



Sunday Services

Two passages from the New Testament which challenge easy Christianity with the call to take up the cross and present ourselves as living sacrifices before God are found in the lessons for Sunday and will serve as the texts for Dr. Yonker's sermon on August 31: Matthew 16:21-28 and Romans 12:1-2.

At the 8:30 worship service Kelli Embry will be the featured soloist. She will sing "In the Light of His Love". The Chancel Choir's anthem at the 10:30 service will be "I Love the Lord". We will also hear piano/organ duets by Jean Hall and Mary Bancroft.

Also, at the 10:30 service this Sunday we celebrate the baptismal service of Mark Merkel, the son of Carroll St. John.

CAFÉ

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Wednesday Evenings

*Great Hot Meals Served
Classes, choirs, and new opportunities
for you and your family to learn and grow
in spirit and faith.*

5:30-6:15 – Dinner
\$5 adults
\$3 kids 12 & under
\$15 cap for a family
Under 5 free

6:20 - Devotion
6:30-7:30 - Adult Programming
Child Care Available

Sept. 3 CAFÉ

*Menu: Pizza and Salad from Italian
Village Pizza*

- * Administrative Board Mtg.
- * Bible Study with Moray Kiehl
- * CYF (grades 9-12)

Call the church office (449-7265) for dinner reservations by noon on Tuesday.

All-Church Picnic

Around 175 of us gathered Sunday evening for an All-Church picnic at Stephens Lake Park. It seemed that a fun time was had by all ages. If the evening was a foreshadowing of the year, it will be a great one!

A big All-Church thanks to the following folks who made our Kick-Off BBQ a success: **Mary and Cliff Tompson** who made our beans and helped with the organization and transportation of all the 'stuff', the **Gieseke family** who helped organize at the church and facilitated the cooking of the meat, **Mary and Mike Bancroft** who brought the fruit, friends who slipped food onto our serving table, many good folks who jumped in to help with a bit here or there, **Jimmy** for leading games, **Fred Mottaz** who helped with cleanup and to our fabulous grillmen – **Curt Snow, Derek Updegraff, Mark Mills and Dane Pavlovich.**

w/thanks for a great evening – the Membership Department and Amy Kay



Weekly Report

Aug. 24, 2008

Received \$8,970.75

Received to Date \$61,609.99

Attendance - 352

(includes early worship - 62)

Heerrree's Johnny!

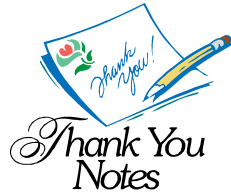
As I pondered last week's sermon about surrounding our two young women with encouragement as they were about to be baptized, I was reminded of a story which illustrates how the influence of our lives goes far beyond what we ever know.

One day, while trying to make a living for his family, a Scottish farmer named Fleming heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to help a terrified little boy get out of the bog after being stuck up to his waist in black muck. The next day a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's house and an elegantly dressed Englishman named Randolph Churchill stepped out, introduced himself as the boy's father and said, "I want to repay you. You saved my son's life." "No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the farmer replied. Churchill then said, "I'll make you a deal. Let me provide your own son with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of."

And so the rich man helped to educate the Scottish boy. He attended the very best schools and graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the discoverer of Penicillin, Sir Alexander Fleming. And some years afterward that rich man's son was stricken with pneumonia and was saved by penicillin. His name was Winston Churchill.

The famous Albert Schweitzer said, "I always think we live . . . by what others have given us in the significant hours of life. These significant hours do not announce themselves as coming, but arrive unexpected." "Similarly, not one of us knows what effect his life produces, and what he gives to others; that is hidden from us and must remain so, though we are often allowed to see some little fraction of it, so that we may not lose courage."

Who knows what good our lives may produce, and how we may change the world with what we do and say. I don't! But I do know that our lives have a ripple effect. Like pebbles dropped in a pond, we make waves with our lives that wash up on unknown shores. We make things happen with our words and deeds, for good or ill. Which will it be? Something worth pondering!



A huge thank you to Jimmy, Molly, and Elizabeth for organizing four wonderful days of camp for the K-5 kiddos. They had a blast!

