



## Habitat Interfaith Build

We are invited by the Columbia Faith and Education Collaborative to join in an Interfaith Habitat for Humanity build on September 7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>. Friday's build is an all-women's build while everyone is invited to build on Saturday and Sunday.

Each work day is divided into two shifts: 8:30am – noon and 12:30-4:00pm. Up to 15 builders who are 16 years of age and older may work on each shift. Supervision will be provided by Habitat so that even those of us with little work experience are welcome to volunteer. However, we need to pre-register so that the work shifts are well balanced. If you are able to help with this project, please call Uel Blank at 442-0456 as soon as you know you are able.

As part of the event, there will be an Interfaith Picnic on Sunday afternoon, September 9th at Happy Hollow Shelter in Stephens Lake Park. It will be a potluck with entertainment to delight all ages. (see below)

### Faith & Education Collaborative Potluck Picnic

Entertainment for all ages  
Bring your friends & family

**September 9, 2007**  
**5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Stephens Lake**  
**Happy Hollow Shelter (East)**  
Enter from Broadway

For more information:  
Otto Steinhaus: 442-6886  
Sarah Read: 447-2349  
Rashed Nizam: 447-4324

## Welcome, New Member!

We were pleased to welcome **Rachell Gray** into First Christian Church by confession of faith at the 10:30 service on September 2. A graduate of Hallsville High School, Rachell is working on her master's degree at Columbia College. A baptismal date will be scheduled in the near future. Welcome, Rachell! (Address: 2405 Springdale, 65202; phone # 573-268-8507)



**Church Eat-Out**  
Friday - Sept. 7  
5:30 p.m.  
Country Kitchen  
Everyone Welcome!

## Meeting of the Church in Society Committee

There will be a Church in Society Committee meeting Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Morris Parlor. Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome. Transportation or baby sitting service is available by contacting Carol Slusher 874-4902

## CFW - Blessing Boxes

Although blessing boxes are a year-round opportunity to give thanks, it is time to empty our boxes and send our checks (marked "For Blessing Box") to Royanne Tracy or bring the gifts and put in Blessing Boxes in the Narthex by September 16, 2007. Gifts will be dedicated at the NE Area CFW meeting toward the end of the month.

## Sunday Services

In the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of his gospel, Luke lumps together some of the "hard sayings" of Jesus to underscore the commitment required of those who would be his followers. It is no easy thing to follow Jesus! And it is certainly nothing like those contemporary preachers of the gospel of success who would have us believe that God wants us all to get rich, and there is something lacking with our faith if we do not. The challenging words of Jesus are found in Luke 14:25-33 and will serve as the basis for Dr. Yonker's sermon this coming Sunday.

Special music this Sunday will be a solo by Brenda Mosby. At 8:30 she will sing "People Need the Lord" and at 10:30 she will sing "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" during the offertory. The Chancel Choir's anthem at the 10:30 service will be "I Have Felt the Touch of God."

**Weekly Report**  
Sept. 2, 2007  
Received \$8,585.40  
Received to Date \$110,940.10  
Attendance - 287  
(includes early worship - 60)



## Heerrree's Johnny!

Over the past few years Sarah Read and I have been serving on the Steering Committee of the Faith and Education Collaborative. As I mention this organization many of you will be asking, "What is that? Never heard of it!" Here's the answer!

In the fall of 2002 members of the University Peace Studies Department, and the Friends of Peace Studies, began meeting with members of the faith community to address the issues of religious difference, misunderstanding and conflict. After an initial community conference, the group began to sponsor meetings and workshops to fulfill its stated purpose of developing and sharing models for dialogue within and between communities of faith and area schools, colleges and universities for understanding and advancing a culture of peace based on justice and dialogue. As defined by United Nations resolution the "culture of peace" is a set of values, attitudes and models of behavior and ways of life that reject violence and prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation among individuals, groups and nations.

Through the years since its founding, several workshops and consultations have been held to discuss ways to engage youth and adults in communication and conflict resolution skills. Members of the various religious groups in Columbia have been brought together, Christians, Jews, and Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Baha'is and others.

In July an interfaith blood drive was held, and this coming weekend two events will give us the chance to meet and work together with members of other faith groups: On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, members of the religious community will work together on a Habitat for Humanity house build. And on Sunday evening, September 9, we will have the opportunity to participate in an Interfaith Picnic at Stephens Lake Park. Information about the picnic is included in this issue of the VISITOR, and I invite you to attend!

