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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Mid-Month Movie!

We've had a request to see "Driving Miss Daisy"! Do you remember Miss Daisy?



When Daisy Werthan, an aging Southern matron, nearly wrecks her brand-new 1948 Packard backing out of the driveway, her wealthy son hires Hoke, a kind black man, to serve as her chauffeur, and the sparks begin to fly. This wonderful movie proceeds to chronicle 25 years in Daisy and Hoke's relationship with the aid of brilliant performances by Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman.

Honored with four Oscars, including Best Picture of 1989, *Driving Miss Daisy* addresses serious issues such as aging, racial prejudice, religious faith and class structure without heavy-handedness, allowing the audience instead to eavesdrop as these challenges subtly impact individual lives over a quarter-century.

Come to the 3rd floor cinema and see it with us on Friday evening, September 21, 7 pm.

Frenzied Ringing

The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Sept. 23 at 8:45 a.m., and anyone who would like to participate is welcome to join us for frivolity and frenzied ringing. We rehearse down the hall from the choir room.

Bell Choir ~Deb Batterson



STARS PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Come join us for a great catered luncheon and interesting program to be presented by David Sapp on **Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 11:45 in Morris Parlor**. The cost will be **\$6.50** per person to be paid the day of the meeting, but we are asking that you make reservations by September 21, 2007 so we can get the food ordered. Call the church office 449-7265 or stop by to put your name on the list.



Remember our name stands for:

- S** Seniors, men and women 55 and older
- T** Together emblem
- A** Affirming our faith in God
- R** Reaching out to one another
- S** Serving Christ

Hosting committee: Paula Kurtz, Joy Duren, Jane Ann Hackett, Tommie Ross

Book Club to Meet

Don't forget next Wednesday's Book Club discussion of Rosamunde Pilcher's *September*. It's pure escapism! Bring your lunch and join us in Morris Parlor at 12:30. If you have any comments or questions you can email Linda Hutton at lhutton50@hotmail.com. October 24's meeting will focus on Columbia's One Read selection *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen.

Sunday Services

On September 23 Dr. Yonker's sermon will be based upon the scripture reading found in Jeremiah 8:18-9:1. Known as the suffering or weeping prophet, Jeremiah lived in the tumultuous days leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem and the beginning of the Babylonian captivity. Jeremiah was one of the bold proclaimers of God's word who interpreted the events of his day as God's judgment upon the people of Israel. We rarely interpret international events from such a point of view, yet we would do well to understand the prophet's message and application to our national and international life.

Special music for the morning will include a solo by Pat Rybolt, "In Heaven's Eyes" at the 8:30 service. At the 10:30 service the choir anthem will be "God Is Our Strong Salvation."

Weekly Report

Sept. 16, 2007

Received \$5,048.59

Received to Date \$126,400.64

Attendance - 245

(includes early worship - 45)

From the Frontier to the Future



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Columbia, Missouri



Heeerrreee's Johnny!

Lessons from one of life's great games Knowing my love of hitting the links to chase the little white ball, perhaps you thought it would be golf. Or, hearing me talk about my life-long desire to catch "a really big one" and mount it above the family room fireplace, maybe you thought it is fishing. But no, my inspiration came from another great game, co-ed church league softball, and our team's exciting game last Sunday evening at the Cosmo Park Rainbow complex. Think about some of those great life lessons!

It is co-ed! Men and women are both given the chance to play. In fact, there must be an equal number of women and men on each team; any team without enough women must take an automatic out each time the missing player's spot comes to the plate.

The game is slow pitch, which gives each batter a chance to actually hit the ball. Everyone gets a chance to make a contribution to the team's success. But the game moves right along, as each batter comes to the plate already having one strike and one ball and no one hogs all the attention at the plate! There are chances for fielders to make great plays on hot infield smashes, and long out-field flies. But each fielder also takes risks making errors on those same batted balls.

Players cheer for and encourage each other. Everyone cheers for all the players and especially applauds the efforts of the ones who are the all-stars. And, in many games, fans and players applaud the outstanding efforts of the opposition. And at the end of the game, there are high-fives and congratulations for the other team.

There are remarkable individual achievements, like Joe Reardon's hitting for the cycle – getting a single, a double, a triple and a home run in the same game. But the game calls for team work, and the win usually goes to the players who work together the best, like the opposition who turned a double play to end the game.

