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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

CROP Walk this Weekend!

What is a CROP Hunger Walk?

A CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk is an annual event that combines fun and fundraising to raise money for hungry people throughout the world. Walkers invite friends to sponsor them to raise money. Our youth invite church members to donate after worship on the day of the walk, or donations can be made through the church office.



Who walks?

Anyone who wants to make a difference in the lives of hungry people is invited. Walkers come from the religious community, schools, businesses and nonprofit agencies throughout Columbia and surrounding areas. Our church serves as a “water stop” along the way and in addition to a lot of spirited people, we’ve noticed many dogs who come along for the fun! Apparently the dogs care about the hungry as well.

Why walk?

Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as 10 kilometers each day to get food, water, and fuel, and to take their goods to market. CROP Hunger Walk provides us an opportunity to “WALK with the World.” We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence. We walk to make a difference.

Who sponsors the walk?

CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored nationally by Church World Service (CWS), one of the most effective and efficient relief services in the world. Locally, faith groups who have a passion to STOP HUNGER sponsor the walk. They represent a broad spectrum of the Columbia religious communities. This year our youth are not going to the Festival of Sharing (which supports CWS) in Sedalia because we have the Homecoming float on that same day. We hope to support CWS more than usual through the walk because of our absence from the Festival this year.

How is the money spent?

75% is distributed by CWS, which since 1946 has carried out global hunger education and provided money for refugees, disaster relief and self-help projects in more than 80 countries. 25% of the money stays here in Columbia and is distributed to local hunger-related agencies. Contributions to the Columbia CROP Hunger Walk since 2001 have gone to the following agencies:

- St. Francis House
- Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen
- Lois Bryant Home

How can I help?

Come walk with the youth and/or donate money to the cause! Please contact Amy Kay for more information at 449-7265 or amykayp@firstchristian.org. Thanks!

Sunday Services

This Sunday, October 7th is World Communion Sunday. For many brothers and sisters in Christ this is one of a very few days they are able to celebrate the Christ with the bread and cup. We Disciples, of course, commune each time we gather, but the day holds special meaning knowing that others are sharing the elements as we are on this day. We will think of Christians in their specific contexts all over the world and in so doing we will experience different breads, many voices will bring our liturgies alive, and our music will reflect the spirit of the day. Drennan Singers will present the anthem, “The Power of Your Love” and communion music, “At The Table of the Lord.”



**CHURCH
HOMECOMING**

Sunday, October 14th
(see 175th Anniversary News
insert for details)



Heerrree's Johnny!

Sarah and I drove to Hermann on Monday evening to have supper with some friends who were celebrating their mother's 90th birthday! Ours is an old friendship which has been renewed in the past three years, and all quite by chance. My friends Dee and Leonard lived around the corner from one another in elementary school years in the St. Louis suburb of University City in the 1950's. After 6th grade my family moved away from that neighborhood, and we did not see each other until one late fall Friday night three years ago when we met at the Jewish Congregation Beth Shalom. When Dee recognized me and mentioned her name, I immediately remembered her, and both marveled at how we had met again after so many years. In the months following we made contact with another old elementary school friend, and we have enjoyed reclaiming our friendship and getting to know each other's families.

As I think about the friendships which we have made as a result of our Jewish/Christian dialogue a few years ago, I am reminded how our lives have been enriched by one another. And how much poorer we would be without such friendships. And I am reminded of the great story told by William B. Silverman in his book, *Rabbinic Stories for Christian Ministers and Teachers*.

An old rabbi was asked the question, "We are told, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might." How can we love God when we cannot see him? He is the invisible Spirit, the intangible Mind of the universe?" And the answer to the question was: "We can love God best by loving His letters best . . . How does a child learn the alphabet? He learns one letter at a time – A, B, C, D, E – and then he combines the letters into words, and then the words into sentences, and finally, he can read a book." That ancient rabbi said: "Every person is but one letter in God's book. The more letters you come to treasure, the more you can love God."

And Rabbi Silverman challenges us: "Are we treasuring or blurring the letters of God? We have succeeded in erasing the letters of God, millions of them, in war. The challenge that comes to our generation is to learn how to treasure the letters of God in the knowledge that every human being, white, red, yellow, black, of every race and every creed,

in every corner of the earth, is one equal consonant in the vocabulary of Divinity."

