



*Christmas Dinner*

## December Fellowship Supper!

Put on your holiday garb and Christmas spirit! Pack a dish and all the kiddies and join us for the December Fellowship Supper, Wednesday, December 5, at 6 p.m.

It's a carry-in dinner! Drinks and table service will be provided! Bring a meat dish, vegetable, salad or dessert.

A great musical program will be presented by "The Missourians," a group of acapella Christmas carolers dressed in Dicken's style attire. Their musical selections will range from traditional Christmas carols to popular and international holiday music. They celebrated 20 years singing together in 2006 and will help set the mood for the Christmas season. Funds they receive from all programs are donated to the MU University Singers. Mark your calendar and join the festivities!

## Movie Night

**This Friday, Nov. 30**  
**7:00pm**  
**Cinema, 3rd floor**

**"About A Boy"**  
 Comedy-Drama  
**2002 – Hugh Grant**  
 making life meaningful...



## HANGING OF THE GREENS!



With the Hanging of the Greens we begin the Advent season and make preparations to celebrate the birth of Christ once again. Conducted at both early and late worship hours, this service of scripture, readings and carols will provide the setting for the decoration of the sanctuary with the greenery and lighting of the first Advent candle.

Special music at the 8:30 service will be a duet by Jean Hall and Susan Woodbury, "Christmas Medley." The Drennan Singers will sing "Who Is This Child?" at the 10:30 service.

### Weekly Report

November 25, 2007

Received \$4,278.00

Received to Date \$198,000.79

Attendance - 273

(includes early worship - 45)

Special Thanksgiving Offering - \$956.00

## The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Pageant December 16, 7 pm

### PAGEANT PREPARATION

### Choristers and Rainbow Bells

The next three Sundays will be practice for all elementary and younger children who would like to take part in the annual Christmas pageant. During the River of Life time on Sunday morning, 9:30-10:20 a.m., we will practice the music for our big event. We will meet in the cinema on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Please contact Jimmy Spear with questions or comments.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

A tasting party will follow in Fellowship Hall.



*From the Frontier to the Future*



**First  
 Christian  
 Church**

(Disciples of Christ)  
 Columbia, Missouri

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

## Heerrree's Johnny!

According to the Greek language there are two concepts of time in the New Testament. There is *chronos*, the time found on the face of the clock, the seconds, minutes and hours by which we measure the passing of our daily lives. *Chronos* is the root of the English word "chronicle" and "chronology," which we use to describe the telling of a story or the passing of events according to the passing of time from one period to another.

But there is also *kairos*, a special moment in time when everything seems to come together, when the present moment and the expectation of something just about to happen brings such fullness and anticipation that the regular experience of time seems to be lost.

*Kairos* has been likened to the experience of water being poured into a glass, when it reaches the brim and almost spills over the edge. It is like those final few minutes in a football game when the opponents are moving the football down the field, gaining yards on every play, and the clock is ticking down the final seconds, and it seems like an eternity which will never end. That's the way it was last Saturday night when the Tigers were trying to hold off Kansas, and it seemed that time would never expire before the Jayhawks might score another touchdown and win the Border Showdown at Arrowhead Stadium. Everyone pulling for the Tigers shared that *kairos* experience, when time was of the essence!

That's how the New Testament conceives of the coming of the kingdom of God. In announcing the signs of its coming, the Gospel of Mark calls its readers to "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time (*kairos*) will come." In writing to the Romans, the Apostle Paul reminds them that they "know what time (*kairos*) it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep." And the author of Ephesians says that God has made known to us the mystery of his will in the life of Christ, "as a plan for the fullness of time (*kairos*), to gather up all things in him. . . ."

Every year at this time we prepare to start *chronos* anew, rewind the calendar and begin counting the days and months of the year all over again. But may this season also be for us a *kairos* time! A time when the spirit of Christ is born anew in our lives! As

we begin the Advent season, may this be the time when we experience the transforming presence of Christ in our time!