After having lost their last game 13-0, our players could have been demoralized and given up before they got started. But they did not! With a spirited effort and true faith that "all things are possible," our 10 (not 9 as in baseball) staged a furious rally in the last inning and came up just one run short before finally making the last out.

Great lessons from a great game! Faith in the possibilities at hand, determination to do their best, individual effort, team work, a common goal! But perhaps the greatest lesson was found in the sheer fun of it all. The sky was clear, the air was cool, the fans were cheering, no one was injured! It was a beautiful day to be alive; it was a perfect night to play ball. And it was a perfect game reminding me of the important lessons which if followed would make us all winners in the game of life.

Are you ready for the game of life today? Play ball!

Happy Birthday



Dottie Dierking-Sept. 23
Steve Lightner-Sept. 24
Tom Shrout-Sept. 24
Andrew Thomas-Sept. 24
Ashley Chandler-Sept. 24
Raymond Lansford-Sept. 25
David Nichols-Sept. 25
Mimi McRoberts-Sept. 26
Kaela Rorvig-Sept. 27
Becky Beary-Sept. 27
Ralph Dobbs-Sept. 29
Moray Kiehl-Sept. 29

Report from Seminary

This semester I am excited to be taking a class about worship on Monday evenings at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO. Interestingly enough, the class is being taught by Dr. Christopher Grundy who spent time in our congregation two years ago leading worship and hosting a concert. I will also continue with Contextual Education every other Tuesday morning. Although I am taking fewer classes, what I am learning is very beneficial.

~Amy Kay Pavlovich

News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Russell and Lauren Hickey** on the birth of their daughter, **Jillian Avery** who was born on Wednesday evening, September 12. She was 18 and a half inches long, 7 pounds 8 ounces and is at home with Mom and Dad and big brother, **Colin**. Proud grandparents are **John and Julie Hickey**, and great-grandfather is **Tom Carey**.

Our prayers are with **Ivis Silvey** who continues to receive care at Boone Hospital Center. **Betty Mai** is also a patient at Boone Hospital, being admitted on Monday. It was good to see **Tom Shrout** in church last Sunday after spending a day in the hospital for surgery last week.

Our sympathy is extended to **Roy Rogers and his family** on the death of his wife Karen's niece, who was killed in an automobile accident last week. The family lives in western Nebraska where services will be held.

We also extend sympathy to **Genie Rogers** on the death of her cousin, **Clarence W. Kemper**, of Clinton, Missouri, who died on September 13. Funeral services were held at Christian Church in Clinton on Tuesday morning, September 18.

We bid Godspeed to **Perry and Helen Ewing** at the late service last Sunday as they prepare to move to St. Louis this week to be closer to family members. They moved to Columbia in 1946 to begin publication of an agricultural journal, and have been members of our congregation since that time. Their new address will be 420 Kirkwood Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122.

Thanks to **Pat Rybolt** for her nice solo presented at the late service on September 16.

Thank You!

Thank you to the members of FCC for your prayers, visits, and cards. John and Amy Kay's visits to the hospital were wonderful and caring. The flowers delivered by Eric Seaman were beautiful. I appreciate and love all of you!!!

Millie Bolman made a gorgeous shawl that I really love-even my favorite color, which was delivered by Mary and Cliff Tompson to the hospital. Thank you so very much.
~Nina Oliver



175th Anniversary News - Genie Rogers

September Theme: Christian Education

Correction of Historical Information

An error was caught by Jean Rossman in a couple of details about the Mother's class for the first week of September in the Adult Christian Education article. The major correction to be noted is that the Quilting Group was a group within the Mother's Class, starting in 1920 with around 15-20 ladies. They did sewing as well as quilting. It was not a re creation/extension of the Mother's Class after its demise, but a part of it during its most active period. After talking with Jean, I realized the Mother's Class shouldered a great deal of work of the church. They were definitely the "go to" ladies of their day. In the process of making the corrections, Jean gave me some additional interesting information about the Mother's Class which I have attached:

The Mother's Class at First Christian Church (1912-circa 1960)

The Mother's Class began in 1912 and dissolved about 1960. It involved about 20-25 women. They did some of the major functions in the life of the church. This class cooked for all the Fellowship dinners and the special Thanksgiving dinners. The class did sewing for a girl in Nanking, making all her clothes. At one time they were sending money, but then determined it was not getting to the person it was sent for. They made clothing and sent it to Japan, China, India, and Africa. The Mother's Class also had a social component where once a month they would go to someone's house as a purely social event to play games, visit and have supper.

