



**American  
Red Cross**

## Blood Drive

**March 2**

**8:30-12:30**

**Fellowship Hall**

### Blood Drive

This Sunday, March 2, we will be hosting the American Red Cross in their efforts to supply blood to those in need in our area. They will be set up in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30am – 12:30pm for all those who would like to try to give. If you are unable to give blood, or just don't feel called to do so, please consider donating cookies to those who are able. Cookies/goodies can be dropped off at the "canteen" area in the Fellowship Hall at any time throughout the morning. If there are extras, they will be gratefully consumed by the youth groups and college students.

We have a goal of successfully completing 25 units of blood. Please consider giving to help us attain this goal.

## Sunday Services

The familiar story of Jesus healing the man born blind, found in John 9, will serve as the basis for the sermon on Sunday. The second scripture will be 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

Special Music for Sunday will include at the 8:30 worship service a solo by Pat Rybolt, "Open the Gates of the Temple". The Chancel Choir will sing "Be Thou My Vision" at the 10:30 worship service. Also, at this service Linda Chandler will sing "Above All" for the offertory and Rob Martin will play for Communion.

## Learn About Self-defense at CAFÉ

Next Wednesday, March 5, we are invited to learn about and physically practice some self-defense techniques. Mark Meighan, the man who has taught martial arts in the Fellowship Hall for many years, is willing to lead this session for us. He would like to know how many are going to be in attendance so he can have an adequate amount of instructors here for us should the need arise. **Please RSVP to Amy Kay via phone or email by Monday morning, March 3.** There is a fee of \$13 for this session which covers the packet of information they will provide for us. If you would like to be in attendance, but can not pay the fee, please still RSVP your hopes. We can facilitate any and all who would like to attend.



## Pastors' Class 2008

Eight youth are taking the journey toward Baptism. Pictured above with adult church members who serve as their mentors through the process, the youth are half way through completing the four week study. The Sunday morning study is centered around the principles of the Christian faith, the confession of faith in Jesus Christ, and our Disciples of Christ heritage as part of the preparation for baptism. The class culminates with an overnight retreat at The Rickman Center. Confessions of faith will be on Easter Sunday and the baptistry will be filled for a special day of Christian baptism on March 30.

### Weekly Report

February 24, 2008

Received \$4,812.00

Received to Date \$300,543.59

Attendance - 245

(includes early worship - 45)

## A Pastoral Word...

It usually takes me half a year to be ready to go again.

This last Sunday afternoon the JYF & Chi-Rho youth groups and I talked about church camp. I noted to them how much I love going every summer and have done so since I was in fourth grade. They looked at me a little funny. During lunch the fourth and fifth graders were excited about getting to go to camp again as they told their luncheon friends about the joys of summer church camp. The third graders were sold. Then we looked at a picture slide show from last summer. They had all kinds of stories and questions. I remembered again why I go each summer as a counselor.

There is just something about summer church camp. Perhaps it is the environment of care and acceptance. Maybe it is the “away from home doing something completely different” feeling. Sometimes I think it is the friendships that are formed and continue over the years. But I think it really comes back to the spirit. I believe that the Spirit of God does something unique in the summertime at a place called church camp. It is hard to explain; one just needs to experience it.



At my age sometimes it takes me six months to recover from a few weeks at church camp — sleeping in the bunks, contending with the sweat and mosquitoes. But usually by February I am psyched up about going again. This year I am excited because we have close to twenty-five kids that are already ready to go. I am sure we can entice a few more. Of course camp is not just for the young, as many are needed to be camp staff. I will be counseling at Junior Camp II. Ken & Susan McCarty will be leading one of the canoe trip camps. Are there other adults – young or old – who would join us?

If anyone needs a first-hand account of what I am talking about, I know 20 some young friends that would love to share their story...

~Jimmy Spear

# CAFÉ

ChristianActionFellowshipEducation

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

## March 5 CAFÉ

*Menu:*  
Tastes like Lasagna Soup/Steak Soup  
Tossed Green Salad  
Cheese Bread  
Raspberry Oatmeal Cookies

- \* “Self-Defense” by Mark Meighan  
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- \* Bible Study with  
Dr. John J. Yonker
- \* CYF (grades 9-12) with  
Rev. Jimmy Spear

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

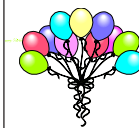
## News of the congregation

**Russ DeVenny** is recuperating at home following surgery at Boone Hospital on Monday morning. **Carol Slusher** is a patient at Boone Hospital, also recuperating from surgery last Monday morning. **Robert Etnire, C.K. Odor** and **Don Seltsam** continue to receive care as patients at Boone Hospital.