Some years ago a jazz-rock group called Chicago sang a song which rose to the top of the popular music charts in which they asked, "Does anybody know what time it is? Does anybody really care?" The Bible cares what time it is! It's *kairos* time! See you on the Sunday, the first Sunday of the new year!

## Visit and Communion

THANK YOU to the Elders and Deacons sharing a visit and communion with the homebound on Sunday, December 9 during the 10:30 worship service. ELDERS: Rich Hoepfner, Bettie and Charles Koelling, Kent and Paula Kurtz, Sarah Read, Marilyn Schappert, Carol Slusher, Perry Stemmons, Sharon Winner. DEACONS: Jennifer Alexander, Dottie Dierking, Gene and Micki Kirkham, Pat and Glenn Rainey, Molly Read, Paul and Vicki Rorvig, Bragg Stanley, Helen Stemmons, Marion and Sarah Storm, Bryant White. JR. DEACONS: Lindsey Chandler, Erik White. THANKS to Emmy Croll and Linda Ridgeway for preparing the communion trays.

~Lorene Trickey



Wishing  
YOU a  
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

Steve Green-Dec. 3  
David Read-Dec. 3  
Janie Hellwege-Dec. 3  
Paula Hoenes-Dec. 3  
Brenda Martin-Dec. 4  
Linda Ridgeway-Dec. 4  
Laura Estes-Dec. 4  
Mike Randerson-Dec. 5  
Erik White-Dec. 5  
Carole Randerson-Dec. 5  
Alan Leach-Dec. 6  
Debbie Garton-Dec. 6  
Erica Watson-Dec. 7  
Geraldine Coon-Dec. 7  
Jill Pikop-Dec. 8  
Alexandra Estes-Dec. 8

## News of the congregation

**Mary Ann Niedergerke** has returned home after spending a few days in the hospital last week.

We were saddened to hear of the death of **Minnie Frances Kirby** who died at her home on Thursday, November 22. A single person, she was a lifelong resident of the Columbia area who worked for many years at Boone County Bank, and was a member of our congregation since 1930. She was 88 years old. A graveside service was conducted by John Yonker at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28 in the Midway Locust Grove Cemetery.

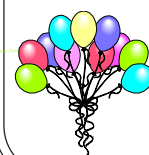
We have learned that **Edith Taylor** was admitted to the hospital in Weslaco, Texas early last Friday morning. She has been staying with her daughter in southern Texas since leaving Columbia earlier this month. Greeting cards may be sent to Edith in care of Alice Richardson, 2712 International Blvd., Weslaco, TX 78596

Thanks to **Mary Bancroft** for playing the organ at the early worship services in the past few weeks. **Norma Miller**, regular pianist for the early service, hopes to be back in church next Sunday! Thanks to the **Chancel Choir** for their lovely anthem, "Give Thanks," presented at the late worship service last Sunday.

It was a pleasure to welcome **Rev. Jimmy Spear's** parents, **Jim and Veronica**, to the 10:30 service who came over from Kirkwood, in the St. Louis area, to share in the celebration of Jimmy's installation as Associate Minister of First Christian Church.

Thanks to **all those who prepared and served at the receptions** after both services on November 25 in honor of Jimmy Spear's installation.

## Your Special Birthday!



**Don Brooker -**  
91 on Dec. 5

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

November Theme: Thanksgiving

## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule Project

The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary slogan created for our year-long celebration was "From the Frontier to the Future." In looking toward our future, the committee decided to create a time capsule to be opened in the Church's 200<sup>th</sup> year, 2032. This will be an exciting way for our members to see what First Christian Church was all about in 2007.

The time capsule will be dedicated at the end of the year. We are asking for contributions and suggestions from any individual members, groups, classes, etc. to be included in the collection.

If you are interested in putting together something or just have a suggestion, please contact Jessica Humble at 441-8021 or e mail at: [humblejess@aol.com](mailto:humblejess@aol.com) I am sure we can create something amazing for our members to discover in 2032!

