



SOUPerbowl Sunday February 3



Superbowl Sunday is SOUPerbowl Sunday at FCC. High School youth will collect a special offering to feed the hungry. The offering will be collected in large soup pots at the building doors this Sunday, February 3, following 10:30 worship.

Date Night – Friday, February 15

Mark your calendars, friends! Our Date Night that was to have happened during one of our big ice storms has been rescheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on the 15th in the Morris Parlor. We are all invited to bring an appetizer to share along with copies of the recipe and will enjoy games together. Our Child Care is ready for our large, spirited group of kids to have a fun evening at the church while we have our time of fellowship. As an added bonus, Kim Rogers has offered to bring supper for the kids. Hope you can come! (No RSVP is needed for this event.)

Church Eat-Out

Friday - Feb. 1
5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

Membership Class Starts February 17!

The annual Pastors' Class for young people will begin Sunday, February 17! Class sessions will be led by John Yonker and Amy Kay Pavlovich for all our 6th graders, but any other young person who has not made a confession of faith or been baptized is invited to attend to learn the basics of the Christian commitment, church membership, the history and beliefs of our church.

Sessions will be held during the Sunday School hour, from 9:30 - 10:15 in the Green Room in the northwest corner of the third floor of the Educational Building. Again this year we will conclude the class with an overnight retreat at the Rickman Conference Center in Jefferson City, beginning Friday evening, March 14th and concluding Saturday afternoon, March 15th.

Each class member is assigned an adult mentor who can attend class sessions with them. Many youth select their own mentor, often one of our Elders, but one of the ministers will be glad to find a mentor for class members. If you are an adult who enjoys working with youth and would like to volunteer as a mentor, talk to John or Amy Kay.

For more information or to sign up to attend the Pastors' Class, contact the church office (449-7265).

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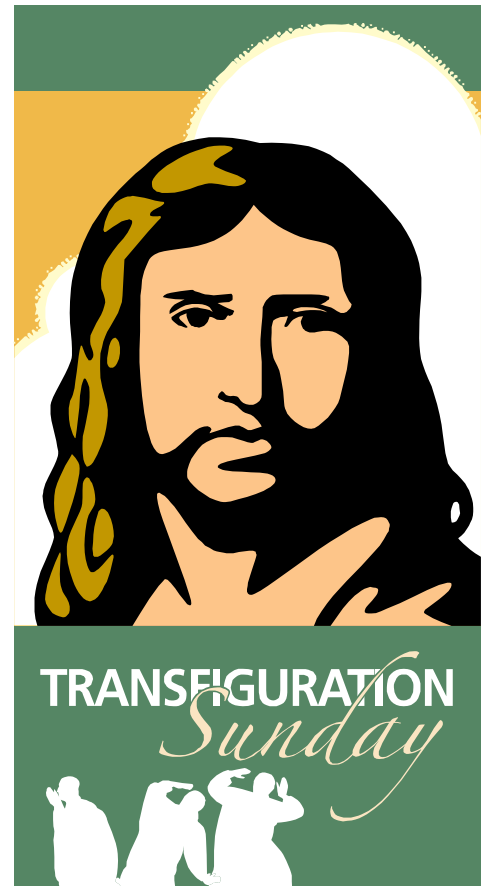
Wednesday , February 6th

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Sunday Services

The well-known story of the Transfiguration found in Matthew 17:1-9, and an Old Testament account recording a similar experience of Moses on Mt. Sinai found in Exodus 24:12-18 will set the theme for the liturgy and Dr. Yonker's sermon, "Holding Onto the Holy".

Special music this Sunday will include a solo at the 8:30 service by Linda Chandler. She will sing "Wherever He Leads I'll Go". Jean Hall will be playing at the 10:30 service.



Weekly Report

January 27, 2008
Received \$5,677.00
Received to Date \$272,245.10
Attendance - 295
(includes early worship - 70)

A Pastoral Word...

Sebastian, our two and a half year old son, is in the stage where he is discerning what everyone is doing all the time. For instance, he might say, "Daddy practice" a number of times throughout the course of an evening. Usually he is pretty accurate, but if I am lying down on our couch, he is concerned that, "Momma sleepin'". We've talked a lot about the concept of resting, but it is a tough distinction for a little guy. I think it is a tough distinction for some of us of all ages.

In a society where we work hard and many times play hard, slowing down might be unusual. Hard work is valued – be it in our lawns or places of employment. This was the case for Lightning McQueen in the movie *Cars* that came out a few years ago. The star of the show, a winning rookie racecar, was forced into a slower pace and soon realized that for the first time he had friends and cared about them beyond caring solely about himself and his life. He found a different perspective and so might we with disciplined rest.

As I mentioned to the kids during the Children's Moment on Sunday, I think God and our very early ancestors of the faith understood in the beginning how important it is for us to have the space to become renewed. May we all continue on in their light in whatever ways we can so that we might experience life fully as followers of the Christ in community with one another.

My thanks are extended to the church for allowing me to have such a space and take my 2007 vacation at the beginning of this year. With all of our transitions on staff, it was perfect for me and us to have it work out this way. Our family is thankful to be back in the life of our church and looks forward to a good year together!
~Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich

Volunteers Needed for the Wardrobe

No experience necessary! We need volunteers to work at the Wardrobe on Friday, February 8 between 11:00-4:00. Volunteers are asked to work for an hour or more. Duties include selling items and hanging up clothes. Simple, easy and very much needed!! Please call Joyce Stanley 445-5058 if you can help. Thanks!!!