Out of The Mother's Class, a Mothers Quilting Group evolved. Between 15-20 came every Wednesday to sew or quilt. They met from 10:00-1:30 and brought a sack lunch. Eight women would quilt at a time, four on each side. The others would sew on the

clothes sent for overseas relief. Among the members were: Mrs. Million, Mrs. Van Horn, Mrs. McQuitty, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Ragsdale, Anne Fleming and Hannah Jones. The last quilt they made is in the possession of Jean Fleming Rossman. It is done predominately with appliqué as the ladies had gotten older with failing eyes and crippled hands, which is one of the reasons they disbanded the quilting group.

The quilting group disbanded near 1960 due to the fragility and death of a number of the women. The increased price of thread had slowed down their ability to sew as much during the war years and the quilts were not bringing enough money at the annual bazaar. Once the quilting group disbanded, so few were left in the Mother's Class that it dissolved very quickly afterwards. The Quilting Group and the Mother's Class were both gone by the early 1960's.

Your Story or Special Memory about the Church

We need your story about you and the church. 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

The Bible as Literature Sunday School Short Course

This past Sunday was the second of a four week series taught by John Yonker during the Sunday School hour, **9:30-10:20** in **Morris Parlor**. John makes the Bible come alive with his discussion of the Bible as "literature". Come join the class for the remaining two sessions. This is a class you can join and enjoy at any time.

October Homecoming

Sunday, October 14, 2007 is "Coming Home Sunday". FCC Timothy, Rev. David Yonker, minister of the Sterling IL. First Christian Church will be the guest minister with a catered lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. Our church members will serve as host to former Associates, FCC Timothys, and former members who have relocated or were part of the group who were charter members of Broadway Christian Church. 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.

Every FCC member who knows one of the charter members of Broadway Christian and was formerly a part of our church family, please turn their name into the church office to be sent an invitation or better yet, would you invite them? We want this "Coming Home Sunday" to be a sincere and hearty welcome to all who have at any time been a part of our church.

175th Anniv. Scholarship

An interesting bulletin board and a new zippy yellow and black brochure was in the Narthex today regarding the 175th Scholarship Fund established for FCC members to the college of their choice. The goals are lofty, but attainable to fund this scholarship. We know FCC has great young people and we need to be investing in them. The brochure gives you the essential information of **who** is eligible, **what** the criteria are for a scholarship, **when** it will be awarded and **how** you can help. This is a terrific way to celebrate our past and to influence the future. Questions: Moray Loring Kiehl, chair, 175th Scholarship Committee

Sept. Minute for History

Thank you to Jessica and Steve Humble for reading the dramatic presentation for the September Minute for History written by Parker Rossman. It followed our Christian Education theme, titled "Many Ways to Learn about the Bible". There is no doubt that we have a professional playwright in our midst and some budding thespians!

Children's Worship Hour

At an all-church planning retreat held in 1969, the minister, Glynn Burke, and the director of Christian education, Eva Ordway, announced that they would like to have a children's worship program. Although a fulltime University of MO employee, Muriel Leach volunteered to develop one. As an ordained minister with a masters in Christian Education, she had already conceived the idea for such a ministry. A Children's Worship Hour (CWH) committee was created with Norma Miller as chairperson.

The fall of 1969 was spent in developing, organizing, recruiting leaders, and conducting parent meetings to explain the format. The first session with the children was held the first Sunday in January 1970 with 40 children (1st through 6th grades) and 8 adult leaders attending.

The primary objective was to teach children to truly worship and not just "attend church." Its aim was to help them understand the morning worship service; therefore, the same basic format was used as in the sanctuary, including the same hymnal. The children met usually three Sundays a month in their own service for the full hour and at least one Sunday a month in the sanctuary.

Each year a specific theme was selected. The first year, since the goal was to try to help the children participate in the service while in the sanctuary, they were taught the Lord's Prayer, the Gloria Patri, and the Doxology. Each month a hymn was selected for use on the Sunday the children were in the sanctuary. During their own services, the children learned the story behind the hymn and the meaning of the words.