## Special Stories

Mary Bancroft has reported a delay in printing the booklet of stories so you have another week to get your special story to her. It can be a funny recollection, an experience, a special event in your life that created a bond with the church or anything you want to write about. These stories will be collected and bound in a pamphlet to share with each other. Please turn stories in to the church office, or e-mail to Mary Bancroft at: [mbancr01@juno.com](mailto:mbancr01@juno.com)

## Quilt Unveiled

After the choral program at the Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship dinner, the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilt will be unveiled for everyone to see before it is put in the historical room on permanent display later in the week.

## Fellowship Dinner

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 5 for a special Christmas Fellowship Dinner. The program will be *The Missouri-ans*, a group of acappella Christmas carolers who will be dressed in Dickens-style attire. The fee we will be paying them for their appearance is donated by the group to the Thomas Mills University of Missouri-Columbia Singers Endowment Fund, which provides funds to the University Singers. Many of us remember Tom Mills, a long time member of our church and long time church choir director. His son, Tom Mills, Jr. has also served as choir director at FCC. The vocal group makes only a limited number of appearances so we feel fortunate to be able to welcome them to our church. Invite a friend to come to church with you that evening and bring your family. This is a night that will be enjoyable and get everyone in the holiday spirit. As usual, the supper will be a carry-in and we ask that those who can, bring a dish and some extra for those who are no longer able to prepare food.

## Ornaments and FCC Logo Items

These next few weeks will be the beginning of the Christmas season. December 2 will be the first Sunday of Advent. Christmas trees will be going up and thoughts turn to the celebration of Christmas. You will want to have your gold Christmas ornament ready to hang on your Christmas tree this year!

A table will be set up after both services in the Narthex for sale of the FCC ornaments this Sunday. Tote bags, hats, note cards, plates, mugs, and post cards will also be for sale. The cost is \$12.00 for one ornament or 2 for \$20.00. They will be available during the week in the church office.

A new black design/black handled tote bag with the church image is only \$5.00. It is a



great size to be used as a book bag. There are still a few baseball hats with the church name embroidered on them in tan and gray available in two different styles. They are \$8.00 per cap.

Note cards tied in bundles of 5 of the ink drawing of the church are available for \$2.00 and bundles of 5 of the stained glass Christian College window postcards are available for \$1.00. These are great gifts as we approach the holiday season.

Plates of the church ordered a number of years ago are available for \$5.00 per plate.

## The Drennan Singers

Our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary year is also the twenty-fourth year of the women's singing group, Drennan Singers. We always enjoy their excellent choral presentations.

In the fall of 1983, a group of women belonging to Drennan Group began meeting several times a year to prepare and present choral programs for nursing homes as one of their Group's service projects. They met in the morning in Morris Parlor with the door closed so the children could play together while they practiced. The programs were mainly made up of a medley of church hymns.

The group enjoyed singing together, so they began working on some two-part anthems. One particular favorite they decided to share with the 10:30 worship service in February 1986. Because the group needed an identity for the listing in the bulletin, they be-

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## Drennan Singers cont.'

came known at that time as the Drennan Singers.

As the children of the singers started going to school many moms began working, so rehearsals shifted to the evening. This is a period when they began to sing songs with a three-part harmony.

In 1992 the group became very ambitious and began preparing the cantata, *Crown Him King*. Jerry Daugherty, Fred List, Ray Rothenberger, Smiley Herrin, Jim Smith, Brad Roby and Steve Lightner were invited to join as *Friends of Drennan*. Mary Bancroft enhanced the performance with the organ and Moray Loring Kiehl was the narrator. It was a wonderful testament to their work and love for music.

Drennan Singers have continued to prepare and present programs for retirement groups and those in health care facilities. They sing several times a year in the 10:30 service and occasionally for the 8:30 service. In 1998 they presented a program as part of the Twilight Festival and in 2003 they represented FCC at the Lenoir Festival and Barbeque. Frequently they have sung for CWF events and the Christmas pageant.