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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

February 6 CAFÉ

Menu:
Vegetables and Dip
Chicken Noodle Soup
Lentil Soup
Bread
Flat Apple Pie

* **Ash Wednesday Worship Service** - Sanctuary

* **CYF** (grades 9-12) with
Rev. Jimmy Spear

Make reservations 3 ways:
(1) Check mark in the activity sign-up box on the ritual of friendship pad in the pews.
(2) Call the church office (449-7265) by Tuesday noon.
(3) Place a permanent reservation to eat every week by letting the cashier know on any Wednesday evening.

Coffman-Watson Meeting

Coffman-Watson CWF will meet on
Monday, February 4
at 7:00 pm
Sarah Yonker's home

News of the congregation

Our sympathy is extended to **Kim Reardon** and her family on the death of her great aunt, **Norma Mitchell**, age 77, who died in Tulsa, Oklahoma last week. A graveside service was held at Columbia Cemetery on Saturday morning, January 26, conducted by John Yonker and members of the Mitchell family.

In our prayers at this time is **Marian Lightner** who continues to receive care at Boone Hospital Center.

Thanks to **Kelli Embry** for her lovely solo at the 8:30 service, and to **Norma Miller** and **Mary Bancroft** for the piano/organ duets presented at 10:30 last Sunday.

Lindsey Chandler was recently featured in Hickman High School's production of *Much Ado About Nothing*. Sat., Jan. 26, several CYF members went en masse to see the famed production.



Thank you very much for the visit from Lorene Trickey and flowers from the church.
~Bryan and Dottie Leath

We would like to thank Judy Hall and the Shawl Ministry for the cute purple and white blanket for Kenzie. We appreciate you thinking of us during this special time in our lives.
~Shawn, Christy, Kayla and Kenzie Von Talge



Abe Creasy-Feb. 3
Hailey Lentz-Feb. 5
Jessica Vaughn-Feb. 6
Lorene Trickey-Feb. 7
Kimberly Foster-Feb. 8
Mildred Todd-Feb. 9
Dane Pavlovich-Feb. 9

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Sunday, February 10

JYF (grades 3-5) 12:00-1:30

Chi-Rho (grades 6-8) 4:00-5:30

CYF every Wednesday night

Meet at the CAFÉ for dinner at 5:30. CYF meets 6:30-7:30

*CYF will eat dinner at the CAFÉ on Wednesday nights; they will then meet in the CYF room.

The CYF thanks all who were a part of the "Backpacks of Love" service project January 23. Over 50 backpacks were stuffed for foster children in Missouri. The CYF continued the project on January 30 by filling in the gaps of items needed and prepping the backpacks for delivery.



Logan, Jack, Max, Matthew, Peyton and DJ depict the characters in the parable of The Prodigal Son.

Men... "Put some wind in your sail!"

Come sing *A Cappella* with a 100 Man Chorus. The Boonslick Chordbusters chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is hosting its annual 100 Man Night Thursday, January 31, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church at the East end of downtown Columbia (1112 E. Broadway).

All Male Singers are invited! Last year was a huge success and the ever popular, talented and energetic Jim Bagby, director of the internationally ranked "Heart of America" Barbershop Chorus in Kansas City, will again coordinate the evening's festivities. As with last year, refreshments will be provided at the break to get us energized for the second part of our singing!

Bring your father, sons, brothers, friends, and neighbors and have a Boy's Night Out with some good wholesome fun. More information at www.chordbusters.com
~Fred List, Harlan Hackett and Roy Rogers

The River of Life

Christian Education for grades K-5 will begin a new 5 week lesson rotation on February 10. Five teachers are needed. Please see Jimmy Spear to volunteer.

A Good Semester

It is wonderful to have all of our college students back! Please continue extending a word of welcome to students as you might sit near them in worship. If you could be an ambassador for our Back Room college group, it would be outstanding. We have already begun and will continue meeting each Wednesday evening from 8:45 - 10:00pm at the church. It is wonderful to be in the middle of all three of our colleges/university, and we hope to continue growing with the dynamic core of students who currently make up our group and this welcoming church community.

~Amy Kay

L.I.F.E. Group

The L.I.F.E. group will meet in the Keystone Room at 6:30 on Monday, February 18th. Pizza and childcare will be provided. For more info, call Valerie Freed at 474-1128.

Lenten Breakfasts 2008

Columbia Interfaith Council - a forum that provides a network of communication among faith groups and human service agencies - announces the schedule for Lenten Breakfasts for 2008. Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 8:00 a.m. A donation of \$1.00 is expected from those attending to offset the cost of the light breakfast. Any surplus will be given to the Central Missouri Food Bank. Each person is encouraged to bring non-perishable food for the Central Missouri Food Bank. The first breakfast is Feb. 6, Ash Wednesday, at Russell Chapel CME Church, 108 E. Ash Street. Watch for the full schedule in next week's *Visitor*.

The Visitor

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Sunday's Schedule-Feb. 3, 2008

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke *Telephone:* Nina Oliver

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Tom and Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger

Elder for 8:30 Service: Harsh Brown

Communion Preparation:

Bryan, Debbie and Joshua Garton

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Gerry Coon

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Dan Tevis

10:30 Elders: Carol Slusher, Debbie Batterson, Robert Swanson

Deacons: The Campbell Team

Greeters:

Charles Koelling, *North Door*

Sally Robinson, *South Door*

Ushers: The Pavlovich Team

Banner Bearers: Jadie Arnett and Sam Poole

Candlelighters: Jacob and Josh Ripley

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Bruce and Susan Woodbury

Delivered: David and Sarah Read

Evangelism Calls: Anne Campbell

This Week (Feb. 3 - 9)

- Tue. - STARS Board Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Keystone Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Ash Wednesday
- Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Russell Chapel
(108 E. Ash Street)
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- **CAFÉ:**
Dinner, 5:30-6:15
Devotion, 6:20
Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 6:30-7:30
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-7:30
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

