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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

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

February 27 CAFÉ

Menu:

Taco Bar
Layered Southwestern Salad
Not Fried Ice Cream
Sopaipillas

- * "Interfaith Dialogue" led by Sarah Read
- * Bible Study with Dr. John J. Yonker
- * CYF (grades 9-12) with Rev. Jimmy Spear

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

Interfaith Dialogue

On February 20th and 27th you will have the opportunity to meet with an intergenerational group from our congregation and from the mosque (and possibly other members of the Faith and Education Collaborative of which our church has been a part) to view and discuss segments of the documentary "Muhammad: Legacy of A Prophet" which was funded in part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The discussion will use a dialogue format known (appropriately for our programming) as the "Conversation Café".

Dinner for this group is served at 5:15. The video begins at 5:45 in the 3rd floor Cinema. Since we would like an estimate of how many might attend, please let me or Sarah Read know if you are interested. ~Jimmy Spear

Ladies' Book Club



Don't forget next Wed., Feb. 27 at 12:30 in Morris Parlor, the FCC Ladies' Book Club meets to discuss *Devil in the White City*. You're welcome to bring your lunch. On March 26, we'll meet to discuss an absorbing time-travel tale, *Riding Shotgun* by Rita Mae Brown. It's similar to Mark Twain's *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* and seems to conclude that those who do not know history are condemned to repeat it. Although pure escapism, the novel centers on forgiveness. Contact Linda Hutton @442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com with questions.



Sunday Services

As the season of Lent continues, our scripture readings for February 24 tell us the stories of the thirsty Hebrew people in the wilderness looking for water, and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well seeking the water of life. Two familiar passages, found in Exodus 17:1-7 and John 4:5-42 will serve as texts for Dr. Yonker's sermon.

Special music for the morning will include at the 8:30 service a solo by Pat Rybolt singing "Meekness and Majesty" by Graham Kendrick. At the 10:30 service Mary Bancroft and Norma Miller will provide organ/piano duets and the Chancel Choir will sing "For Love of You" by John Carter.

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Weekly Report

February 17, 2008

Received \$4,390.25

Received to Date \$295,723.19

Attendance - 203

(includes early worship - 40)

Remembrance Books are
still available in the narthex
and in the church office.

Heeerrree's Johnny!

As I mentioned during the communion meditation last Sunday morning, with our trip to Texas last week, I have been reminded of the importance of nourishment for the heart and soul recently. Flying from St. Louis on Monday and returning from Texas on Friday, Sarah and I spent the week in Ft. Worth visiting her father, brother and sister-in-law and nephew and found our hearts nourished by the renewal of those family relationships. It has been a year since Sarah's mother died, and we felt the need to renew the family ties and to draw strength from one another. And so our hearts were nourished!

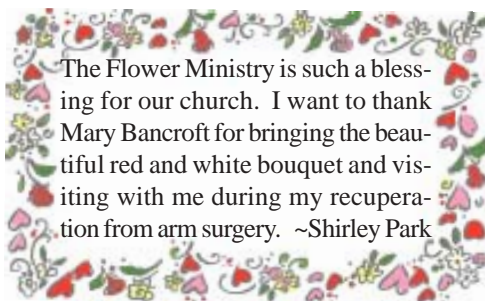
We were also nourished by the renewal of friendships with fellow ministers and spouses who had come to Ft. Worth for the annual Texas Christian University Minister's Week festivities. Although many of those people attending live in Texas and see each other on a regular basis, some of us live a long way north of the Red River and don't get back to the old place very often. And so it was great fun seeing old seminary classmates, noticing how much they have aged through the years, and catching up on news with former professors, a couple of whom appear not to have changed at all in the three decades since graduation. It was truly a renewal of friendships and nourishment for the soul.

Our spirits were nourished by the lectures and worship services which are always part of the Minister's Week. Especially uplifting were an anthem by the TCU choir which raised the roof of University Christian Church and the lectures of Marcus Borg, internationally known New Testament scholar who was a guest in our church in 2001. As he spoke about God's passion for justice revealed in the Old Testament, and Jesus' passion for the kingdom of God, his own passion for sharing the message of faith with the church energized my spirit and nourished my soul with the renewed desire to do the same.