"It is only by understanding and enlightened inquiry that we are able to dispel darkness, destroy prejudice, and afford an appreciation of the ethical and moral truths that unite Christianity and Judaism in the effort to transmute the dream of brotherhood into a glorious reality."



Thank you for the beautiful flowers and nice visit with Don and Brenda Mosby who delivered them. And, thanks for the many cards, calls, visits and expressions of love. Having a 99th birthday is an awesome experience. I highly recommend it.
Elsie Hughes

Your Special Birthday!



Darrell Seltsam-93 on Oct. 7
Bill Tetley-90 on Oct. 11



Pamela Hoepfner-Oct. 7
Cheryl Lightner-Oct. 7
Marcy Petersen-Oct. 8
Sara Klockow-Oct. 8
Michael Snyder-Oct. 8
Lynn Klotz-Oct. 9
Jeff Ripley-Oct. 9
Mona Stevenson-Oct. 9
Carol Perry-Oct. 9
Julie Nichols-Oct. 10
Mark Embry-Oct. 11
Nina Oliver-Oct. 11
Joy Overacre-Oct. 11
Dorothy Golson-Oct. 13
Louise Meyer-Oct. 13
Leslie Jordon-Oct. 13
Thelma Beem-Oct. 13

News of the congregation

In our thoughts and prayers at this time are: **Michelle Buxton, Nannie Lou Mallett's daughter**, who is at home recovering from surgery last week at Boone Hospital. **Joy Overacre** is recovering from surgery Monday morning at Boone Hospital.

We are saddened to learn of the death of **Bill Bates**, a member of our congregation since 1958, who died at his southwest Columbia home on Wednesday, September 26. A native of Lexington, Missouri, Bill and his wife, **Eloise**, moved to Columbia in 1956 when he began working with the Boone County National Bank, where he worked, serving as president at the end of his career, before retirement in 1991. He had served the church as a member of the Stewardship Department, Deacon, Elder and Trustee. After Eloise's death in 2003, he was married to **Mary Margaret Denison** who survives him. He is also survived by his three children and their families, **Bruce Bates** of Jefferson City, **Sally Dancer** of Glenco, Illinois and **Steven Bates** of Atlanta, Georgia, a brother, four grandchildren, a cousin, and his step daughter, **Vicki Puckett** of Columbia. At Bill's request no funeral services were scheduled.

Thanks to all the musically talented people in our midst, we always have great music in our worship services. **David Heise** accompanied the early service on the piano in the absence of Norma Miller. **Max Schaefer**, 9 year old son of **Curt and Stacia Schaefer** presented a piano prelude at the late service, and **Mary Bancroft** and **Sally Estes** joined together to present a lovely piano/clarinet duet during the communion service also at the late service last Sunday. Thanks as always to the Chancel Choir for their nice anthem at the late service!

Eight members of the congregation teed it up for the 1st annual Sam Langley Memorial Golf Tournament at A. L. Gustin golf course last Sunday afternoon, September 30. It was a wee bit windy out there on the hills of Gustin but the guys and gal enjoyed themselves immensely, and left the course record safely intact. Joining together for a friendly two-person scramble were **C.K. and Paula Hoenes, Roy Rogers, Scott Foster, Bragg Stanley, Brian Grieme, Thomas Yonker and John Yonker**.

Thanks to **Chris Creasy** for decorating the display window at the office entrance. It is lovely and so welcoming!



175th Anniversary News - Genie Rogers

October Theme: Homecoming

Monthly Theme for Oct.

October is our month to celebrate Homecoming by hosting a "Coming Home Sunday" on October 14. This is a time in our calendar year to celebrate the friendships and fellowship that have been a hallmark of First Christian Church in Columbia. The following week we will celebrate with our local schools and have a representative "float" in the Homecoming Parade in downtown Columbia. This may be a first for our church.

The topics in the Visitor during the month of October will be in celebration of groups and people that have been important to the life of the church. This week we profile the living Timothy's of our congregation. During the rest of October we will look at the commissioning of the charter members of Broadway Christian Church, the long history of the Christian Student Congregation and profile each of the 15 active members who are ministers in our church now.

