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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

January 16 CAFÉ

Menu: Company Beef Stew
Mashed Potato Bowls
Crescent Rolls

Program:

***Wellness for Life** with Cary Skelton, an MU and University of Central Missouri graduate with bachelors and masters degrees in physical education and sports science, a registered dietician & owner of Skelton's Wellness LLC.

"Exercise for all ages," Jan. 16

***Bible Study** with Rev. John Yonker
In depth study of Sunday texts

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



Welcome Cheryl Nichols!

It is a pleasure to welcome Cheryl Nichols to our church staff as she has accepted the Choir Director Search Committee's invitation to become our next Chancel Choir and Chancel Handbell Choir Director after serving as the interim director in that position since last September.

A native of Hartsburg where she attended public schools, Cheryl has been a professional music educator since receiving a Bachelor of

Music degree from Mizzou in 1987. She has taught in the Columbia, Kirksville and Moberly public schools, and since 2004 has been Vocal Music Instructor and Accompanist at Stephens College. She has also been an Assistant Vocal Instructor and Accompanist for the Missouri Symphony Society, and has worked with the University of Missouri University Singers and the University Chamber Singers. A lover of church music from her earliest days in Peace United Church of Christ in Hartsburg where she continues her membership, she has directed church choirs at First Christian Church in Kirksville and Centralia, and more recently at Community United Methodist Church in Columbia.

Family members include her sister who teaches math in the Eldon public schools, her parents of Hartsburg who continue their membership in the Peace United Church of Christ, and her eight-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever, Shotzie! Welcome Cheryl!!

Sunday Services

This Sunday morning, January 13, we continue in the season of Epiphany. As we hear from both Isaiah 42 and Matthew 3 we will converge our thoughts upon the heavenly claim of baptism. Rev. Jimmy Spear will be offering the sermon on this day. Special Music this Sunday will include a solo by Linda Chandler and the Chancel Choir with an anthem.

The River of Life will flow again on the 3rd floor as our children grades K-5 are in week two in learning about the "Prodigal Son." All children are welcome to join us at 9:30 a.m. as we gather in the Cinema on the 3rd Floor. We are prepared for many children to experience a great bible story in creative ways. So, bring your kids!

Weekly Report

December 30, 2007

Received \$9,361.10

Received to Date \$244,622.46

Attendance - 363

(includes early worship - 58)

Weekly Report

January 6, 2008

Received \$9,655.79

Received to Date \$254,272.00

Attendance - 270

(includes early worship - 72)



Celebrating her baptism... at the 8:30 service on Sunday, December 23 are **Colleen Nilges**, her mother, **Helen Lafferty**, and her brother, **Dennis Lafferty**, who came into town from Illinois for the day. Since making a confession of faith and uniting with our congregation in September 2006, Colleen has become actively involved in the New Keystone Sunday School Class, women's ministries and serving as worship assistant in early worship services. A native of Princeton, Illinois, Colleen is employed as Office Manager for Property Appraisal, Inc.

Ladies' Book Club Resumes

After the Christmas break, the Ladies' Book Club resumes meeting on Wed., Jan. 23 at 12:30 p.m. in Morris Parlor. *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon, is the inaugural novel of Mitford series. This book is a sweet, humorous look at life from the Episcopal rector's perspective. If you're looking for a charming escape book, this one's for you. In fact, our own FCC library owns 2 copies! Questions? Call or email Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com



Recycle Bins

Blue recycle bins have been placed in the narthex and in the office hallway so as to invite you to recycle your Sunday morning bulletins. It is our hope you take your bulletin home for calendar purposes or to share with a friend. However, if you are inclined to throw it away please do so in the blue containers. (Please also note that these containers are not trash cans, lest more half full coffee cups be placed there.)

Special Note!

Medicine bottles are **no** longer being collected. Thank you for all your past contributions.



News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Tom Hughey** who was named Employee of the Year for 2007 for the Machens Ford, Lincoln, Mercury automobile dealership of Columbia. Way to go, Tom!

Thanks to **Jerry Daugherty** for sharing his musical gifts with us at both early and late services last week: At 8:30 he sang "Give Thanks" as a special before the sermon, and at 10:30 he presented the morning vocal offertory, "Lion of Judah." He was accompanied by **Norma Miller**. Also thanks to **Mary Bancroft** and **Jean Hall** for their organ/piano duets at the late service last Sunday.

Our prayers are with the family of **M.F. "Thursty" Thurston**, long-time member of our congregation who died at his home, Wednesday, January 2, at age 95. A native of Columbia and graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law, Thursty spent his law career in the United States Army, and after retirement was actively involved in the Columbia Kiwanis Club, holding several positions and attaining the highest Kiwanis honors. He was preceded in death by his wife **Virginia** in 2004, and is survived by his son, **Thom** and wife, **Yoko**, and their son, **Tobias**, of New York City, and his daughter and son-in-law, **Tesa and Ron Sterchi**, and their children, **Eric, Amanda and Katelyn**, of Columbia. A memorial service was conducted by John Yonker at the church on Saturday afternoon, January 5.

Our sympathy is extended to **Jean and Bob Black** on the death of Jean's father, **Harold Schneider** of Jefferson City who died in a Jeff City hospital on Sunday afternoon, January 6. Funeral services were held in that city on Wednesday.

Our prayers continue to be with **Jack Pavlovich, Dane's father**, who has returned home after spending some days at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City.