As we continue the journey of Lent, sharing together in Sunday morning worship services, Wednesday night CAFÉ meals and programs, Bible studies, Sunday School classes, women's meetings or personal devotionals, may we find the nourishment needed for our hearts and minds and souls and spirits, that we may draw closer to Christ, and live more fully into the life to which he calls all people.

Know Any Home Missionaries?

We are compiling a list of FCC persons who have served on the staff of any Disciples home mission institutions. We have a list of those who have served overseas, but we need to add those who have served at home, too. For example, Harsh Brown served at All People's in Los Angeles. The mission center does not have to be one still in existence, and the person does not have to be still living or a current member. If you can give us other names, please call Genie Rogers, 449-4448, or Muriel Leach, 442-3682.



Your Special Birthday!



Thelma Brooker
-91 on Feb. 20



Scott Foster-Feb. 24
Joy French-Feb. 24
Matt Foster-Feb. 25
Sarah Read-Feb. 25
Kim Rogers-Feb. 26
Larry Caringer-Feb. 27
Elizabeth Hensley-Feb. 27
John (Jack) Creasy-Feb. 28
Eliana Snyder-Feb. 29

News of the congregation

Bob Hutton's father, **Joseph Lyndell Hutton**, of Moberly, died on Monday, February 11. Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, February 14, at Carter Funeral Home in Moberly, with internment and military honors at Missouri Veteran's Cemetery. We extend sympathy to **Bob and Linda**, and their daughter, **Laura**, and the other members of the Hutton family.

Pam Hunsaker's father, **Sam Moser**, died at his home in Auxvasse on Wednesday, February 13. Funeral services were held at the Callaway Christian Church on Saturday, February 16. Our sympathy is extended to **Pam and Mark**, and their children, **Ryan and Heather**; to Pam's aunt, **Cora Lee Riley**, who attends our church services, and to **Fred Mottaz**, whose mother, **Emaleta Mottaz**, was Sam's sister.

James Taylor had a brief hospital stay last week but is home and doing well. **C.K. Odor**, **Don Seltsam**, and **Robert Etnire** were admitted to Boone Hospital last week and are patients there at this time.

Our thanks to **Jerry Daugherty** for his solo presented at the early service last Sunday.

We are saddened to learn of the death of **Evelyn Fox** who died on Sunday evening, February 17 at the Columbia Manor Nursing Home where she had been a resident for several years. Age 91, Evelyn had been a member of our congregation since 1954, and had been actively involved as long as she was able, especially enjoying working with children in the Sunday School program. She is survived by her son, **Jerry Fox** and his wife, **Sharon**, of Lake of the Ozarks; a daughter, **Diane DeBlasi**, and her husband **Pat** of Los Angeles, California; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A visitation is scheduled at 10 a.m., Thursday, February 21 at Memorial Funeral Home with funeral services conducted by John Yonker immediately following at 11 a.m.

Bob & Linda Hutton welcomed their first grandchild, **Audrey**, who was born to **Laura Hutton and Frank Koch** at Boone Hospital on Feb 19. She was born on what would have been her great grandfather's 87th birthday. **Lyndell Hutton** died Feb 11, 2008.



HERE COME THE “STARS” for 2008!

The upcoming calendar of events for STARS begins in March, so be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar and join in the activities. Watch the Visitor for further details on each activity.

March 25, 2008 (Tuesday) - Luncheon in Morris Parlors at 12 p.m. Meal will be catered by Laura Estes. Price \$6.00 Program will be given by Cary Skelton on NUTRITION AND EXERCISE FOR SENIORS, scheduled to start at 12:30 p.m. Call office to make a reservation.

April 22, 2008 (Tuesday) - Luncheon at Columbia College, Cougar Room in Dulany Hall starting at 11:45. (We will go through cafeteria line which costs around \$5). Program by Jessie Haden from Columbia Police Dept. Topic will be Personal Security.

May 28, 2008 (Wednesday) - Trip to Churchill Memorial, Fulton. Lunch will be at a Fulton restaurant. Watch for further details soon. Reservations will be needed so you will contact the church office closer to time of trip.