As we approach another anniversary of the terrible events of 9/11 let us re-commit ourselves to tearing down walls of ignorance, fear and mistrust, and building bridges of understanding and respect between people so that we might do our part in creating a culture of peace right here in our own community.

## Crouch Families to Oregon Churches

Rev. Michael and Janet Crouch and their daughter Rev. Erin, Thomas, and Peyton Curtis have just begun new ministries with churches in Oregon. Mike was our Associate Minister 1978-1991. Erin is a daughter of our church, and we co-sponsored her ordination.

Michael went from here to First Christian Church, Oskaloosa, Iowa, and now to Lynchwood Christian Church in Portland, Ore. There Jan is on the staff of a counseling center for children. Erin served in Grand Island, Nebr. since graduating from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis in 2001. She begins now as pastor of First Christian Church, Springfield, Ore., a twin city of the capital, Eugene. Thomas is a personal counselor.

Mike and Jan's son Matthew and family have lived for several years in Portland. Matt is with OIA Global Logistics in charge of their Nike account. Both Erin and Matt are Rock Bridge High School graduates, then Matt from MU and Erin from CMSU. The church does not have his home address.

Mike and Jan's address is 11204 NE Knott, Portland, OR 97220, or e-mail [wmc46@hotmail.com](mailto:wmc46@hotmail.com) Erin and family live at 1287 Juniper St., Junction City, OR 97448. They would like to hear from Columbia friends.

~Bob Leach

## News of the congregation

We are glad to report that **Sean Douglas, Marcy (Peterson) Douglas'** husband has been released from the hospital after spending a few days there recently. Also, **Charlie Koelling** is at home and getting along well after surgery last week at Capital Regional Medical Center in Jefferson City.

Our prayers are with **Jack Pavlovich, Dane's** father, who is very ill and undergoing testing at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

Our prayers are also with **Mary Frances Sneed**, mother of **Sally Estes**, who was hospitalized in Sedalia.

We celebrate the life of **Grace Smith**, age 95, who died on Wednesday, August 29, at the home of her granddaughter, **Cheri Schmitz**, in Boonville. Along with her husband, **Jim**, who preceded her in death in 2002, Grace had been an active member of our congregation since 1940, shortly after they moved to Columbia. She loved to work in the church kitchen with her friends and in the nursery. Along with Jimmy, she was an active member of the C.L. Class, and founder of the Flower Ministry. She is survived by four daughters and their husbands, **Grace and Darrell Berlin**, Stillwater, Oklahoma; **Jeannie and Ray Sanchez**, Boonville; **Perry and Chico Diaz**, Overland Park, Kansas; and **Barbara and RL Owen** of Columbia; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

Thanks to **Harlan Hackett**, and **Brenda Mosby** for leading the hymn singing before worship services, and to Harlan for his solo at the early service last Sunday.

*Happy  
Birthday*



Walker Embry-Sept. 10  
Devin Klotz-Sept. 10  
Kayla Pikop-Sept. 10  
James Mark Rogers-Sept. 11  
Tommy Gay Evans-Sept. 11  
Debbie Batterson-Sept. 12  
Aiden Fullington-Sept. 12  
Katie Hallam-Sept. 12  
Colleen Nilges-Sept. 13  
Bryan Grieme-Verslues-Sept. 13  
Helen Ingold-Sept. 14  
Bettie Koelling-Sept. 14  
Kent Kurtz-Sept. 14  
Jack Kirtley-Sept. 14  
Lauren Roberts-Sept. 14  
Gladys Roth-Sept. 15  
Hardin "Wilkie" Wilkerson-Sept. 15

*Thank You!*

We have such thoughtful and loving friends in First Christian Church. You have all come forth for me when I needed you and I am so appreciative. I am improving and can now read a little and have no trouble getting around with a walker and supervision. Thanks to all of you for your love and support. I hope to join you in church soon.