50 Year Pictures

The 50-year member picture taken on September 9 following church turned out extremely well. There are 65, 50-year members in the picture. Several of our members who were unable to be present that day have been "photo shopped" into the picture successfully. My appreciation to Yolanda Ciolli at 50 Minute Photo for her endless patience at getting the picture right and sensing the importance it was to everyone involved. She spent many, many hours digitally reworking the picture to add fourteen people to the assembled crowd and to move blocked faces. It was a big undertaking that would not have been possible without her experience and technical abilities of working with digital photography.

This week there will be a stack of 4" X 12" 50-year pictures in the office for those who wish one. They are \$1.00 per copy. A larger framed copy will be hung in the Historical Room prior to our "Coming Home Sunday".

Coming Home Sunday

Sunday, October 14, 2007 is "Coming Home Sunday". Former Associate Ministers, FCC Timothy's, charter members from FCC who established Broadway Christian Church, and many former members who have moved, all are invited for worship and lunch following the second service. The Friendship Class will hold a reunion at 9:00 a.m. in the Keystone Classroom. They will sit in a roped off area of the sanctuary. The charter members who left to begin Broadway Christian Church will be back and seated in the sanctuary in the same area where they were on the day of commissioning, October 5, 1958. A group of former CSC members and several of our former Associate Ministers are expected to be present. Rev. David Yonker, our own Timothy and pastor of the Sterling IL First Christian Church will be the guest minister with a catered lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. There will be a short program and a lot of time for visiting and getting caught up with old friends. Reservations will be needed since the event will be catered. The meal will cost the church \$11.00 per person. Donation baskets will be on each table. Reservations need to be in to the church office by the end of the day on Thursday, October 11.

Our members are needed to serve as host to former members who will be returning to spend the day with us. This should be a fun day for everyone as it is always a pleasure to see old friends.

Inside Columbia Magazine article

The October issue of Inside Columbia has a feature article on our church titled "Rock of Ages". Pages 140-145 contain a nice article about our 175 years of history as part of downtown Columbia. If you do not receive a copy of the magazine by subscription, stop by the church office and read the article or take a magazine home with you.



Friendship Class Reunion

Lorene and Nelson Trickey are organizing a reunion of their old Friendship Class. They will be meeting at 9:00 in the Keystone Room. Coffee, juice and coffee cake will be available. Now what we need is YOU. Those "Friendshippers" who are still members of FCC, please join the group and encourage those who were members but have moved away to come back for the day. This group will sit together in a roped-off area at the front of the church during the second service. Please contact Lorene at 573-449-7393 or by e-mail ntrickey@centurytel.net to let her know if you will be part of the group.

Short Course Ends

Appreciation and thanks to John Yonker for providing his expertise and teaching skills for the Sunday School short course on the topic of "The Bible as Literature". This last week was a brief look at the four Gospels and the influences that contributed to the writing, and stories contained in each one.

Ornaments

The gold Christmas ornaments will be arriving in the church office within the next week. The 175th committee spent considerable time working on the design and the appearance of the ornament. We hope everyone likes them as much as we did when the order was placed. They will be for sale beginning at our "Coming Home Sunday" until Christmas.

Tote Bags

Due to the popularity of the tote bags with the church image sold several weeks ago after church, more have been ordered. If you did not get one, there will be more! The color will be different and the graphic design will be changed. These are going to be even better! We hope to have them in two weeks.

Timothys of FCC

First Christian Church has produced many Timothys throughout the 175 years it has existed. Like the Apostle Paul, our church has nurtured its young people in their faith. Just as Timothy, Paul's young apprentice, went into the world to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ so too have many young people from our church gone into Christian ministry. These are their stories, in their own words.....

Alan Bancroft

I was raised in a household where Sunday was the most chaotic morning of the week. My mother, Mary, and my father, Michael, both play church organ...at different churches...with different worship times. Growing up with two church homes was wonderful. From an early age, the church was a place where I felt comfortable and where I felt supported, nurtured, encouraged and loved.

As a child, my most vivid memories of FCC include Vacation Bible School, Wednesday Night Live, and participating in the annual Christmas pageant. People who stand out in my memory include: Cherry Hinderberger, Mike Crouch, Nelson Trickey and Edith Taylor. These were people who always greeted me and made me feel important, even when I was a child.