A YEAR OF REVIEW WITH THE “STARS”

A little over a year ago a coordinating committee consisting of Harlan and Jane Ann Hackett, Will and Donna Houston, Joy Duren, Carol Slusher, Paula Kurtz, Barbara Rothenberger, Sally Robinson and Dr. Yonker came together to start a group for men and women of First Christian Church in the age bracket of 55+.

The primary goals of this committee consisted of planning events once a month for interested friends in this age group, choosing a name for the participants, and proceeding with the events for all to enjoy.

The name **STARS** was selected. These acronyms represent the purpose for this group.

- S - Seniors (men and women 55 and older) are eligible**
- T - Together**
- A - Affirming our faith in God**
- R - Reaching out to one another and others**
- S - Serving Christ**

We had the following successful gatherings and events during the year 2007.

- February 2007 - Luncheon at the church with 35 attending and participating in Program entitled "When Is It Time To Move ?" by Nancy Thomas and Don Ginsburg.
- March 2007 - Forty-eight boarded a bus to Kansas City Union Station to Review the Dead Sea Scrolls and enjoy a short review by Tony Alioto as we were traveling. We were joined by friends from other Disciple churches in Boone County.
- April 2007 - Lunch in the Cougar Room at Columbia College Cafeteria. We enjoyed getting to know more of the College's wonderful food available to students and town friends and then we brainstormed for future events for STARS.
- May 2007 - Lunch hosted by Frances and Harsh Brown at Lenoir with a program presented by Jessie Haden from Columbia Police Department. The program was entitled "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Scams and Frauds".
- June 2007 - A well-attended group traveled to the Jerry and Connie Guy Resort in Randolph County. A wonderful picnic lunch and fellowship, plus a bonus boat ride around the lake was enjoyed by attendees.
- July 2007 - An elaborate trip to St. Louis to tour churches of other world religions was scheduled with friends from other Disciple churches in Boone County, but had to be cancelled due to lack of participants available at that time.
- August 2007 - A luncheon held at the Columbia Senior Center and program given by Joetta Coen on Alzheimer's was enjoyed by 35 participants.
- Sept. 2007 - Lunch for 27 attendees in Morris Parlor and a program given by David Sapp from Boone County Historical Society was enjoyed by all. Title of program was "Bear Creek Christian Church".
- November 2007 - A Thanksgiving Dinner was held at Broadway Christian Church by their group of members 60+. STARS as well as groups from other Disciple churches were invited to participate. A wonderful program followed the bountiful lunch.
- December 2007 - A Soup and Dessert Luncheon was held in Morris Parlor and after the delicious meal we viewed the movie, Dicken's Christmas Carol starring George C. Scott. Another trip to St. Louis was planned, this time by Broadway Christian church and the STARS group was invited. However, due to bad weather the trip had to be cancelled.

The year of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by many and it was agreed to continue for another . We are always open for suggestions for programs or projects we can enjoy together. Any time you would like to share ideas for activities, contact Carol Slusher at 874-4902, Sally Robinson, 819-5043, or church office 449-7265.



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Sunday, February 24

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 6:30-8:00

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

The 2008 Church Camp Dates are announced!

Mark your calendars now to attend summer camp. Jimmy will be counseling most likely at one of the Junior Camps. The church assists with the cost of camp and helps provide transportation. Please see Jimmy Spear if interested in attending. Adult & College aged Counselors are always welcome!



Rickman Center Events

CYF Conference

Junior 1 Camp

Elementary Camp

Eighters Camp

Junior 2 Camp

M*A*D Camp

Chi Rho Camp

2008 Dates

June 9-14

June 17-21

June 30-July 2

July 6-12

July 15-19

July 21-26

July 28-August 2

Grade Finished

9-12

4-5

2-3

8

4-5

6-9

6-7

Wilderness Trips

Chi Rho Current River Canoe Trip

Chi Rho Colorado Backpack

Chi Rho Smoky Mountain Trek

CYF 11 Point River Canoe Trip

CYF Wilderness Backpack

2008 Dates

June 15-19

July 4-12

June 30-July 7

June 23-27

July 7-14

Grade Finished

6-8

6-8

6-8

9-12

9-12

Cure for the Winter Blues!