~Jerry Vaught



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

## September Theme: Christian Education

The focus for the month of September will be Christian Education. The educational opportunities through the church are so numerous it was difficult to select just four to explore during the four weeks of September. Sunday School itself has been one of the strongest links to Christian education in the church, so that is where we will begin. The subjects to be explored during September will be:

Week 1: Sunday School—John Yonker

Week 2: Church School Teachers and Recollections: Lorene Trickey

Week 3: Children's Worship Hour—Muriel Leach

Week 4: Mother's Day Out—Jeannette French

## 50-Year Member Picture

50 year members of First Christian Church are asked to go to Fellowship Hall following the late service this coming **Sunday, September 9, 2007** for a 50 year picture as part of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Recently, a 50-year picture surfaced from the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1982 and we would like to have a matched pair for a wall in the Historical Room. Church records reveal there are 64 active members, 23 inactive members and 9 out-of-town members who have been 50-year FCC members. All have been contacted. We want all of you who are able to be in this official 50-year picture. If you think you have been a member of the church for 50 years and did not receive a letter, please contact the office and come for the picture. Copies will be available for the cost of printing to anyone wishing one.

If you are unable to come to the church, but are able to stand long enough to have your picture taken at your residence, please call the office (449-7265) and someone will come to your home and take your picture. With the advances in digital technology, the ability to "photo-shop" those unable to be present has increased substantially.

## Special Note

A special announcement will be made Sunday of a new project to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Christian Church. Cliff Tompson will speak at both services about what we can do as a congregation to continue our historic interest in education.

## October Homecoming

Sunday, October 14, 2007 is "Coming Home Sunday". All former Associates, Senior Ministers and FCC Timothy's have been contacted by mail to save the date. Invitations will be mailed out within the next week. Rev. David Yonker will be the guest minister with a catered lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. Reservations will be needed since the event will be catered. The meal will cost the church \$11.00 per person. Donation jars will be on each table.

Our members are needed to serve as hosts to former members who will be returning to spend the day with us. We want to contact those who have moved away or become part of other local congregations. We will need everyone who is a current member to help spread the word. We are also depending on those who have adult children who grew up as part of the FCC church family to let your kids know we want to welcome them home that weekend. Some of these people still receive the Visitor, but many have moved and we no longer have the correct address. **If you know any names of former members who would enjoy visiting with old friends in Columbia, please turn their name and address in to the office so we can include them on our mailing list for the event.** Invitations will be available in the office for church members to address to former members and the church will mail them.



## Short Course Adult Sunday School

This Sunday, September 9, a new short course will begin during the Sunday School hour as part of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on **Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:20**. The class will be taught by Dr. John Yonker and is titled *The Bible as Literature*. This is a condensed version of the semester class John taught at Columbia College fall semester, 2006. He explores the different types of literature in the Bible used to convey a message, such as songs, poems, myths, creation and apocalyptic stories, just to name a few. The Bible has just about everything. Time will be devoted to how the Bible originated and why we have 66 books. A few lucky people were able to sit in on this class when it was offered at Columbia College, beside the enrolled CC students, and all reported it was fantastic. We all know John as a wonderful teacher so this will be a big treat. Put the four Sundays of September on your calendar beginning with September 9 and come meet in the C.L. Class room for an interesting hour of learning more about the Bible.

## Winding up August and the NBA

When monthly themes and weekly subjects were selected for the anniversary year late in the calendar year of 2006, no thought was given to Visitor "vacation weeks." One of these occurred in August. The final week of August, written by Sally Robinson is included in this issue.

## Adult Christian Education at FCC

A traveler to Columbia before 1850 noted the existence of a Sunday school; however, there is no evidence the Christian Church had any connection with it. According to J.K. Rogers, mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Christian Church minister and Christian Church President, record of the first Sunday school dates to a Sunday afternoon, May 4, 1851, when nearly 80 persons gathered at the Christian Church to organize a Sunday school. Several classes were formed with Christian College President, John Augustus Williams, acting as principal.

Sunday schools began to flourish in the 1870's, and in 1880 members of the Christian Church gathered with other church members in Columbia to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sunday school movement. By 1886 there were 113 in attendance with 14 teachers at the Christian Church. By the fall of 1899 nearly 300 people came to Sunday School. In 1906 a local newspaper reported the Christian Church Sunday school was one of the best and most active, not only in the city but also in the entire state. At that time it consisted mostly of children and young people, with a small number of men and older women in attendance.

Shortly after the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century a Men's Bible class was organized, and by the 1920's it recorded over forty men in regular attendance. When couple's classes became popular in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, attendance in the Men's class began to decline, and the class disbanded in June 1962, with remaining members joining the Keystone Class.

In 1911 the Sunday school adopted the Bethany graded series for use on Sunday morning, and classes were graded through the intermediate department.