Current members are: Susan Ramsey (charter member), Debbie Batterson (charter member), Sally Estes (joined 1986), Lorene Trickey (charter Member), Becky Bramon (joined 2007), Micki Kirkham (joined 2000), Susan Woodbury (joined 1996), Sarah Yonker (joined 1992), Brenda Mosby (charter member), Lisa Snyder (joined 2003), Pat Rybolt (involved 2000-2002; returned in 2005), Bette Scavone (involved 1990-1995; returned in 2006), Cheryl Lightner (joined 1992), Becky Baumgartner (joined 1989), Jean Hall (joined 1998), Kelli Embry (joined 1993) and Norma Miller (charter member) as accompanist.

These musicians and friends have spent many hours preparing beautiful music, shared their lives and watched each others' children grow up. These groups within our church are a blessing to the people involved. The members not only are able to enjoy each other's company and be a support system for each other, but they also share their talents with a larger audience.

~Norma Miller

## Legendary Custodian Garfield Moore



Very able and affable, Garfield Moore is the only church custodian we know of who was chosen and called, much like a pastor, from a church in one town to a church in another. Garfield served First Christian Church from April 1945 to February 1969. Coming from Paris, Missouri, he was a mature, tall, muscular, handsome, intelligent and congenial man, married to the former Maudessa Butler, with a daughter, Aquila, and son, Verdayne. To be able to educate his children in Columbia was one of this father's great hopes come true.

Conscientious and competent, Garfield was more than a custodian. He was a church facilities engineer and participated in church staff meetings. He also quickly became a true friend of everyone in the church. He constantly developed his abilities under the tutelage of longtime church property chairman M. M. "Mack" Jones, who was head of the M.U. Department of Agricultural Engineering. Garfield could care for and repair almost anything so that most equipment served longer than expected.

There were times when Dr. Lemmon, our pastor, called upon Garfield to be a witness for weddings. Both enjoyed such teaming up. Actually, Garfield and his family were devout and active in the Second Baptist Church.

Probably no one in the church ever gave more help in more ways to more church people and groups than Garfield Moore. He was considered "one of the church family." Once when the junior high young people wanted to paint their assembly/fellowship hall concrete floor, Garfield suggested his own secret long-lasting paint mix—two parts concrete floor paint blended with one part marine spar varnish. Today the results are still in remarkable condition after 60 years, although now hidden under two large third-floor carpets. The youngsters loved it. However, it startled and amused church members and Dr. Lemmon. The floor was painted red!

In winter, people could count on Garfield to do more than the minimum so they would not walk in snow and ice, or slip and fall. He also had a knack with the aging hot-water heating system for the buildings. And, whenever something in the kitchen failed while a church dinner was being prepared, he was prompt to the rescue.

As Garfield worked around the church, young people like Don Mosby or Fred Mottaz would tag along. They basked and matured in companionship and conversation with their special, gentle grown-up friend. In his unassuming way, it came naturally for Garfield not only to do his work, but also to bolster people's spirits.

After Garfield retired, the church was pleased that he wanted to continue to work part time. Partly, he wanted to share with the new custodian, Estil West, some things about the buildings and job that he had learned. It seems appropriate that ultimately Garfield died quietly one day here at the church he loved, at the work he loved, for the people he loved.

Previously, at the church's retirement reception in Morris Parlor for Garfield, besides a framed heartfelt citation, church donors paid off the \$1,500 mortgage on his house and added a \$944 cash gift. Church Elder and Administrative Board chairman Russell Shaw summed it up that, in all these years, Garfield Moore probably had the best Sunday School attendance record of anyone.