Feeling a little sad, a little down, a little blue – ask yourself – “What can I do?” Clear out the clutter, pack up those dust catching knick-knacks and donate them to the Youth Garage Sale April 4 – 6. We want to send our kids on their Mission Trips this summer with no worries about finances. Your contributions – great and small - make our Youth and College Mission Trips possible.

Garage Sale items may be brought to Fellowship Hall - March 29 – April 2

Contact Joyce Stanley for further information. 445-5058 jbstanley@msn.com



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

March 2

8:00-12:30

Fellowship Hall

Gates Gives Millions to Heifer Missions

Bill and Melinda Gates, through their charitable foundation, are granting \$42.8 million to Heifer International, one of our church's favorite missions. By far, this is the largest grant ever to Heifer. It is directed to work to reduce poverty among one million people in Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda. They are surviving on marginal, small family plots to produce a little surplus milk for sale. This large Gates and Heifer effort is to greatly increase milk production and use.

The good news comes to us from Carol Oliver, the Heifer Missouri representative. Recently, you may recall, she presented a plaque to the church for surpassing our goal to provide a fifth Heifer “World Ark” of livestock as our 175th anniversary mission emphasis.

The Gates grant is to go to 179,000 families plus 10,000 families to grow forage crops for the livestock. Heifer will also help develop farmers associations and 30 milk processing plants.

Ironically, most gifts to Heifer International are less than \$200 each but add up significantly. Heifers For Relief began as a Church of the Brethren mission at the end of World War II. When Heifer soon became interdenominational, First Christian Church became one of the very first of the cofounding Disciples of Christ churches.

Of the Gates grant project, Heifer executive Jo Luck in Little Rock, AR, said, “It could be the beginning of something much bigger. All of sub-Saharan Africa has similar needs.” Our church world outreach ministries chairman, C.K. Hoenes is returning from a trip, and we can't quote him, but we think it sounds like him to say, “Great! Wow! It certainly affirms our choice of Heifer as one of our important church missions!” ~Bob Leach

ways to think this week and give in compassion

- Many rural women and girls in Africa walk up to four miles one way to get water for their families. Give one coin for each pair of shoes you own.
- In Ethiopia, Fair Trade coffee programs help communities produce income and ensure enough food for all. Give a coin for each cup of coffee you drank this week.
- *Week of Compassion* is helping rebuild villages in Bosnia that were destroyed by war. Give one coin for each house on your street.

Find out the full story @ www.weekofcompassion.org

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Sunday's Schedule-Feb. 24, 2008

Van Driver: Frank Boster *Telephone:* Carol Slusher

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Louis Janssen, Colleen Nilges, Mary Daugherty

Elder for 8:30 Service: Charles Koelling

Communion Preparation:

Daryl and Lynn Klotz, Stephanie Mottaz

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Debbie Taylor

10:30 Elders: Joyce Stanley, Royanne Tracy, Cheryl Lightner

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters:

Holly Wheatley, *North Door*

Dick & Jerry Vaught, *South Door*

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Jadie Arnett and Jack Creasy

Candlelighters: Julia Bower and Sam Creasy

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Justin and Jessica Bright

Delivered: Steve and Tracy Evers

Evangelism Calls: Sara Klockow

This Week (Feb. 24 - Mar. 1)

- Sun. - Pastors' Church Membership Class, 9:30 a.m., Green Room, 3rd Floor
- JYF (grades 3-5), after 10:30 worship until 1:30
- Chi Rho (grades 6-8) 4:00-5:30
- Mon. - Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue. - Drennan Group, 9:00 a.m., Drennan Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church (1115 Locust Street)
- Hannah Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd Floor Apts.
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Brummett Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Helen Stemmons'
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30-6:15
Devotion, 6:20
- Adult Programming, 6:30-7:30
* "Interfaith Dialogue" led by Sarah Read
* Bible Study with John Yonker
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-7:30 with Jimmy Spear
- Sat. - Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- CWF Budget Committee, 9:30 a.m., Keystone Room