I first felt the call to ministry while participating in youth events in high school. While studying Philosophy and Religion at Truman State University and serving as a volunteer youth advisor at the First Presbyterian Church in Kirksville, MO, I decided that I should pursue a career in ministry. After spending a year working for Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia, MO, I embarked on the journey of theological training at Columbia Theological Seminary (CTS) in Decatur, GA, where I pursued and received a Masters of Divinity degree. During my time at CTS I also participated in the Montreat Youth Conferences in North Carolina and spent a year interning at Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. While completing my coursework at CTS I accepted a call to be the Associate Pastor for Youth and Families at Harpeth Presbyterian Church in Brentwood, TN. I was ordained in 2005 as a Minister in the Presbyterian Church USA at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, MO. My current pastoral duties at Harpeth include teaching youth, oversight of children's education programs, worship leadership, preaching, and pastoral care of the congregation.

While serving at Harpeth I've had the opportunity to be the keynote speaker for the middle school youth conference at Massanetta Springs conference center in Virginia, provide leadership for our presbytery camp, and serve on the board for Presbyterian Campus Ministries at Vanderbilt University.

Erin Crouch Curtis

Erin Crouch Curtis, daughter of Mike and Jan Crouch, grew up in Columbia, MO while her father served 13 years as Associate Minister of First Christian Church. She is a 1987 graduate of Rock Bridge Senior High School.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature with a minor in French in 1991 from Central Missouri State University. In 1991 Erin was called to serve as the Interim Youth Director of Warrensburg Christian Church. In August, 1992, she entered Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, her father's alma mater. Erin was supported by scholarships and prayers from her home congregation in Columbia and from the First Christian Church of Oskaloosa, IA where her father served as senior pastor.

In 1994 Erin was called to serve as the Director of Youth and Children's Ministries at Monticello Christian Church in Monticello, IN. She served as Chaplain of Oncology at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis for seven months while she completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. In 1998 she received her Masters of Divinity degree and was ordained at Monticello Christian Church. Three congregations served as her ordaining congregations: First Christian Church-Columbia, First Christian Church-Oskaloosa, and Monticello Christian Church.

In 1998 Erin married Thomas H. Curtis in Oskaloosa, IA. They moved to Washington, NC in 1999 where Erin was called as the Associate Minister of First Christian Church. On July 25, 2000, they welcomed their son, Peyton Wesley.

In 2001 Erin was called as the Senior Pastor of First Christian Church of Grand Island NE. She preached at the Regional Assembly in Omaha NE in 2004. In 2006 Erin left FCC-Grand Island to serve as a consultant for spiritual issues for a local counseling center. She became senior pastor of First Christian Church of Springfield, OR in July of 2007.

Erin and her family enjoy traveling, playing games and being outdoors. She has a

strong interest in spirituality and spiritual practices. She enjoys singing and writes music with her brother, Matthew.

Bob Leach

Bob Leach has served 54 years in the ministry. As a son of First Christian Church, he has always felt this church to be part of the home he grew up in and the congregation to be part of the family who nurtured and sustained him wherever he has been.



He married Muriel Watkins in 1955 while both served in our Christian Church national offices in Indianapolis. Previously, Bob had been a youth and young adult worker for Missouri Christian Churches, the Missouri Council of Churches, and the International Council of Religious Education in Chicago. After World War II he served as a "sea-going cowboy," tending one of many shiploads of dairy goats to Japan for Heifers For Relief, now Heifer International. He served two yoked churches before his marriage and together Bob and Muriel have served four churches plus a homeland mission center, Mount Beulah Christian Center in Mississippi. Primarily a religious journalist and writer, Bob has ministered in one way or another in Missouri, Illinois, Japan, Indiana, Mississippi, and Colorado.

Born in Fairbury, Nebraska, but growing up here, Bob is a 1947 Hickman High School graduate. He was dually enrolled in the University of Missouri in journalism and philosophy and in the adjacent MU-accredited Bible College of Missouri, graduating from MU in 1953. At the same time he pastored the yoked New Bloomfield and Mokane Christian Churches. His MU senior year First Christian Church of Columbia, at the recommendation of senior pastor Dr. Clarence E. Lemmon, bestowed a lifetime license of the ministry upon him. He then went on to graduate seminary.