~Bob Leach

## River of Life Thanks

A million thanks to our "From the Frontier" rotation teachers! **Brenda Mosby, Ramsey Garcia, Ken McCarty, Jacki Davidson** and **Jane Ann Hackett** did a wonderful job of bringing the times 175 years ago to life for our elementary aged children. From cooking outside on a "dutch oven" to making soap to playing old-timers games and hearing good ol' stories, our children considered how the cloud of witnesses from long ago lived and were faithful in their context. Thanks for your work with our children! Our next rotation will be in preparation for the Pageant and celebrating the Advent season. (See related article on front page.)

## Fair Trade Store New Arrivals

After practically selling out our first weekend, we reordered (just once since we are a trial store) and our new products are starting to trickle in. Coffee, chocolates, pecans and teas will be here this week and we think that jewelry will be arriving as well. We hope that our household items will be available next week. Store hours remain:

**Thursdays 3-8pm**  
**Saturdays 10am-3pm**  
**Sundays 9am-1pm**

Thanks to all of our volunteers who are managing our store! It is going extremely well because of you all and your hospitality. Thanks also to all of you who have shown an interest in and who have supported fairly traded goods. We are thankful to be such a community of faith that would attempt this type of endeavor.

## Brummett Harrah Group

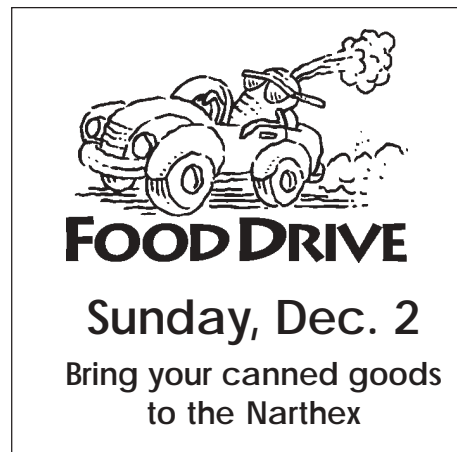
Brummett Harrah Group and spouses will celebrate the Christmas season together at the home of:

**Harry and Serena White**  
**December 12, 1:00 p.m.**

Bring finger food and your appetite. Please bring a can of food per person for the food bank.

## First Sunday Food Drive

Each first Sunday of the month, our church collects food for the Central Missouri Food Pantry and monetary gifts for the Central Missouri Food Bank. If you would like to contribute to the donation, please bring your non-perishable food items to the church this Sunday (first Sunday) and leave them in the Narthex around the coat rack area. You may also wish to donate through the offering plate. Simply note that the donation is for the food drive. Thanks for your consideration of this ongoing ministry.



## Living Nativity

On Friday, December 7, our church will once again be a part of the downtown District's "Living Windows" Festival. We enjoy acting out the nativity scene on the entire east side of the church. It is a big, fun event; we have live animals, costumed characters of all ages, a recorded narrative, stage lighting, yummie refreshments in the Narthex and a really good time together. Unless there is a ton of snow or it is deathly cold, we will put on our twenty minute showings of the birth story from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Let Amy Kay know if you would like more information, to volunteer for any part of the happenings, or you may simply sign up in the church office.



## Adult Church Membership/Information Class - Open to all!

We have been learning about the 175 year history of First Christian Church, but what do you know about the movement which brought our denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) into being?

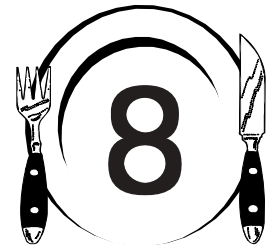
Do we know who we are? How we are related to other Christian denominations? Where we came from? How we understand the Bible? What we believe, or don't believe? Why we take communion every Sunday?

To be better informed you are invited to attend a class taught by Dr. Yonker on Sunday mornings, held during the Church School hour, from 9:30 - 10:15 each Sunday, December 2, 9 and 16.

The class will meet in the Green Room located on the northwest corner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Education Building. Take the elevator, or the stairs!, and follow the signs down the hall, around the corner to the right past the cinema. You can't miss it!