A Mother's Class was founded in 1912, and in the following years engaged in several service projects in addition to meeting for lessons on Sunday mornings. The class supported a Chinese girl in Nanking, financed refurbishing of the children's department, and made clothes for needy families. In addition, they maintained a birthday fund to support foreign missions. The Mother's Class survived until 1969, when it evolved into a women's quilting group. Following its official closing, some members began meeting on Sunday mornings with the Keystone Class.

In the early 1920's the adult division of the Sunday school sometimes began with special selections by the church orchestra, vocal solos, reading and cello solos.

The girls of Christian College became an important part of the educational ministry of First Christian Church. By 1920 the girls at the college met in a classroom on Sunday mornings, due to lack of sufficient room at the church. With the passing of time, the Christian College class became a branch of the Christian Student Congregation.

By 1939 the Sunday school recorded an attendance of 100 children, 91 young people and 151 adults, for a total of 344, the highest it had been in several years. Sunday school attendance reached its peak in 1956, when on the first Sunday of October there were 626 people in attendance.

In addition to the Men's Bible Class and the Mother's Class, several adult classes have provided rich educational experiences for members of the congregation. The Keystone Class was organized on December 7, 1929 with six charter members, with Al Reeves as teacher. The letters to the word Keystone stood for kindness, enthusiasm, youthfulness, sincerity, truthfulness, on time, nobleness and earnestness. Membership of the class grew rapidly with attendance reaching 190 by 1933. The class continued in existence until the mid-1990's when Charles Koelling served as the last teacher.

In 1940 Kenneth Davis, grandfather of current member, C.K. Hoenes, organized the Christian Leaders Class for young adults who no longer fit into the work of the Christian Student Congregation. Davis and his wife, Sue, had been attending the Christian and Baptist churches. One day he met C.E. Lemmon, minister of First Christian Church, on the golf course who asked him to come to First Christian to organize a class. He did so, and served as the first class president. By November/December of that year the class averaged fourteen people in attendance, and increased to more than 50, with many members serving as leaders in the Sunday school during class meeting times. The class continues to the present, meeting in Morris Parlor on the second floor of the education building.

The Hearthstone Class was organized under the leadership of Tom Hammel in 1953 for young married couples. Originally, the class met in the Higbee Center, but by 1962 they had a room of their own on the third

floor of the education building. Membership in the 1960's consisted of people from various occupations as well as college students and professors. In addition to class meetings and social activities, the class participated in a continuing project of aid to the state mental hospital in Fulton.

In the fall of 1979 the Friendship Class was organized through the leadership of Nelson and Lorene Trickey, with Nelson serving as the teacher to young adults on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the education building. Attendance averaged 20 to 30 in the 1980's and 90's. With the disbanding of that class in 2001 some members helped to form the New Keystone Class with Linda Roebuck as teacher. The New Keystone Class continues to meet in the old Keystone Classroom with Fred Mottaz as teacher.

Through the years other adult classes have served the members of the congregation. In 1981 Sondra Duren organized a class for single persons. In the late 1980's the Inklings Class and Sojourners Classes met for several years, and in 1991 the Open Door Class was organized for younger adults. In 1998 John Yonker helped to organize four young couples into the Pathfinders group, which now meets on Sunday mornings in the Back room.

Other topic-specific, short-term classes and courses have been organized for adults during the Sunday School hour in the late 1990's and 2000's. Four-week short courses on the history of the denomination and the history of the Columbia Church have both been popular and offered several times. In 2002, John Yonker taught a four-week review of the non-canonical Gospels. That same year, Dr Tony Alioto was a guest lecturer in a four-week course on Faith and Science. Beginning this week, John Yonker will be teaching a 4-week class on the Bible as Literature.

In 1993 John Yonker began teaching a Lectionary Bible Study group on Tuesday mornings for retired adults. This has been a popular bible study for those involved. After taking a summer break, the group is ready to resume meeting to finish reading through the Gospel of Luke.

Through the years our congregation has benefited from the leadership of committed and capable professional Christian educators. Ken Watson, Muriel Leach, and Moray Loring Kiehl are among those who have helped continue the outstanding educational ministry at First Christian Church.