~the moms & dads

Thanks for the nice bouquet from the flower ministry that Lorene Trickey delivered to my mother (Doris Clark) at Lenoir Health Care. She is pretty much confined to her room now, and I know she enjoyed for almost a week the beauty the flowers added to her surroundings. God's blessings on all involved in this important part of the life of the church.

~Larry Clark

Choir Loft has Expanded!

We had to find extra chairs in the choir loft for our new and returning members this past Sunday – but what a great problem to have! We welcome new members to the choir – Christine Isham-Walsh, Marci Lower and Kristine Van Heyningen. We are thrilled to have you join us in making a "joyful noise" every Sunday. Also, we welcome returning member Nora Dietzel and "sometimes singer" when she's home, Amy Lightner. We will make room for as many as we can, choir meets in the Choir Room at 10:00 and practices again after church. The Bell Choir will re-convene with regular rehearsals on Sunday, Sept. 7th. The Bells rehearse in the Bell Room from 8:45-9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

~Cheryl Nichols

Your Special Birthday!



Peggy Bott
- 92 on Aug. 28

Bill Crawford
- 90 on Aug. 30

News of the congregation

Bill Niedergerke was admitted to Boone Hospital last Saturday afternoon for testing and a surgical procedure. He is getting along well and hoped to return home early this week. **Martha Niday** was admitted to Boone Hospital early Sunday morning after suffering a fall at home. She will remain for several days of treatment and rehabilitation.

Darren Hellwege's mother, Jane Hellwege, suffered a stroke last Saturday. She had surgery at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City which went well.

Mike Randerson, Vice-President for Adult Higher Education at Columbia College, was featured along with other staff members in the summer issue of the college magazine in an article describing the work he directs for the college coordinating and overseeing 33 extended campuses across the United States and Cuba.

Thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for her lovely solo presented at the early service last Sunday, August 24. Also, thanks to **Norma Miller** and **Mary Bancroft** for the piano/organ duets at the late service last Sunday, and to the **Chancel Choir** for their anthem.

Thanks to **Amy Kay** and the **members of the Membership Department** for the great BBQ picnic we all enjoyed last Sunday evening at Stephens Park. The hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings were tasty, the weather was perfect and a great time was had by dozens of children, young people and adults of the church!

Thank you to **Larry and Millie Carringer** for hosting the Chi Rho Pool Party on Sunday afternoon. Great cookies and refreshing water helped make it a great event!

Thank you to **Kerry Bramon** for doing the drywall work in the atrium.

Happy Birthday

Jessica Humble-Aug. 31
Don Hayden-Aug. 31
Mary Tompson-Sept. 4
Ashley Williams-Sept. 4
Elizabeth Rottmann-Sept. 4
Jean Black-Sept. 4
Lucas Shaw-Sept. 5
Bill Brothers-Sept. 6
Perry Stemmons-Sept. 6



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The fall schedule finds our youth groups doing different things together...

CYF (9th-12th grade)

Wednesday Nights 6:30 -8:30
Come to CAFÉ for dinner at 5:30.
\$5 covers it!

Chi-Rho (6th-8th grade)

Sunday September 7th & 21st
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

JYF (3rd-5th grade)

Sunday September 14th & 28th
4:30-6:00 p.m.

Parent Meeting

For parents of all three youth groups.
Brief.
Fellowship Hall
After 10:30 Worship on Sun., Sept. 7th

New **Kindergartners** are welcome to join The River of Life on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd floor.
New **6th graders** are on the move on Sunday morning from the River to the middle school class. Sarah Read is the teacher.

Fair Trade

We received a shipment of coffee last week and are fully stocked if you are needing a new bag of good grounds or beans! Come to Amy Kay's office at any time to peruse the make-shift store.

We are glad to know of fellow Fair Trade lovers who are opening a store on 9th Street soon. I'm familiar with the suppliers that they are using and know that they will have good products. It may be of interest to you that we choose to use different suppliers so that our products can be sold at a lesser price and the money goes more directly to the farmers and artisans. If you want to know more about the differences in Fair Trade stores, please come and visit with Amy Kay at any time!