The children had their own worship bulletins, thus learning how to follow the order of service in the sanctuary. Each month the cover of the bulletin carried a different symbol found in the sanctuary. The back of the bulletin explained the symbol. Bob Leach designed the covers, researched the symbol explanations, and wrote them on the children's level. (Did you know the crossed keys in the organ grillwork symbolize Peter?)

Each month on the inside of the bulletin cover a letter was sent to the parents denoting what the children had studied that month and how to reinforce the learning during the sanctuary worship. When children learned the words "unison" and "responsive," parents could help them find those parts in the bulletin.

The children's service began with an assembly to study the hymn, explain the symbol, and present information. Then the children divided into groups, which rotated monthly, to plan and select worship leaders, to serve as the choir, and to create worship materials, such as worship centers or banners.

When all returned to the Children's Chapel, the children led the worship they had planned. Often a youth assistant presided, explaining each section of worship (Reverence, Fellowship, Dedic-

tion, and Renewal). So children could know some of the church leaders, an elder presided at communion (the words of institution were arranged responsively so the children could participate in this act). Usually an adult church member presented the sermonette.

By 1972, while Sam Langley was minister, attendance had reached the 80s and 90s. Two groups were formed: Grades 1-3 met on the third floor of the Education Building, Grades 4-6 on the second floor. First Presbyterian Church sent a crew of teachers and youth to intern so they could start a similar program in their church.

In 1973 when Gary Armour became Associate Minister, he directed the younger group and Muriel Leach completed the church year with the older group. She then turned the program over to Gary, who developed his own format.

After Gary Armour left, there was no children's worship program. In 1977 Muriel Leach again volunteered to lead the program for two years, until Michael Crouch settled in to his staff position. A number of adaptations were made because there were fewer young families in the church and attendance had fallen to 30-40 children.

In November 1987, Muriel became Minister of Education and resumed the CWH ministry until her retirement in June 1993. The most important addition was CWH Sunday, when children led the entire sanctuary worship, sharing what they had learned that year with the congregation. A major innovation was introducing the congregation to the liturgical year. Beginning with Advent, a CWH-made banner for each season was presented and a child explained the symbol and liturgical color. Since that time the church has continued using banners and seasonal paraments.

Between the years when this CWH format was used, the format has been more of an extended session with a short worship, beginning after the children's moment in the sanctuary. However, the current format, directed by Sarah Read, also seeks to incorporate teaching about worship, although the children do not lead the worship.

At the end of Dr. Yonker's first year as senior minister, his son Thomas, then 10 years old, asked his father if he could serve as the liturgist in the sanctuary. He said he knew how because he did it in Children's Worship often. He did serve, continues to serve, and does an excellent job.

It is the creativity and work of each leader that has molded CWH into the successful youth program that exists today. It has taught generations of children the meaning of worship, communion and the liturgy. This early training that made it fun to learn about church, has produced better participation from our young adults, which in turn has molded the leaders of the future.

~Muriel Leach

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

www.firstchristian.org/youth

JYF will meet this Sunday September 23rd after the late service until 2:00pm. We will be staying at the church and finishing our creative video.

Chi Rho, CYF, and all interested adults will be meeting after the late service for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We will then head over to Community United Methodist Church for a visit with Ava and a tour of their Fair Trade store. We will be back to the church and end in prayer by 2:00pm.

Partner thanks to **Pamela Hoepfner** for leading our banner bearer and candle lighter training.

Visit and Communion

Thank you to these Elders and Deacons giving a gift of their time to visit and share communion with the homebound on Sunday, September 30 during the 10:30 worship service. **Elders:** Anne Campbell, Judy Cunningham, Eldon Drennan, John Hickey, Donna and Will Houston, Brenda and Don Mosby, Mary and Cliff Tompson, Royanne and Marvin Tracy, Nelson Trickey. **Deacons:** Dorothy Allen, Jane Ann Hackett, Rebekah Hart, Jessica Klockow, Susan Klockow, Mary Kay Mueller, Julie and David Nichols, Pat and Paul Ritchie, Roy Rogers, Vickie and Paul Rorvig, Thomas Rose, Mary Taylor. **Jr. Deacons:** Elizabeth Flanders, Jake Nichols, Teddy Nichols, Andrew Nichols, Thanks to Freda Martz and Mary Dewey for preparing the communion trays. ~Lorene Trickey



I was so pleased to receive the beautiful flowers brought to cheer me up while I was confined to home with my broken arm.