And you shouldn't miss it if you are interested in learning more about our

**COMING IN JANUARY -**  
**DINNER FOR 8!**



## Missing from the Library

All three copies have escaped of the important church library resource books **PETTI-COAT PIONEERS**. If found, please put them in the church library or office. It is the interesting history of our church-related Columbia College, including church ties, people, and events, when the college was known as Christian College. Even the card file entry cards are missing. It was written by Allean Lemmon Hale, daughter of noted church pastor Dr. C. E. Lemmon and a C.C. graduate.

~Bob Leach

# Santa visits Johnny...

(Actually, John's office this week is Santa's warehouse for our gifts for families through the Voluntary Action Center.



## Join Church...Get Name on Sign!



## Elders' Institute 2008

January 25-26, 2008 - Rickman Center, Jefferson City

### WHHHAATTT??

Saturday Keynote Speaker:

**Martha Grace Reese** is an ordained pastor who serves as President of [GraceNet, Inc.](#) GraceNet is a not-for-profit corporation that specializes in research and the training of gifted clergy in focused, effective spiritual leadership. She has just completed her directorship of the [Mainline Evangelism Research Project](#), a national, four-year study of evangelism funded by the Lilly Endowment. Reese is author of the best-selling [Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism](#) (Chalice Press, January, 2007) and the upcoming Real Life Evangelism Series.

*Recommended reading prior to the event:* [Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism](#) (Chalice Press, January 2007). Book is available for \$15 through the Regional Office.

There will also be:

Worship - Book consignment - Reading & Reflection Room

This is a program sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America, Leader Development Commission. The purpose of the Elders' Institute is to develop a trained cadre of Elders from our Mid-America congregations to help them assume their roles as spiritual leaders within their congregations.

Contact the church office (449-7265) for registration information.



## BOOK O R N E R

[If Only I Had Known](#), is a small book of dramatic monologues for Advent and Lent written by David Polk. They show the birth and crucifixion of Christ through the eyes of those who were there.

Nathan the shepherd recalls the night angels led him to Bethlehem; Ahkmet the innkeeper shares his shame that a special baby was born in such a humble place. And others: John the Baptizer, Judas the Betrayer, Melchior of the Magi and others tell their stories.

This book has some new ideas to meditate on in the coming Advent season. Maybe different!

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A common question asked of pastors is "[Why Can't I Change?](#)" People want to change, but they're stuck. If you'd like to get unstuck, here's help!

Some of the areas covered are: What Does It Take To... Become More Loving? Live More Peacefully? Develop Patience? Have Self-Control?

Drawing simple but powerful truths from the Bible, this book gives you practical guidance for specific types of change and links you up with the power to actually do these things you long to do. You CAN move out of your rut and get on track with God's purposes for your life.

## (youth this week)

*The next youth gatherings will be...*  
CYF (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
**Meets each Wednesday at church.**  
**7:00-8:00 p.m.**

The EAT OUTs have been great! We will do it again this week! Bring \$5.

Chi-Rho (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
**Meets on Sunday afternoons at church.**  
**4:00-5:30 p.m.**  
**THIS SUNDAY, DEC 2, it begins again!**  
**Bring it!**

Junior Youth Fellowship (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
**Meets again December 9**  
**After 10:30 worship until 1:30 p.m.**

## Thank You!

Thank you to all for the great "official" welcome and installation this past Sunday. The special music and liturgy in both services were very meaningful and inspiring as we begin our new time together. A special thanks to the folks who made the receptions so nice - great cookies and punch always top off the morning well. My parents were most pleased to be with us in worship and meet so many great folks. Mom always feels better when she knows I have good church people! Thanks for making them feel so welcome. This last month of welcome truly has been wonderful. I continue to be in awe of this great new thing we have. ~Jimmy Spear

*Thank You!*

Dear Friends at First Christian Church, What true friends you are! Your many calls, cards, prayers, & gifts of food have sustained and cheered me during this recovery from heart surgery. The flowers brought to the hospital were lovely and some accompanied me home. My family greatly appreciated John's presence during the surgery. John's and Jimmy's visits to me in the hospital were most helpful. My loving and grateful thanks to you.  
~Moray Loring Kiehl

Church Women Friends,  
We have been contacted by Joyce Holley, representative for our area from the Church World Service asking us to STOP saving medicine bottles for the time being. They are very well stocked and cannot use more at this time.