We also remember **Marci Lower, Nancy Kirtley's sister**, who has been ill recently. The following people have been released from the hospital to continue recuperating from recent surgery at Boone Hospital: **Tommy Gay Evans, Kelly Holman, and Roy Overacre**.

Rob Martin, son of Mark and Brenda Martin, will be playing piano at the Cherry Street Artisan January 26, 8:30 pm.

The **grandson of C.K. Odor, Joe Blosser**, is President of the Council of House Scholars at Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago graduate theological seminary. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and seminary. He grew up in First Christian Church, Jefferson City, and through the years has worshiped with us many times.



Jeff Alexander-Jan. 13	Michael Simon-Jan. 16
Louise Ward-Jan. 13	Mason Stevens-Jan. 17
Nannie Lou Mallett-Jan. 14	Mary Bess Green-Jan. 18
Bradley Daugherty-Jan. 14	Mike Mountjoy-Jan. 18
Susan Ballard-Jan. 15	Mike Korman-Jan. 18
Janet Mountjoy-Jan. 15	Heidi Lentz-Jan. 18
Gary Magruder-Jan. 15	Margie Ellis-Jan. 18
Charles Brown-Jan. 15	Royanne Tracy-Jan. 19

(youth in january)

Sunday, January 13 & 27

JYF 12-1:30

Chi-Rho 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.

*MLK Jr. Weekend all youth groups are on break.

RIVER OF LIFE

flows again

“The Prodigal Son”

Art, Drama, Video, Games

Christian Education grades K-5
3rd floor, 9:30 am

Annual Planning Retreat

You are invited to attend the Annual Planning Retreat on Sunday, January 27, 2008 immediately following the second service. This annual “meeting of the minds” includes lunch, and will be over at 1:30 p.m. All church members are invited to attend, and all department heads and board members are especially encouraged to attend :) Childcare will be provided. This year we will be discussing and sharing ideas about networking and how we can nurture, support and care for each other. You may RSVP by signing up in the office, or calling the church at 449-7265 to have your name added to the list (please indicate childcare when you sign up). Hope to see you there!



I want to thank the ministers and committee members for planning the combined 8:00 pm Christmas Eve service. It was wonderful to have the main floor of the sanctuary filled and to bring so many church members, families and friends together at one time to celebrate Christmas. I especially enjoyed blending the youth participation with the entire worship format. Thanks to all for the vision to make this happen!

~Joyce Stanley

The compassion you show through your prayers, services, music, and flower ministry are so very much appreciated! The beautiful altar flowers given by Richard and Jerry Vaught, made available through the courtesy of Pat Rainey and delivered by my sister, Nancy Kirtley, are a welcome glimpse of spring in my home. Thank you for thinking of me. I look forward to attending church again when my health improves.

~Marci Lower

Thank you so much for the gracious recognition of my work with the 175th Anniversary Committee. It has been a wonderful year of celebration of our church history, and a pleasure for me to be able to coordinate all the activities. The handsome plaque is already hanging in my office as a reminder of the year and the many outstanding people who were involved in so many different capacities. The flowers are a beautiful reminder of how much the church means to me. Thank you to everyone who made it all possible.

~Genie Rogers

Thank you so much for the beautiful shawl for Alexander! It is lovely and we use it all the time as you can never have too many blankets for these little ones. We have used it several times as the backdrop for pictures as well! Thank you also to Dr. Yonker for delivering the shawl. It is always nice to see friendly familiar faces when you are staying at the hospital, even if you are there for a happy occasion!

~Vicki, Jeff, Olivia and Alexander Johnson



Caught in the Act!

On Sunday morning Anne Campbell and Mary Richardson were caught in the act of updating the hallway display window outside the church library on the second floor of the Education Building. A winter-time display including snow flakes and a giant snow man beckon us to “read now!” Featured in the window is “Chicken Soup for the Woman’s Soul,” which gives 101 stories to open the hearts and rekindle the spir-

its of women by Oprah Winfrey, Maya Angelou, Dolly Parton and others. If you haven’t checked out the library lately, what better time than January?!

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Sunday's Schedule-Jan. 13, 2008

Van Driver: Frank Boster *Telephone:* Laura Crane

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Carol and Tom Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger

Elder for 8:30 Service: Cherry Hinderberger

Communion Preparation:

Gerald and Susan Ramsey, Elizabeth Flanders

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Dorothy Porter

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Rev. Jimmy Spear *Liturgist:* Harsh Brown

10:30 Elders: Joyce Stanley, Jacki Davidson, Joy Duren

Deacons: The England Team

Greeters:

Elizabeth Mottaz, *North Door*

Julie Nichols, *South Door*

Ushers: Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: Sam Creasy and Megan Potthast

Candlelighters: Sam Poole and Ben Creasy

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Daryl and Lynn Klotz

Delivered: Teresa Foster

Evangelism Calls: Jacki Davidson

This Week (Jan. 13-19)

- Sun. - JYF (grades 3-5), after 10:30 worship until 1:30 p.m.
- Chi Rho (grades 6-8), 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Shawl Ministry Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Mary Tompson's
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CYF (grades 9-12), meet at **CAFÉ** for dinner at 5:30,
6:30-8:00 p.m. in CYF room
- **CAFÉ** (Christian Action Fellowship Education)
5:30-Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:15-Devotion
6:30-Programming (see front page for details)
- Thr. - Church in Society Mtg., 6:30 p.m.,
Morris Parlor