Every time I looked at them it lifted my spirits. Thanks also for the cards, food, phone calls and sympathy. What kind people you are. ~Shirley Park

Northeast Area CWF Fall Assembly



September 24, 2007
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lenoir Woods

Once again our smiling faces are needed to welcome all the ladies from the N.E. Area. But this time we don't cook!

Our \$8.00 attendance fee will go to different worthy missions. The special program will be Mark Palmer speaking about Woodhaven.

We register, have coffee and treats from 9:30 - 10:00 with the morning program following. After lunch and the program we close with the worship service.

Don't forget your Blessing Box money if you still have it.

“Using Spiritual Strengths in Coping with Illness, Loss and Grief”
Dr. Kenneth J. Doka, Professor of Gerontology at the Graduate School of The College of New Rochelle & Senior Consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America.

Thursday, October 4, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Broadway Christian Church

Cost: \$60 (includes lunch)

To register: call MSR Center for Rural Ministry 800-626-5924

This workshop teaches participants ways to understand a client's spirituality as well as ways that they can empower clients to effectively utilize their spiritual strengths in coping with illness, loss and grief. The workshop offers a hands-on approach to techniques such as spiritual autobiography, planning and developing rituals, life review, and assisting clients to utilize other spiritual practices such as prayer or meditation.

Churchman Jack Armel's Campus Shack Returns

The legendary MU campus hangout, Jack's Shack, is being reproduced as the Brady Commons new food service area. The original Shack was named for a First Christian Church deacon, Jack Armel, who bought it in 1932 as the Davis Tea Room. He promptly changed the name, character, and clientele. It was very popular with students for about 60 years and appeared occasionally in national magazines.

The Columbia Missourian printed a front-page feature story about "The Shack" on Thurs., Aug. 9. Perhaps the most famous regular customer was student cartoonist Mort Walker. Beetle Bailey, his campus joe, for years has been syndicated by Mort in newspapers as an indolent army private.

Jack's Shack was located in the Campustown small business area across Conley Avenue south of Jesse Hall. The MU Reynolds Alumni Center is now on the site, and a life-size statue of a relaxed Beetle Bailey sitting at a rough-hewn and carved-up booth marks the spot. It is designed so people can sit beside Beetle or lean on his shoulder to be photographed. The 1958 popular song, "The Green Door," by alumnus Jim Lowe is reputed to be about the Shack's entrance. The reconstructed Shack inside the Commons will preserve original booths and furnishings the university saved. The late Jack Armel and all of us of the church will be proud. We add that Jack's wife, Vera, was very active in our church's large Women's Council, which preceded our CWF women's ministries. Thank you, Armels!

~Bob Leach

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Sunday's Schedule-Sept. 23, 2007

Van Driver: Jay Creasy *Telephone:* Anne Campbell

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Charlie and Bettie Koelling, Donna Houston

Elder for 8:30 Service: Frances Brown

Communion Preparation:

Dan and Holly Gieseke, Hayley Batterson

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Shane Bower

10:30 Elders: Tom and Marsha Sisson, Debbie Batterson

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters:

Daryl and Lynn Klotz, *North Door*

Elizabeth Mottaz, *South Door*

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Jack Creasy and Kim Potthast

Candlelighters: Megan Potthast and Max Schaefer

Flower Ministry:

Arranged: Robert and Mary Dewey

Delivered: Moray Kiehl and Sally Estes

Evangelism Calls: Sara Klockow

This Week (Sept. 23-29)

- Sun. - Bell Choir Rehearsal, 8:45 a.m.
- JYF (grades 3-5), after 10:30 service until 2:00 p.m.
- Chi Rho (grades 6-8), CYF (grades 9-12) and interested adults, after 10:30 service until 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Fall Adult Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Orange Field
- Mon. - NE Area CWF Fall Assembly
- Drennan Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue. - Drennan Group, 9:00 a.m., Drennan Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- STARS Meeting, 11:30-1:00, Fellowship Hall
- Wed. - Hannah Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd Floor Apts.
- Men's Lunch 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Book Club, 12:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Donna Houston's
- CYF (grades 9-12), 7:15 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Fri. - Parker-Scott Group, 1:30 p.m., Lenoir Community Ctr.
- Sat. - Barn Swinging, 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.