BUT some things that could really be used would be kits like school bags and health kits that go to disaster areas and refugee camps. These would be great winter time projects for us to put together. If you'd like more information on these give me a call.

Carol Slusher, 874-4902

## Helper Ark is filling up!

The world needs your help to show that "giving" is about more than what you can buy at the nearest retailer. The biggest shopping day of the year, "Black Friday", just passed and "Cyber Monday" was over this week. Wouldn't it be great if we could offset this consumer frenzy by buying meaningful gifts of hope that help struggling families worldwide become more self-reliant? You have that opportunity each Sunday throughout December in the narthex. Come to the Heifer display and purchase an animal for our Ark. We have collected \$3,693.25 towards our \$5,000.00 goal for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. This gift keeps on giving the whole year. There will be gift cards available so you can give your loved one the opportunity to learn more about Heifer and how giving is also about sharing hope for a better future.

~From the World Outreach Committee

A NOTE OF



Many thanks to FCC friends who remembered me while hospitalized following surgery - to John and Jimmy for their visits, and to Fred for the flower delivery to our home. The prayer shawl knitted by Nannie Lou Mallett is lovely. The cards from many other friends are so appreciated.

Love to you all,  
Betty Moon

## Holiday Shopping Day

Home Alone/STARS are planning a Seniors Day Out or Holiday Shopping Day on Wednesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00. Do you need help with holiday shopping or errands? Call the church (449-7265) or Carol Slusher (874-4902) by Dec. 3rd. Friends are looking forward to making this a great day together.

## STARS (55 and older)



Mark your calendars for a  
**Soup Lunch and**  
**Christmas Matinee**

**December 13, 2007**  
**11:30 - 3:30**

The movie is  
"The Christmas Carol"  
(Free Will offering)  
Make reservations in the church  
office (449-7265) by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

## CL Church School Class

The CL Church School class begins a new Bible Study on December 2 from the Book of Luke with a particular focus on "God's Call to the Christian Community". The class is under the capable leadership of Bob Haynes and Shirley Park. We WELCOME others to join us in Morris Parlor at 9:30 for discussion and fellowship. ~Lorene Trickey

## Secret Place

The winter 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 office. ~Mary Kay Mueller

## The Visitor

### First Christian Church

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Norma Miller, Pianist

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

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## Sunday's Schedule-Dec. 2, 2007

*Van Driver:* Frank Boster *Telephone:* Debbie Potthast

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

*Worship Asst:* Larry and Millie Caringer, Tommy Gay Evans

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Royanne Tracy

*Communion Preparation:*

Gene Taylor, Robert Mountjoy, Mike Mountjoy

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

*Church School Greeter:* Gerry Coon

*Nursery Volunteer:* TBA

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

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Bettie Koelling

*10:30 Elders:* Mary and Cliff Tompson, Sally Estes

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeters:*

Nannie Lou Mallett, *North Door*

TBA, *South Door*

*Ushers:* Pavlovich Team

*Banner Bearers:* Jacob and Josh Ripley

*Candlelighters:* Jack Creasy and Matt Hoepfner

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged:* Paula and Kent Kurtz

*Delivered:* C.K. and Paula Hoenes

*Evangelism Calls:* Anne Campbell

## This Week (Dec. 2 - 8)



- Sun. - Hanging of the Greens, at each service  
- Food Drive Sunday  
- Adult membership class begins  
- Chi Rho (grades 6-8), 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Home Alone/STARS Shopping Day, 10:00-2:00  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Fellowship Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Thur. - World Outreach, 5:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Country Kitchen -  
Everyone Welcome  
- Living Nativity, 6:00-8:00 p.m.