Bob and Muriel are parents of two grown children, Kirsten and Corl IV, "Cory". Both Bob and Muriel serve on the Department of World Outreach Ministries and are Elders Emeriti. They also are official Heifer International volunteer representatives, active advocates of the statewide ecumenical Festival of Sharing, and PET Project promoters. In these, to cultivate Christian unity, they work through the state Office of Creative Ministries.

Paula K. Ritchie



A minister reflecting on her home church is like a child reflecting on a parent. You don't really have a clue until it's your turn to do the same job.

I am deeply grateful for the faith this congregation encouraged in me, and for a model of ministry in which intelligence, integrity and compassion are fundamental.

I am beginning my 11th year as the minister of First Christian Church in Fayette, Missouri. I have taken a wonderfully diverse professional path including: General Staff in Minneapolis; Associate Minister at South Street Christian in Springfield, Missouri; Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago; Millersburg Christian Church; a CPE Residency; and an internship at Canberra Central Parrish, Uniting Church of Australia, Canberra Australia. My ordination took place here at First Christian, July of 1983.

I graduated with a B.S. in Education and an M.A. in Speech from Mizzou, a Masters of Divinity degree from Yale University, and I am currently working on a Doctor of Ministry degree at St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City.

In 2000, I married Tom Hackley. He was worth the wait! While Tom is a Fayette native, his family lived in Columbia for three years where they, too, were members of First Christian. It was quite a surprise when we found each other's families in the 1972 pictorial directory.

Arthur Ridge

An incorrect address was all the church had for Arthur Ridge, so he never received the request for information for this article. Bob Leach contacted his brother and reported: "Presently, Arthur is living in Salisbury and is serving as pastor of the Christian Church of Keytesville, county seat of Randolph County. He is also a 'bi-vocational' healthcare minister, being a nurse at an area retirement home. Previously, he served the pastoral unity of Christian Churches at New London and Center, MO. He is one of five sons and a daughter of our late church elders Almer and Violet Ridge. He is married with four grown children".

The following was printed in the Visitor, May 1982 when he graduated from seminary.

"The Reverend Arthur Almer Ridge, a son of this church, received the Master of Divinity degree (M. Div.) at Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, at commencement exercises there Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1982. Born in 1953, he is a 1971 Hickman High School graduate. He earned his undergraduate degree at Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville. Arthur is the son of Mrs. Violet Ridge and our late elder, Almer Ridge. He was ordained here Sunday, November 15, 1981. He is already serving as pastor of the Unity Center at New London, MO."

Mike McConachie

After obtaining my PhD in political science from Missouri University, I surrendered to God's call and in August, 1986 enrolled in Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, TX. Following graduation and Ordination (co-sponsored by FCC-Plano) in 1989, I served as pastor of First Christian Church in Paris, MO. My next call was to be Senior Pastor of First Christian Church in Plano, TX. Currently I am serving as part-time pastor of the Melissa Christian Church in Melissa, TX. and I teach political science full-time at Collin College in McKinney, TX.

My wife, Cindy, works as librarian for the Richardson Independent School District. Our daughter, Amy, is a sophomore majoring in health at Sam Houston State University and son, David, is a high school junior at Plano East Senior High School.

I can truthfully say that the nurture of Dr. Langley, Mike Crouch and the FCC congregation has been one of the greatest and most enduring blessings of my life. I continue to feel the influence of FCC-Columbia to this day.

David Yonker



Rev. David J. Yonker, minister of the First Christian Church in Sterling, Illinois moved to Columbia at age 14 when his father received the call to become the senior minister at First Christian Church in Columbia. His parents, John and Sarah, brother Tom, and David settled in to their new Columbia home in the fall of 1992. David went on to graduate from Rock Bridge High School where he was on the baseball team and played in the concert and marching band, serving as drum major his senior year.

He went to Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri on a baseball scholarship and graduated with a degree in History and Political Science in 2000, followed by a Masters of Divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky.

While in seminary he served two years as president of the Student Council. He served in the youth ministry of First Christian Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky for three years. During his last year of seminary he served as the minister of the Smithfield Christian Church in Smithfield, Kentucky giving him valuable pastoral experience.

Dave graduated from seminary in May 2004, was ordained at First Christian Church in Columbia in June, and was married to Elizabeth Hammer on July 17, 2004. He began serving as minister of First Christian Church in Sterling, Illinois in August, 2004.