Ladies!!! Mark Your Calendars!!

The All-Church Women's Fall Dinner – is planned for **Monday, September 15** at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

A scrumptious FREE dinner will be prepared by our 'in-house' chefs Laura Estes and Amy LaHue. Our speaker for the evening is Connie McClellan, author of *My Miracle Marine, The Story of Three-Time Purple Heart Recipient LCpl. John McClellan*.

Sign up sheets are in the church office.

Ladies Book Club

On Wednesday, Sept 10, the FCC Ladies Book Club begins a new discussion season with Columbia's ONE READ, Ivan Doig's *The Whistling Season*. Note this is a new day but same time and place. You might want to bring a sack lunch to the 12:00 discussion in Morris Parlor. Questions? contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com.

Faith Communities Care for Creation

Sunday, September 7, 2:30pm
Rockbridge Christian Church
301 West Green Meadows Rd.

- Solar Electric Demonstration
- Presentation
- Discussion and Brainstorming
- Ice Cream Social (homemade by solar/human power)

Ice Cream provided. Please bring toppings, fruit, nuts &/or bottoms & sides, cake, cobbler, cookies, pie.

Sponsored by: Rev. Thomas Adams, Rev. Maureen Dickmann, Majed Dweik, Rabbi Yossi Feintuch, Jim Krueger, Dr. Rashed Nizam, Monta Welch, Rev. Amy Cortwright, Rev. Paula Robinson, Rev. John Baker.

For more information call
(573) 529-9273.

College Group

After a good summer of occasional documentary watching and worship, we have already begun meeting again on Wednesday nights, friends! Come to the church around 8:45pm for good munchies and we'll move up to our "Back Room" at 9pm for our time of discussion/study/prayer/fillintheblank. We end each week at 10pm. Please let me know if you need a ride at any time.

Check out our web site for more information about us and our happenings at www.firstchristian.org/college. Looking forward to seeing you soon! ~amy kay

College Ministry Internship

If you are interested in an academic year Internship with the college ministries of our church, please visit with Amy Kay before September 5 to learn more of the job responsibilities and opportunities. Thanks!



BOOK O R N E R

"It was early autumn of 1939. I had just celebrated my 19th birthday when I answered an unbelievable phone call. Would I consider becoming pastor of two very small country churches? Anyone with any sense would ask the question, Why me? The church official on the phone simply stated, 'Harold, it's you or nobody, and we think you'll be a little better than nobody'."

In a book by that title, Harold Reisch (whom many of you probably know) reflects on 63 years of ministry in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, mainly with the Christian Church. During those years he served 14 years as a State Representative, appreciated and honored.

This book is a collection of short stories, tales spun showing the boundless enthusiasm, wisdom and humor of a senior clergy-statesman. *A Little Better Than Nobody* will bring "a tear to the eye, a smile to the face, or a prod to the conscience".

~On the Book Cart

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Sunday's Schedule-Aug. 31, 2008

Van Driver: Jeff Ripley *Telephone:* Bobbi McCormack

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Louis and Andy Janssen

Elder for 8:30 Service: Linda Ridgeway

Communion Preparation:

Gene and Micki Kirkham, Jean Hall, Doris Neidhardt

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Colleen Nilges

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Nathan Sapp

10:30 Elders: Steve and Cheryl Lightner, Richard Vaught

Deacons: The Campbell Team

Greeters:

TBA, *North Door*

TBA, *South Door*

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: TBA

Candlelighters: TBA

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Julie and David Nichols

Delivered: Harlan and Jane Ann Hackett

Evangelism Calls: Tom and Carol Hughey, Rick Wells

This Week (Aug. 31 - Sept. 6)

Mon. - Labor Day, Office Closed



Tue. - STARS Planning Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Keystone Rm.
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ, 5:30 p.m. (dinner); 6:20 (devotion);
6:30 (Administrative Board Mtg.)
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

Thr. - World Outreach Committee, 5:00 p.m., Keystone Rm.

Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
- Everyone Welcome