthem, and to **Jean Hall** and **Mary Bancroft** for their piano/organ duets presented at the late service on Mother's Day.

Congratulations to **Harsh and Frances Brown** who celebrated last weekend with their daughter, **Connie Ess**, and her family as Connie graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was ordained to ministerial ministry on May 13 at South Street Christian Church in Springfield, Missouri.

David Vaught, son of **Jerri and Dick Vaught**, received his Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Missouri on Friday, May 11.

Meadow Woodbury has begun another round of chemotherapy for cancer treatment. She has a new address if you would like to send cards and letters: 299 Riverview Way, Oceanside, CA 92057.

Paul Rorvig of Columbia received the Excellence in Teaching Award at the University of Central Missouri during the College of Arts and Sciences awards reception April 5. Rorvig is the associate professor of history at UCM.

There will not be a
Visitor newsletter
the week of
Memorial Day

Your
Special Birthday!



**Harold
Rosebaum-93**
on May 20

175th Anniversary News - Genie Rogers

May is World Mission Month

Refugee resettlement

In attempts to construct a time line of the history of refugees brought to America by the church, there are some blank spots. If anyone remembers an Italian family around 1950 and a single Tunisian man around 1990, their circumstances and where they are now, I would appreciate hearing from you. If information can be collected we will add it to the end of the year booklet to complete our information on refugee resettlement. If there are any others I have not listed, also please let me know the names. Contact with information: Genie Rogers, 1400 Business Loop 70 East, 65201-4612 or gbr@socket.net

Minute for History

The third Sunday of each month is "A Minute for History". This week holds a treat for all of us. Jean Rossman has written a brief skit of a dialogue between her aunt, Jennie Fleming and Edith Parker, both overseas missionaries of this church. The skit represents a fascinating story Jean remembers her aunt telling about a "bandit" named Puchuru in India. The "actors" will be Jean Rossman representing Dr. Jennie Fleming and Amy Kay Pavlovich in character as Edith Parker.

Christmas Ornament

The 175th Anniversary committee has been working with an artist from Virginia to craft a gold colored metal Christmas ornament for our church. We were able to see the "prototype" several weeks ago and were extremely pleased with the design. An order is being placed, and purchase will be available by or before November 1, 2007. It is a perfect gift for adult children, relatives, and friends who have connections with FCC. The ornaments will be very affordable with one ornament priced at \$10.00 (or two for \$18.00). This should be a wonderful keepsake for our 175th anniversary year for all of our families and a great addition to your Christmas tree.

Others Hear About Us

A representative from the Boone County Historical Society contacted me this week after they had heard about our 175th Anniversary celebration and the weekly histories we were writing on our themes. A request was made for us to add the Historical Society to our mailing list so they could also have and use our historical vignettes.



Help Build an ARK

Last week was the beginning of a fund raising drive to provide a 175th anniversary gift of an ARK of animals through Heifer International. A full ARK costs \$5,000.00. The ARK will be sent to villages where needy people will raise the animals to make money to feed their families and provide better opportunities for their future.

There will be a display in the Narthex to receive donations before or after church until the Ark is full of animals. For more information about Heifer, there was a profile in last week's Visitor. The investment made in Heifer comes back to us many times over by lessening the poverty of present and future generations in third world countries.



Quilt

It is hard to believe but the deadline for the quilt squares to be turned in is May 20. For any questions or last minute help, call: Pat Rainey (446-0419), Mary Tompson (442-8849) or Tommie Ross (442-0615).

Refugee Resettlement Efforts

During the past 75 years, First Christian Church has demonstrated a commitment to helping people displaced by war, famine, political corruption, and extreme poverty.

The first efforts to help a displaced person came from the Christian Student Congregation during the early years (1940) of World War II. At the time CSC consisted of about 150 people, including President Jean Fleming (Rossman). The group decided to sponsor a student refugee. It was a big commitment for CSC to undertake, as they would be responsible for feeding, clothing, and housing. Money was scarce during wartime and the Church congregation did not have much interest in getting involved.

Still, CSC persevered and assumed responsibility of Erich Farber, a young Austrian. He had been conscripted against his will into the Nazi army, was badly wounded, and hospitalized. After he was released, he escaped and took the last boat to the United States. He arrived in Columbia with only a violin case. CSC officer Bob Burgess took him back to his own rented room at the home of a church member. The next day Erich enrolled in the University. After three years in MU Engineering, the U.S. Army drafted Erich. His language skills were the reason he was sent to the European theater. He taught German to servicemen, and in battle he had two tanks shot out from under him. Each time he led his troops back through villages to the American lines, largely due to his linguistic abilities.