Thanks to **Pat Rybolt** for her nice solo presented at the early service last Sunday. Thanks to **Mary Bancroft** and **Norma Miller** for the organ/piano duets at the late service on February 24.

Long time church member **Jerry Carrington** was a guest on KOMU-TV Sports one night last week to recall a 1948 regular basketball game that his Fulton High School team lost to Mexico HS 2-0 by one early field goal. At least one of our church members heard incredulously about the game around midnight over radio station WWL, New Orleans. The odd game contributed to some basketball rules being changed nationally. The game story still makes the rounds today!

## Your Special Birthday!



**Marceline Shamberger**  
-95 on Mar. 2  
**Harold Duncan**  
-100 on Mar. 6

You are invited to the



Reception  
for  
**Harold Duncan**

Sunday, March 2  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Lenoir Community Center

## Happy Birthday



Sally Estes-Mar. 3  
Sue Haynes-Mar. 3  
Austin Orscheln-Mar. 3  
Sharon Ronchetto-Mar. 4  
Cathy Seltsam-Mar. 5  
Nancy Watson-Mar. 6  
Andy Janssen-Mar. 6  
Kelly Tracy-Mar. 7



Michael Taylor-Mar. 7  
David Keithley-Mar. 8  
Raven Sheppard-Mar. 8  
Andrea Smith-Mar. 8  
Melissa Straw-Mar. 8  
Valerie Freed-Mar. 8

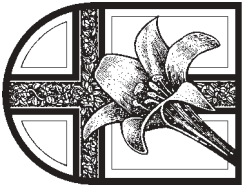


### Lenten Schedule

March 5 - Lenten Breakfast, Columbia United Church of Christ  
(3201 I-70 Dr. Northwest), 7:00-8:00

March 9 - Homebound Communion

March 12 - Lenten Breakfast, Calvary Episcopal Church  
(123 S. Ninth Street), 7:00-8:00



### HOLY WEEK

March 16 - Palm Sunday Services, Sanctuary, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Downtown Palm Sunday Service, leave from FCC  
at 10:20 to walk downtown together

March 19 - Lenten Breakfast, Missouri United Methodist Church  
(209 S. Ninth Street)

March 19 - CAFÉ, 5:30-dinner, 6:30 - program by Jeff Moore  
(Week of Compassion), Bible Study, CYF

March 20 - Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m.

March 21- Good Friday Service, Sanctuary, 12:00 Noon

March 23 - Easter Sunday Services, Sanctuary, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



Easter lilies will be ordered through the church's Ministry of Flowers. If you would like to furnish a lily for Easter Sunday, fill out the form and return it to the church office with \$7.50 **no later than March 13.**

I (we) are giving an Easter Lily

\_\_\_\_\_ in **honor** of: \_\_\_\_\_ in **memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list my name(s) as donor(s):

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## One week in March!

March 16

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.



## Trash to Treasure!

Your unused, unwanted (but still in good condition) items are needed for the **Youth Garage Sale** – April 4 – 6. Kitchen items, knick-knacks, furniture, holiday decorations, tools, toys, books, clothing, camping gear, anything and everything! We want it all!

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

Contact Joyce Stanley for further information. 445-5058 [jbstanley@msn.com](mailto:jbstanley@msn.com)



Thank you so much for the beautiful shawl we received during our stay at Boone Hospital for the birth of our daughter, Audrey. It means so much to us that First Christian and its members were thinking of us during such a special time. Also a special thanks to Rev. Spear for personally stopping by to deliver the shawl and offer a prayer. —

Laura Hutton, Frank Koch & Audrey Hutton Koch

## Partner Thanks!

Thanks to **Ben & Jen Micek** and **Ruth Ann Martin** for partnering on Wednesday night with CYF; **Holly Gieske** for partnering with Chi-Rho; and it takes a great group of parents to feed and partner with the JYF – **Debbie Potthast, Angie Hysten, Lana Poole, Holly Wheatley, Jay & Chris Creasy, Erin Bower, Stacia Scheafer.**

## Parent Partners are needed for JYF and CHI-RHO on:

March 16

April 6

April 20

May 4 (outdoors?)