Elizabeth teaches in the Adult Education program at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, Illinois. When not involved in church activities, Dave enjoys watching spectator sports, playing golf and church league softball, reading, and running.

17th World Convention

July 30th – August 3rd 2008

Nashville Convention Center, Tennessee USA

We invite you to attend the 17th World Convention under the theme “Together in Christ”. This will be a very special event as we put aside those things which have traditionally divided us and come as one family to worship and celebrate our oneness in Christ.

For those residents in the United States, this will be the first opportunity to host the World Convention in 16 years. Nashville is a central location, a beautiful city with wonderful facilities which will help visitors from near and around the world to feel at home.

The 17th World Convention promises to be a memorable event as we have gathered together some of the best communicators available across our Churches. The four key note speakers are: **Cynthia Hale**, founding pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church (DOC) in Decatur, Georgia; **Bob Russell**, former Senior Minister of Southeast Christian Church (CCCC) in Louisville, Kentucky; **Mike Cope**, preaching minister at Highland Church of Christ Abilene, Texas; and World Convention President, **Dr. C Robert Wetzel**, President of Emmanuel School of Religion. We also have three outstanding Bible Study leaders: Ajai Lall, executive director of Central India Christian Mission; B.J. Mpofo, former president of the Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe; and Rhonda Lowry, from David Lipscomb University, Nashville. Each will bring a fresh and unique approach to our studies. We will also have a stimulating range of workshops on offer each day.

On Saturday evening we will share in a wonderful musical evening reflecting the diversity of our global family and celebrating the wonderful talent with which God has blessed the church. A special feature will be a showcase of some of the talented Christian song writers and musicians resident in Nashville.

Sunday we will share in a magnificent time of worship as the convention draws to a close. A feature this year will be the “Great Communion”, the first communion service in a year of celebrations to mark the bicentennial of Thomas Campbell writing the “Declaration and Address,” one of our founding documents.

We hope you will join us in this wonderful global celebration.

President
C. Robert Wetzel

Executive Director
Jeff Weston

Weekly Report

Sept. 30, 2007

Received \$6,489.88

Received to Date \$137,704.52

Attendance - 225

(includes early worship - 56)

Where are we going? . . .

NE Area Assembly & Youth Rally

November 9-10, 2007

Macon First Christian Church

Area Assembly Fee: \$25

\$30 for registrations postmarked AFTER October 31

Youth Rally Fee: \$15

\$20 for registrations postmarked AFTER October 31.

Friday, November 9th:

3:00 p.m. - Registration Begins

5:00-6:00 p.m. - Optional Dinner and Love Offering

7:00 p.m. - Assembly begins with Singspiration!

- Youth Rally Check-in begins

Saturday, November 10th:

Includes breakfast, centering prayer, Bible study, singing, exceptional workshops, lunch & worship. Assembly and Youth Rally end at 3:30 p.m.

Registration fees include meals on Saturday. Soup & sandwich dinner on Friday is optional by love-offering.

Special hotel rates available. Host homes available for adults needing alternatives to hotels. Scholarships available by request from churches.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going (NIF).

Hebrews 11:8

More News of the Congregation

Congratulations to **Ray Lansford** and **Sally Robinson** who were recognized for their service to the Kiwanis service organization at the annual installation banquet of the Columbia Kiwanis Club meeting on September 25. On that evening the name of annual Kiwanian of the Year award was changed to the Ray Lansford Award in honor of Ray's long service to the world-wide effort of Kiwanis which included serving as president of Kiwanis International in 1984-85. Sally was named the Kiwanian of the Year by the club and received the first Ray Lansford Award in recognition of her work with the club over the past year. With 8,000 clubs in 96 countries representing approximately 260,000 members, Kiwanis is an international service organization which supports programs to serve young children around the world.



www.firstchristian.org/youth

All youth are invited to walk and help with our water stop at this year's CROP Walk which will be this very Sunday, October 7th. After worship we will have lunch together and then will get ready for the water stop. We'll walk down to Missouri United Methodist Church together at 1:30pm and will then "step off the curb" at 2:00pm to begin the walk. We will, however, not walk with the group at that point. We will walk directly to our church where we will actually pour the water for the walkers and their dogs. ;) After everyone walks by, we will clean up our water stop and then will complete the walk. We should be back at the church by 3:45pm and if your adult loved ones haven't been with us, they can pick you up at that time. (See related article on the front page about why we are invited with this walk.)