Following the war he returned to Columbia and finished his degree, followed by a Masters, and a PhD from Wisconsin. He participated in CSC during this time. Erich later married and had a family of three sons. His career was spent in teaching at the University of Florida in Gainesville. One of the top solar experts in the world, he has been the recipient of many honors. Retired now, he and his family are still living in Florida.

Ready to undertake a new ministry in 1954, First Christian Church was one of two churches that assisted the Greg Melegrito family from the Philippines in resettlement. At this time, the Philippines were still recovering from World War II devastation. Greg wanted to secure further education for himself, his wife, and their four children. The family was from Guimba in southern Luzon Island. Greg had been in charge of the Silliman University (Christian) agriculture farm at Dumaguete on Negros Oriental Island.

In the U.S. the Melegritos settled in Columbia to attend MU. All the family earned academic degrees. Greg studied at the University and the Bible College of Missouri, in Columbia, and Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves. During this period he served as pastor of St. Luke Methodist and other churches. Most of the family has moved away from Columbia with professional careers. Greg and his wife both taught many years at the Salamanca, N.Y. high school, while Greg also served as pastor. They retired to Biloxi,

Mississippi, and both died in recent years. Greg's son David, his wife Emma, and their three sons, continue to live in Columbia.

In 1980, FCC sponsored a Vietnamese family, boat people who had managed to escape from the North Vietnamese Army. The Le Quan Tu family of six were provided with a home, furnishings, getting the children in school, handling money, shopping, and securing employment at American Press for the father. They quickly became self-sufficient and were grateful for the help from the church. Later, when the church was discussing bringing another family, Le Tu served as a consultant. The three girls have college degrees and are successfully employed. The parents are now retired in Columbia.

In 2001 a family of four (including two young girls) arrived from war-torn Bosnia for our church to help settle them into a new country, language, and education. The Hajrudin Hasanovic family quickly secured jobs, worked hard, and even saved enough money to visit their relatives in Bosnia. They still live in Columbia and are saving to purchase their own home.

The Church had proven so successful at providing for refugee families that once again in 2003 the resettlement agency for Catholic Charities in Jefferson City asked us to take responsibility for three Liberian women, each with a child, housed in a refugee camp on the Ivory Coast. These families proved to be a challenge for our church volunteers. All now live in Jefferson City and work at Dollar General in Fulton. One of the mothers, Benetha Sampson, had a serious vision problem, making her legally blind. Volunteer help from this church and funds from the MO Rehabilitation Services for the Blind resulted in three surgeries to correct her vision.

FCC has time and again answered the call to help people in distress by helping to relocate them to America. Efforts have been made to provide for employment, teach language skills, and help adapting to a new culture. Many of the people involved with the relocation say they have gained more from the experience than the recipients possibly could have. Isn't that often true when we, as Christians, are involved in doing good works for others?

Jean Rossman, Bob Leach, Judy Cunningham

Time Line of Refugees sponsored by 1st Christian Church

Erich Farber (Austria)-1940
Italian family-1950
Melegrito family (Philippines)-1954
Tu Lee family (Vietnam)-1980
Nasari (Tunisia)-1989
Hasanovic family (Bosnia)-2001
Annie Gray and son (Liberia, Ivory Coast)-2003
Georgia Karla and daughter (Liberia, Ivory Coast)-2004
Benetha Sampson and son (Liberia, Ivory Coast)-2004

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

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

www.firstchristian.org/youth

JYF and Chi Rho will meet after the late worship service until 2:00pm. I missed seeing you last weekend and hope that you can make it to our gathering this week!

CYF will meet this Wednesday, May 23, for our Mid-Week youth group. We will have some sort of munchie from 7:15 - 7:30pm and then our discussion followed by prayer which will end by 8:30pm. I know you are drawing your school year to an end, but I hope you can find a spot in your schedule for youth group this week. ;)

All youth: please let me know if you are planning on coming on your respective mission trip this summer. I've heard rumors that some don't want to come because they have been a bit absent from youth group this year... please don't let guilt keep you from experiencing something great this summer! Talk with me about it - I want to help you over the hump so that we can all have great trips together. ;)



Check out the journal from the College Mission Trip at www.firstchristian.org!



May 22 - "Global Terrorism! Conflict Resolution?" - Broadway Christian Church Lecture Series, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at BCC.

June 9 - Woodhaven presents a free performance by the Chancel Choir of Central Christian Church, Decatur, IL, 2:00 p.m. at Rock Bridge Christian Church, Columbia.

Thank You!