~John Yonker

## Woodhaven

Woodhaven was established to meet the needs of children with disabilities by the National Benevolent Association, the health and human services arm of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In 1961, Charles Palmer became the first Woodhaven Administrator. That same year, ground was broken for the Woodhaven campus. In May of 1964 the first students arrived as residents and in 1966, two cottages were built, one for eight young men and one for eight young women. After the successful integration of the early adult residents, Woodhaven built more adult cottages in 1969 and 1972. By 1975, Woodhaven served over 225 adults and children with developmental disabilities.

With the inclusion of adults in Woodhaven's mission, a need arose for employment for these individuals. In 1969, Woodhaven started a sheltered workshop. It also operated an egg farm and later a driving range, all offering employment opportunities to the individuals served by Woodhaven.

In 1972, the Woodhaven Hand Bell Choir was formed after a church in West Palm Beach, Florida, donated a set of English hand bells to Woodhaven. The choir recorded several tapes of music. They performed in all 50 states, including Hawaii. In 1980 they performed at the World Convention of Christian Churches, and in 1981 at President Ronald Reagan's inauguration in Washington, D.C. The Woodhaven Hand Bell Choir no longer exists but some former members continue to play in a local bell choir sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation.

As the Woodhaven population aged, the public school system made vast improvements in its ability to serve people with disabilities. This left no need for a residential facility with a school to serve children. As the children grew up, Woodhaven became exclusively for adults with developmental disabilities.

In 1993, with encouragement from the state of Missouri, Woodhaven became a "community based" program and moved the residents into homes and apartments. The individuals now live off campus with structured aid and fully participate in community events, churches and organizations consistent with their interest and abilities. Twenty of the residents of Woodhaven are members of the Columbia Aktion Club, a Kiwanis Club for people with physical and developmental disabilities. They have adopted the corner of Paris Road and Hinkson to keep up the flowers and pull the weeds. They hold fundraising projects to give their money to a variety of organizations including Heifer International. NBA Woodhaven has encouraged independence and community participation.

Today, Mark Palmer, grandson of Charles Palmer, is the CEO of Woodhaven. First Christian Church has been a committed supporter of Woodhaven and its mission since the founding in 1961. Tommy Tomlin, FCC member, served as the second Director of Woodhaven, 1976-1882. CWF donated and maintained an aquarium in 1965. In 1968, Ruth Brummet and CWF worked to begin the Foster Grandparent program which produced friends and mentors for Woodhaven residents. Our church budget has been a consistent financial supporter and countless number of our members have volunteered their time and resources for Woodhaven.

~Sally Robinson

Where are we going? . . .

## NE Area Assembly & Youth Rally

November 9-10, 2007

### Macon First Christian Church

**Area Assembly Fee:** \$25

\$20 Early Bird registration postmarked  
BEFORE September 29;

\$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



**ATTENTION: ALL WOMEN OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING



## **FALL DINNER**



**Who:** All women receiving The Visitor... and take this excellent opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor!

**What:** Dinner and a keynote speaker

**When:** Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Fellowship Hall, FCC

**Why:** Insightful fellowship with our friends and church family

**Guest speaker pastor Betsy Happel will present:  
“When Two Vectors Intersect: Seven Lessons of Life”**

A free will offering will be collected for the Women’s Shelter of Columbia

Dinner will be provided by the church and prepared by Laura Estes and Amy LaHue.  
Childcare and transportation will be provided upon request.

**Please RSVP by September 13<sup>th</sup> in order to meet everyone’s needs!**

449-7265

# YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

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

JYF and Chi Rho will meet after worship this Sunday, September 9, until 2:00pm. Just like last week, we will eat together and then split off for our own group happenings. Chi Rho will continue with the discussion of anxiety and JYF will host their first annual fashion show with clothes from our drama closet.

CYF will continue meeting on even Wednesdays which will be September 12th and 26th this month. We will begin our time in the Fellowship Hall and then move from there. Hope high schoolers can make it from 7:15 - 8:30pm; we would love to have more friends join us!

Huge, mega Partner thanks to **Jeff Creasy** for leading JYF in a fun day of creatively showing how God loves us all. :) Also, the same amount of huge thanks goes out to **Sarah Read** for leading our Chi Rho youth group in thinking about what anxiety is and our responses to it. It was a pleasure to be at the lake with our college group reunion, knowing that all was in good hands with the youth groups! Thanks to you all!

