



## CAFÉ

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First Christian Church  
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 30 CAFÉ

*Menu:* Mostaccioli  
Rich & Charlie's Italian Salad  
Garlic Bread

*Program:*

\* **"Financial Planning in Today's World"** by Joe Reardon

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

\* **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

## Annual Planning Retreat

You are invited to attend the Annual Planning Retreat on **Sunday, January 27, 2008** immediately following the second service in Morris Parlor. 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. The title of the retreat is "The Tie that Binds". 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!  
~Chris Creasy

## Ready for the Souper Bowl?



We are on a mission to fight hunger and poverty. You can help. Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2008**. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2007, over 14,000 groups participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring, generating over \$8 million dollars.

None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 more than \$41 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 3rd.

## Sunday Services

On January 27, the Third Sunday after Epiphany, scripture texts for the day include readings from Psalm 27, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 and Matthew 4:12-23.

Special music for the day will include a solo, "Reflection of Your Love" presented by Kelli Embry at the early service. Mary Bancroft and Norma Miller will be playing duets during the 10:30 service.

## Pastors' Church Membership Class Forming!

John, Amy Kay and Jimmy will be conducting the annual Pastors' Class for young people beginning Sunday morning, February 3. We specifically invited all our 6<sup>th</sup> graders to consider joining the class, but anyone who is interested in learning about the basics of the Christian commitment, church membership, the history and beliefs of our church is encouraged to register by calling the church office.

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.

If you are interested in participating in the Pastors' Class, contact the church office (449-7265) for more information.

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, Amy Kay or Jimmy.

## Not An Advertisement

This rotation thing is all new to me. In coming to FCC, Columbia, I noted how neat the rooms were on the third floor of the education building. I wondered what went on there. Then I heard the story of The River of Life. At the start of the year, Amy Kay showed me the ropes, the pages, the rooms, and shared with me the excitement of a really well put together Sunday morning children's program. It worked out nicely that the cycle of stories is beginning again as I take the reigns of its organization.

Early in January, we began with the parable of the Prodigal Son. A willing group of members volunteered to teach the art, drama, games, and video portions of the rotation. I put myself in the computer/media portion to get a real sense of how it works. This past Sunday I began teaching a part of the rotation, which is a media/art project. I had our K-1 group with the help of two high school friends Josh & Ryan. To sit at a table with Victoria, Elayna, and Alexandra was really a great experience. These young ladies followed along in their Bibles, talked about the story, shared their thoughts, and created something unique that represented something they learned about the prodigal son's story. To see them learn and wonder, explore and create was a great experience. During this same 40 minutes the 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders were learning the story of the prodigal son and then creating a unique video project to extend the experience. At one point I snuck back in the art room to get more glue and noted the 4-5<sup>th</sup> graders were also hearing a most rousing version of the story, and interacting with it most enthusiastically.

Thanks to Joyce, Beth, Debbie, and Jessica for being great leaders this first time out. It is my hope that as we begin another story's rotation in mid-February there will be more folks willing to share the stories of faith around tables, on stages, and other venues we have in store. I would also be remiss if I didn't extend a fresh invitation to our other children to join us. I have begun to realize that we see less than half of our kids at The River of Life. I wonder how they will learn the stories if not on the River. Something tells me it will be harder when they are older. So, for now, as we look to this Sunday, I will be in wonder. Wonder for all I have learned from the kids last Sunday, and in the wonder of what it will be like when more come.

~Rev. Jimmy Spear

## Good Reading!!

The Remembrance booklets are finally ready. The booklet is a collection of anecdotes submitted by members of the church. They provide some very interesting historical data and some are also humorous. Copies are available in the office. We are printing them as we need them, so if there are none available when you stop by please sign the legal pad saying that you are requesting a copy. You may also read the Remembrance booklet online on our website (firstchristian.org). The link can be found on the home page.

~Mary Bancroft

*Thank You!*

Thank you so much for the shawl. The red color is deep and soothing. It is really beautiful. You can tell Millie Bolman spent a lot of time and love into making the shawl for me. I will treasure it always. I truly appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers for my surgery and recovery.

~Kelley Holman



I would like to thank you for your assistance toward my deposit for Oxford House. Because of your kindness and prayers I have a better chance of achieving and maintaining my sobriety. God Bless you all.

Traci Coffman  
McCambridge Center for Women

**Columbia United Church of Christ  
Fastnacht (German Mardi Gras)  
Tue. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm  
Knights of Columbus Hall,  
2525 N. Stadium Blvd.**



Featuring Hermann's  
**Terry Loehni Family Band and  
The Wustayaeger Dancers**

Traditional German Meal:  
**Brats, Kraut and Potato Salad**  
Call 445-7931 for tickets  
In Advance: \$8.00 Adults, \$4.00  
Children (6-12), Family Price \$20  
At the Door: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children

## News of the congregation

Among the members of our congregation in our concern at this time are **Marian Lightner** who was admitted to Boone Hospital last week and continues as a patient there at this time. **Shirley Park** is recuperating from surgery at Boone Hospital on Wednesday morning.

**Frances Seltsam** died at Boone Hospital early Thursday morning, January 17 after a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted by John Yonker at the Memorial Funeral Home on Monday morning, January 21, with a private committal service in Memorial Park Cemetery. Our sympathy is extended to her husband of almost 67 years, **D.K. Seltsam**, her sons, **Don**, and **Robert** and his wife, **Cathy**, and their children, **Sarah** and **Rory**. Frances was 95 years old and had been an active member of our congregation and the Hannah Jones group of the Christian Women's Fellowship for many years.

One of our members, **Jeff England**, was included in a recent Bill Clark column in the Columbia Daily Tribune published Jan. 7th.