Dear FFC Friends,
Thank you so very much for the donation of \$325 to Community Nursery School. The love and generosity of people such as you make all that we are able to do possible. Thank you for caring and sharing to the most precious of our gifts, the children.

The Community Nursery School
Staff and Children

Dear Friends,
The Easter lily added a great deal of pleasure to my room. I also am grateful for the altar flowers I have received.

The lovely shawl was a surprise and comfort. Especially when I saw it was made by my dear friend, Marceline Shamberger.

Thanks for all the cards and calls I have received. I miss going to my church, and it means a great deal to be remembered.

Betty Mai

FCC,
Thank you so much for the Finals Care Package! It really brightened my day and following nights of study.

God Bless!
Laura Hastings

Secret Place

The summer quarter *Secret Place* devotional booklets are available to be picked up in the CWF alcove by the elevator. Non-subscribers may purchase a copy for \$1.25. Please pay in the church office.

Ethical Guidelines

Please feel free to attend a meeting on Tuesday, June 12 at 4:30 p.m. in the Keystone room regarding the Ethical Guidelines that were recently discussed during a Board Meeting. We have received input from several congregational members and would like to review the comments that were received. Even if you did not submit or document your ideas earlier, but have thoughts on this topic, you are welcome to join us.

Sign Up for the Women's Retreat!

We've given you some previews of the activities planned for this year's women's retreat. Hopefully, you're excited to share the day with other women as we learn a new awareness about ourselves...what makes you happy?...what gives you stress? Our speaker, Coletta Eichenberger, is not only a certified Interplay leader but she is an ordained minister so she brings her unique blend of spirituality to help us seek God's direction through the mind-body-heart-spirit connection. This will be a fun and creative experience. Dress is casual and comfortable! Why not bring a friend? We've invited women from some other local DOC churches too. The cost is \$5 and includes lunch. Sign up sheets are in the church office or in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Please make checks payable to CWF. Any questions, call Mary Taylor at 573-687-2256 or you can e-mail Mary at marytaylor52@hotmail.com.

Heifer Ark is filling up!

We have a good start on filling our Ark this year. So far we have received over \$400! Someone purchased a flock of geese as a Mother's Day present. Ducks and geese are very useful domestic (meaning not wild) animals. They are easy to raise, don't require much shelter and can adapt to hot, wet or cold weather. They can find some of their own food and eagerly eat weeds, slugs and snails while they fertilize the garden with their droppings.

Ducks and geese are efficient egg producers. Quality geese lay about 75 large eggs a year and ducks can lay up to 200. Heifer families pass breeding eggs or young birds on to others in need. With their geese, Heifer families also get vigilant "watch-dogs," too! (Ever try to hush a gaggle of honking geese?) A flock of geese or ducks costs \$20.00.

Be sure to check out the Heifer International display in the narthex on Sunday before and after each worship service and make your purchase of an animal. The World Outreach Committee thanks you for your support of this important project for our 175th anniversary celebration.

The Visitor

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Sunday's Schedule-May 20, 2007

Van Driver: David Potthast *Telephone:* Dorothy Allen

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Tom and Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger

Elder for 8:30 Service: Mary Bancroft

Communion Preparation:

Nannie Lou Mallett, Lisa Zimmer, Dane Pavlovich

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family

Nursery Volunteer: Laura Estes

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

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

10:30 Elders: Dan Backues, Jerry Daugherty, Sharon Winner

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters:

Pat Wright, *North Door*

Sue Wright, *South Door*

Ushers: The Hunsaker Team

Banner Bearers: Max Schaefer and Peyton White

Candlelighters: Emily Unterschutz and Courtney Backues

Flower Ministry:

Arranged: Mary Jane Anderson and Judith Wildman

Delivered: Marion and Sarah Storm

Evangelism Calls: Harsh Brown

This Week (May 20 - 26)

- Sun. - Graduation Sunday, reception at 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Ministries Board Mtg., after 10:30 service, Morris Parlor
- JYF (grades 3-5) and Chi Rho (grades 6-8), after 10:30 worship until 2:00 p.m.
- Church Softball Game, 8:00 p.m., Yellow Field
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group, Trip to Coyote Hills, leave from church parking lot at 8:45 a.m.
- STARS lunch, 12:00 noon, Lenoir Fireside Room
- Wed. - Hannah-Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir, 2nd Floor Apts.
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Book Club, 12:30 p.m., Laura Estes home
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Serena White's
- CYF (grades 9-12), 7:15-8:30 p.m.
- Fri. - Yakama Mission Trip (May 26-June 2)