Upcoming events of note: Chi Rho and CYF are going Barn Swinging on Saturday, September 29th which is a Saturday without a Mizzou football game. From 8:30am - 8:30pm we will be road-tripping to the Springfield, MO area for some good old-fashioned (yet safe) swinging through a barn on a rope. :) We will also go on a unique bus ride and have a hotdog bonfire before returning home. As always, there is no fee for this event. Please RSVP to Amy Kay by Sept. 16th.



## GET ON BOARD!

## Book Club Kickoff

The Ladies Book Club of FCC kicks off its third year on September 26 with the popular romance novel *September* by the author, Rosamunde Pilcher. We plan on meeting in Morris Parlor at 12:30 p.m. If you'd like, bring a lunch/beverage and share an hour of your time with women who love to read good books. Next month's selection will be Columbia's One Read choice *Water for Elephants*. Questions? Contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com).



## CSC Reunion

The annual reunion of the Christian Student Congregation (CSC) was this past weekend at the Lake of the Ozarks. People who were active in our church's college group have done an amazing job of keeping up with one another and reuniting on this weekend, as they did in college for retreat times, for decades. Most of the CSCers were active in the college group in the 60's, although there was at least one college couple from '50-'52. The group has extended an invitation to me and our college group for three years and this is the second that it has worked out for us to be with them.

Molly Read represented our current students this year and she read scripture in worship, reported about our group during their business meeting and generally mingled beautifully with the whole group during our hours of free time. I preached for Vespers and again enjoyed the atmosphere of their reunion. They think of and pray for our current group often; it is a powerful thing to be lifted in prayer by a group such as this. They very much want the type of experience that they had at "First Church" to continue to be had by our students today.

Although our times are certainly different, we do hope to provide such a church community for the students in these days. Thanks be to God for the opportunity to try!

We hope to get to host some of the CSCers at our Homecoming Sunday on October 14th.

~Amy Kay Pavlovich

## Stars in the Crown

We are so fortunate to have many talented people in our congregation. Pat Ritchie is one of those people. I want to thank her personally and on behalf of the entire congregation for helping us get the fall season started by directing our chancel choir. Her enthusiasms in practice and worship gave us a good start. When you see her next time, shake her hand or give her a hug and tell her thanks.

~Mary Bancroft, Coordinator of Music

## Secret Place

The fall 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.

2007-2008 subscription orders are due by Oct. 7. CWF members should contact their group leaders as soon as possible. Non CWF orders may be made by contacting Mary Kay Mueller at 445-2365. Cost: \$5.00 for regular print; \$9.00 for large print. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Checks should be made out to CWF.

~Mary Kay Mueller



## BOOK

## ORNER

*The Journey*, by Billy Graham. Subtitled "*How to Live by Faith in an Uncertain World.*" As he shares his own stories, including some regrets, Billy gives us advice born of his wisdom and deep love for God.

What kind of a journey has your life been so far? Have you felt overwhelmed by circumstances, unmet goals, disappointment, and heartache? Does the journey have to be this way, or can it be different? With God's help you can begin again and find joy in learning to walk with Him every day.

We all know this author, preacher, evangelist who has delivered the gospel message to more people face-to-face than anyone else in history and has ministered on every continent of the world. Join him once more in this one-of-a-kind road map, with all roads guiding you back to God.

~On the Book Cart

## The Visitor

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## Sunday's Schedule-Sept. 9, 2007

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

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

*Worship Asst:* Joni Cupp, Joe and Kim Readron

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Anne Campbell

*Communion Preparation:*

Larry Burnam, Gloria Hay, Roger Backues

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

*Church School Greeter:* Dorothy Porter

*Nursery Volunteer:* TBA

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

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Pat Ritchie

*10:30 Elders:* Julie and John Hickey, Mary Tompson

*Deacons:* The England Team

*Greeters:*

Amy La Hue, *North Door*

Chuck Scott, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Burnam Team

*Candlelighters:* TBA

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged:* Anne Campbell and Becky Bramon

*Delivered:* Eric Seaman and Nannie Lou Mallett

*Evangelism Calls:* Jacki Davidson

## This Week (Sept. 9 - 15)

- Sun. - 50-Year Member Picture, after 10:30 service  
- JYF (grades 3-5) and Chi Rho (grades 6-8), after 10:30 service until 2:00 p.m.  
- Fall Adult Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Orange Field
- Mon. - Drennan Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Choir Director Search Committee, 7:00 p.m., Keystone
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30, Morris Parlor
- Wed. - CWF Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Thur. - Church in Society Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room