## 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.

Jim Baumgartner-Jan. 28  
Jim Ross-Jan. 28  
Matthew Hickey-Jan. 29  
Anita Dresser-Jan. 29  
Annika Hysten-Jan. 29  
Bryan Freed-Jan. 29  
Marcus Floyd-Jan. 29  
Adam Taylor-Jan. 31  
Amy Marrero-Feb. 1  
Jake Speckhals-Feb. 1  
Millie Bolman-Feb. 2



## Weekly Report

January 20, 2008  
Received \$3,747.22  
Received to Date \$266,556.83  
Attendance - 254  
(includes early worship - 55)



## Reminiscing Ernie's and the Church

*NOTE: The church's 175th anniversary was over before this story was ready to print. Ernie's restaurant, like the Zero House and Wabash Railroad printed last month, has a long church affinity.*

Ernie's Steakhouse has been a convenient and cordial place for most of seven decades for a wide variety of church occasions. Still thriving a couple doors east of the church on Walnut across the street intersection, it has welcomed Sunday School classes, committee meetings, private consultations, mid-morning (or mid-afternoon) coffee chats, individual and family diners after church on Sundays, and friendly get-togethers.

Ernie's certainly has been part of church life. It was purchased from original owners Ernie and Laura Creber Lewis by Charlie and Lula Christman in 1949. It is not a large place. Inside the front door, on the left side runs a long dining counter with stools. Down the length of the middle is an aisle from the kitchen. Along the right wall of scenery murals are tables and chairs. The basic arrangement has never changed.

For some solitary reason or to talk with a church worker, Ernie's was often a place of choice to go ever since it opened for every one of our senior and associate pastors from Dr. Lemmon, Glynne Burke, and Sam Langley, to John Yonker.

An interesting attraction at Ernie's is the large mural-size drawing of yesteryear's popular comic strip detective Dick Tracy. It was drawn and given to Ernie Lewis by its creator, cartoonist Chester Gould, who had a daughter in college in Columbia and occasionally ate there. It still dominates the far wall above the kitchen serving window.

Here on Sunday noons, church people could keep up the din of table talk as well as any. Add to that the constant jukebox popular music or, in more recent years, recorded music, some soft, some not so soft. Now there are also sidewalk tables with umbrellas and chairs.

As we nostalgically know, Ernie's still occupies the first floor at 1005 East Walnut. For some years the Christman family, which included the daughters Janett, Reta, and Cheryi, had living quarters upstairs. In later years it became a rather serene dining room. Regularly on a set Sunday of each month or occasionally, some Sunday School class, like Hearthstone, Inklings, CYF, and Open Door, met upstairs at Ernie's.

Charlie and Lula and daughters loved their church, this church, and were devout and active. Charlie was a Deacon and on the Administrative Board. Lula was in the Women's Council and its successor Christian Women's Fellowship/Women's Ministries and was a Deaconess. It was a happy second nature to the girls to be in Sunday School and other church activities. Charlie passed away in 1974, yet for some years Ernie's maintained some of his character for church folks. Later, Lula, whom we came to know as "Lu," married Ray Krull and they moved to Florida. After about 18 years, they returned to Columbia and our church life here. Now she lives in Kansas City near her daughter and husband, Reta and Bob Smith in Liberty. Busy as they were, Christmans always welcomed church friends when we came into Ernie's.

~Bob Leach

# (youth)

@ first christian

**Sunday, January 27**

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

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

**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.



## 175th Anniversary Scholarship

We have celebrated our past 175 years in grand style. Now let's focus on the future by reaching our 175th Anniversary Scholarship goal. Through the interest and generosity of members past and present, \$34,739 has been given toward our goal of \$ 40,000. Perhaps you would like to honor or remember someone through a gift, large or small, to the Scholarship fund. This will be expressing your appreciation for the person and will help us reach our goal.

Our ancestors in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) supported their belief in higher education by starting numerous colleges, one of them right here in Columbia. We can affirm this belief for our generation, by helping our church's college students through the 175th Anniversary Scholarship Fund. Please make your contribution soon so that scholarships may be awarded in the Spring.

~Moray Kiehl

# The Visitor

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## Sunday's Schedule-Jan. 27, 2008

*Van Driver:* Jay Creasy *Telephone:* Pat Ritchie

### **8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary**

*Worship Asst:* Louis A. Janssen

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Joyce Stanley

*Communion Preparation:*

Bryant, Susan and Erik White

### **9:30 Church School**

*Church School Greeter:* Doris Neidhardt

*Nursery Volunteer:* TBA

### **10:30 Worship in Sanctuary**

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Sally Robinson

*10:30 Elders:* Frances and Harsh Brown, Steve Lightner

*Deacons:* The Stanley Team

*Greeters:*

Amy LaHue, *North Door*

Daryl and Lynn Klotz, *South Door*

*Ushers:* Scott Team

*Banner Bearers:* Logan Garton and Gavin Rose

*Candlelighters:* Kim Potthast and Sam Poole

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Paula Slusher

*Delivered:* Mary Bancroft and Dan Backues

*Evangelism Calls:* Sara Klockow



## This Week (Jan. 27-Feb. 2)

- Sun. - Annual Planning Retreat, after 10:30 service, Morris Parlor (2nd floor education building)  
- JYF (grades 3-5), 12:00-1:30  
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 4:00-5:30
- Mon. - Website Meeting, 5:30, Morris Parlor  
- Nominating Committee Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- **CAFÉ:**  
Dinner, 5:30-6:15  
Devotion, 6:20  
Adult programming, 6:30-7:30  
- "Financial Planning in Today's World"  
by Joe Reardon  
- Bible Study  
CYF, 6:30-7:30  
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant-  
Everyone Welcome