May 18 (outdoors?)

(These dates also need JYF Parent Partners to feed JYF lunch.)

This rotation of Sunday Morning's *The River of Life* has been under the leadership of **Joyce Stanley, Beth Browne, Rich & Pamela Hoepfner, Holly Gieske, Tammy Arnett** and **Amy LaHue**. Of course we also love our River Guides, **Molly, Elizabeth, Nancy, Brenda, Debbie** and **Jennifer!** **Sarah Read** in the Chi-Rho Class and **Jimmy Spear** with the CYF round out our teaching team.



## BOOK

If someone you loved died, what would you do? How would you react? Difficult questions we don't want to have to answer.

But sooner or later, someone you love will pass away. This author, Sandra Aldrich, offers the wisdom and insight she gained from her own experience in [Living Through the Loss of Someone You Love](#).

At first she tells the personal details of the daily journey toward losing her husband. Then comes the hopeful telling of how she made it through the grief process. The book ends with practical help, based on grief seminars she gives, for anyone who fears losing someone, has lost someone already, or wants to help a grieving friend. This book can help you understand what's happening so you can move through the grief process in a healthy, productive way.

~On the Book Cart

## Visit and Communion – March 9

THANK YOU to the Elders and Deacons giving a gift of their time to visit and share communion with the homebound on Sunday, March 9 during the 10:30 worship service. **ELDERS:** Jackie Davidson, Cherry Hinderberger, Rich Hoepfner, Donna and Will Houston, Brenda Martin, Marilyn Schappert, Marsha and Tom Sisson, Nelson Trickey. **DEACONS:** Laura and Tom Crane, Patti Freeman, Debbie Garton, C.K. Hoenes, Lynn Klotz, Mike Korman, Pat and Glenn Rainey, Gerald and Susan Ramsey, Kim Rogers, Sharon and Steve Smith, Lisa Snyder, Bryant White. **JR. DEACONS:** Stephanie Mottaz, Erik White. **THANKS** to Barbara Rothenberger for preparing communion trays.

## CFW Board Meeting

Monday, March 10

10:30 a.m.

Morris Parlor



## Can we reach \$1000?

Week of Compassion totals from two Sunday's of offering are in... with a total of \$858. With the size of First Christian Church and the tremendous need for compassion in the world this very day, it should not be difficult for us to extend our "week" of compassion — that we might collectively contribute \$1000 to this vital ministry of mission. Special offering envelopes will be in the narthex this Sunday. Thank you.

# The Visitor

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### Music Staff:

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Norma Miller, Pianist  
Cheryl Nichols, Choir Director

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Fred Mottaz, Business Manager  
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## Sunday's Schedule-Mar. 2, 2008

*Van Driver:* Carol Slusher *Telephone:* Nancy Grieme

### 8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

*Worship Asst:* Donna and Will Houston, Millie Caringer

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Carol Slusher

*Communion Preparation:*

Dorothy Allen, Lisa Snyder, Helen Stemmons

### 9:30 Church School

*Church School Greeter:* Gerry Coon

*Nursery Volunteer:* TBA

### 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

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

*10:30 Elders:* Mary Bancroft, Norma Miller, Julie Hickey

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeters:*

Barb Rothenberger, *North Door*

Pat and Sue Wright, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team

*Banner Bearers:* Sam Poole and Max Schaefer

*Candlelighters:* Jack Creasy and Matt Hoepfner

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Jessica Bright

*Delivered:* Tom and Carol Hughey

*Evangelism Calls:* Anne Campbell



## This Week (Mar. 2-8)

- Sun.** - Pastors' Church Membership Class, 9:30 a.m., Green Room, 3rd Floor
- Mon.** - Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Linda Hutton's
- Tue.** - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Columbia United Church of Christ (3201 I-70 Drive Northwest)  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30-6:15  
Devotion, 6:20  
- Adult Programming, 6:30-7:30  
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\* Bible Study with John Yonker  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-7:30 with Jimmy Spear
- Thr.** - Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Fri.** - World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room  
- Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant - Everyone Welcome