Partner thanks to all of the **college students** who sponsored our Barn Swinging last Saturday! Also, thanks to **Mike Korman** for helping us with the morning's chores before getting on the road. It was a unique experience and certainly fun with our group of 22!


News of the Area and Region!

We have received an invitation to attend the installation service of the Rev. Lina Eddy as minister of First Christian Church in California at 3 p.m., Sunday, October 28. A reception will follow.

Members of our congregation are also invited to attend the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Regional Disciples Mission Center in Jefferson City, Saturday, October 6. The ceremony begins at 12:45 p.m in the dining hall of the Rickman Conference Center, and the ground breaking will occur at 1 p.m. at the construction site with a grand entry processional. Persons attending are asked to bring a stone (6 inches or more in diameter and flat on the side) which will later become part of a garden fountain in the patio area of the new facility.

College Notes...

Thanks to **Lorene Tricky** for the wonderful cake and cookies last week at the Back Room! We continue to meet each Wednesday evening from 8:45 – 10:00pm and are having a great year so far. We look forward to reaching out to all of the churches in the Mid-America and Kansas City Regions for additional students who might be in Columbia so that our group can continue to grow. We have already emailed everyone and are now to the calling aspect of our recruitment. Our core group of seven or eight students who come each week are wonderful and the students who make it when they can are lovely as well. It is good to be with such a healthy group of students and we hope for continued good times together!



American Red Cross

Blood Drive
 Sunday
 October 7th
 First Christian Church
 8:00 am-12:30 pm
 Fellowship Hall

AWOL

One of the church's 6-foot tables has been absent without leave for at least a month. It will be needed for the Election Day Luncheon. If you have information on the whereabouts of this table please contact the church office. Thank you for your help!

~Fred Mottaz



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



FOOD DRIVE
Sunday
October 7
 Bring your canned goods
 to the Narthex

Different Place and Time for Book Club

The Ladies' Book Club moves to a different Wednesday and different place for Columbia's



One Read, *Water for Elephants*. In October, we'll be meeting Oct 31 at twelve noon in Barb Rothenberger's home at 3712 Watts Drive. It seems most of Columbia is reading or has read this delightful novel. One critic wrote, "Sara Gruen has written a rare book that is a great story, well written and bearing one of the happiest endings you will ever read." If you have questions or need directions to Barb's, please call Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or email lhutton50@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Roy G. Biv

Following the flood the Lord said to Noah in Genesis 9:13, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth". The rainbow has seven basic colors which are: red, orange, yellow, green, indigo, and violet. Roy G. Biv is a mnemonic (memory aid that serves an educational purpose) to remember the colors of the rainbow. FCC has made a goal of raising \$5,000 in 2007 for an Ark for Heifer International. Your response has been good. Thus far a total of \$1,113.25 has been donated. This is 22% of the goal. Use Roy G. Biv as your memory aid to prayerfully consider your financial support of this colorful and worthy project.

~Fred Mottaz

The Visitor

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Sunday's Schedule-October 7, 2007

Van Driver: Bryan Garton *Telephone:* Pat Ritchie

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Mary Dewey, Tom and Freda Martz

Elder for 8:30 Service: Bettie Koelling

Communion Preparation:

C.K. & Paula Hoenes, Justin & Jessica Bright

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Gerry Coon

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich *Liturgist:* Jacki Davidson
10:30 Elders: Fred Mottaz, Robert Swanson, Judy Cunningham

Deacons: The Campbell Team

Greeters:

Pat and Sue Wright, *North Door*

Pat Ritchie, *South Door*

Ushers: The Pavlovich Team

Banner Bearers: Makali Hawkins and Jadie Arnett

Candlelighters: Gavin Rose and Ben Creasy

Flower Ministry:

Arranged: Emmy Croll and Jacki Davidson

Delivered: Perry and Helen Stemmons

Evangelism Calls: Anne Campbell

This Week (Oct. 7 - 13)

Sun. - Blood Drive, 8:00a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Old Time Hymn Sing
- CROP Walk, Preparation-after 10:30 worship,
Walk-2:00 p.m.
- Fall Adult Softball Game, 6:00 p.m., Orange Field

Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

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

Thur. - Woodhaven Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Broadway Christian

