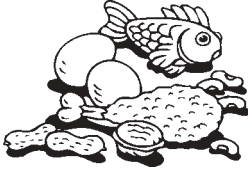




## Soup Kitchen

What an experience to have served this month at our local soup kitchen which is called "Loaves and Fishes"! There was much planning, cooking, serving and reflecting; it was all a completely worthwhile and fulfilling experience.



Although not sure what exactly to expect from serving, what was received was a clearer understanding of the indiscriminant hunger in Columbia. Younger as well as older adults with all ages in between were served. There were women and men who were clean and not-so-clean. Many were very polite, helpful in setting up supper and grateful for the food and the type of food served. Many said things like, "those sloppy joes were sure good", "we hardly ever get fresh fruit". "The cookies were real good" and they thanked us for serving. We were glad to be serving. One Church in Society member ended her reflections with the simple statement, "I am glad I went."

If a group you are involved with at the church would like to be involved in the ministry of planning, preparing, serving and cleaning up supper for 75ish people in our community, please talk with our Church in Society chair person, Carol Slusher, at ph. #874-4902. If you would like to help, but aren't involved in any groups at the church, please give Carol a call as we can form serving groups. Our evening to serve each month is the fourth Monday.

Special thanks to these people who made our first experience successful: Carol Slusher who did everything from start to finish (!); Joyce Stanley who helped learn about the ministry and buy our food and supplies; Laura Estes who helped cook the meal; Anna Catheran-Yost, Nancy Grieme, Teena Gater and Lorene Trickey, all who provided cookies; and Teena, Carol, Colleen Nilges, Chuck Scott, David Polach and Dane Pavlovich who served.

## News and Notes from CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the following women who have served as officers for the past 1, 2 and 3 years and are now "retiring" from the board. When you see these ladies – please give them your personal thanks for their dedication to Christian Women's Fellowship and Ministries.

Mary Taylor – President  
Judith Wildman – First Vice-President  
Royanne Tracy – Treasurer  
Millie Caringer and Barb Rothenberger – Wardrobe Coordinators  
Mary Kay Mueller – *Secret Place* Coordinator  
Mary Richardson – Reading Coordinator  
Sue Haynes – Historian

The newly-elected board for 2008-2009 includes the following courageous volunteers!

Joyce Stanley – President  
Tommy Gay Evans – Membership/First Vice-President  
Mary Taylor – Second Vice-President  
Event Planners – Laura Estes and Amy LaHue  
Carol Slusher – Treasurer and Recording Secretary  
Lisa Snyder – Corresponding Secretary  
Shirley Park – Liaison for CWU (Church Women United)  
Pat Rainey – Wardrobe Coordinator  
TBA – Social Action Coordinators  
Stacia Schaefer and Kim Rogers – Yearbook Chairpersons

## Sunday Services

This Sunday the texts before us will come from the lectionary. Our liturgy will be based off of Psalm 145:8-14 and the sermon from Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 and Romans 7:15-25a. Good hymns will fill the sanctuary and "For Spacious Skies" will grace us from the Chancel Choir. Hope you and yours can come to worship this week!

## This Week!



## Vacation Bible School

**July 6-10**

**5:30-8:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall**

**Ages 3 years-5th grade**

### Weekly Report

June 29, 2008

Received \$10,825.22

Received to Date \$462,767.69

Attendance - 243

(includes early worship -68)

## Heeerrree's Johnny!

One of the members of our congregation has begun a trip to Germany at the invitation of the World Council of Churches, and it is worth noting. On June 27 Tom Yonker flew to Frankfurt am Main, Germany to participate in the "Living Letters" program of the World Council of Churches (WCC) for an exchange of experiences in learning to overcome violence. As the lone representative from the United States, Tom is joined by an Anglican Archbishop from Burundi, a representative of the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil, a theological student who is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, and two members of the WCC staff.

The "Living Letters" program is part of the World Council's "Decade to Overcome Violence," which aims to train youth in nonviolent ways to handle conflicts.

The program began in Frankfurt where the group participated in an ecumenical prayer service for peace, were welcomed by the choir of the French Reformed congregation, met with Roman Catholic and German Evangelical Church representatives and learned about the work of the women's center with victims of forced prostitution and domestic violence. In Cologne they met with representatives of the Armenian Orthodox Church and shared in a dialogue with Christians, Jews and Muslims. This week they traveled to Hanover to share in a program to train youth to deal with conflict without resorting to violence. And before the program ends on July 4, they will travel to Berlin where they will meet with representatives of the government to discuss violence, meet with representatives of the Berlin Council of Churches and meet with people living and working in a home for refugees. Finally, they will go Dresden to meet with church officials and school classes to learn about their problem of racism.

What a significant opportunity to learn about one of the most important ministries of the World Council. I encourage you to take a few minutes to visit the World Council of Churches website, to learn about the "Living Letters" program, and to read the blog which Tom is helping to write. The WCC homepage is [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org). Follow the link to the "Ecumenical solidarity team to visit Germany", and the link at the bottom of that page to the Living Letters blog.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was founded on the vision of making real

Jesus' prayer for the unity of the church, and our congregation has been a supporter of the World Council from its beginnings in 1948, along with other ecumenical organizations. In a world filled with violence, our prayers and support of the World Council are more important than ever.



I did not fully realize, as a member of the Shawl Ministry myself, how enjoyable and comforting a shawl could be until my recent fall. The one given to me and made by Nannie Lou Mallett, was so cozy and warm. Everyone who saw it knew why I loved it so much.

~Connie Guy

I would just like to say thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome. It has been a wonderful journey so far, and to know I get to continue it with such wonderful people is exciting. I finally feel like I have found a home. Thanks so much, and God Bless.

~Jeri Sheppard

How comforting is the warmth of concern of our church family and how miraculous the power of prayer! My profound gratitude to all who kept me in their prayers during my recent health problems, with a special thanks to John for his visit at the hospital, to the prayer shawl ministry for the shawl, to Millie Bolman for her expert crafting of the shawl, and to the Trickeys, Nelson and Lorene, for delivering the beautiful flowers from the flower ministry. God's blessings on you all.

~Larry Clark

Many thanks to some great people who helped with the worship services at Boone Hospital in June. Nora Dietzel (who was there 4 of the 5 Sundays), Sharon Smith, Pat Ritchie, Mary Bess Green, Linda Chandler and Cheryl Nichols. The sharing of your talents was deeply appreciated.

~Mary Bancroft

## News of the congregation

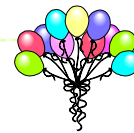
Thanks to **David Heise** for playing the piano to accompany the music at the early service last Sunday, June 29, in the absence of Norma Miller.

**Jim Fay's** surgery which was scheduled for last week has been postponed until Thursday, July 3.

**Mildred Todd** has been released from the hospital after spending a few days there last week. **Larry Clark** is doing well in recovery from a surgical procedure last week at Regional Hospital.

**Harold Duncan** died on Monday morning, June 30 at the Lenoir Woods Retirement Community Health Care Center. A funeral service will be conducted by John Yonker at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 3, at Parker's Funeral Services, with a visitation held in the evening hours the night before at Parker's. Harold was not a native Columbian, but moved to the city at a young age, and spent more than 50 years in the banking business before retiring in 1982, and continued farming until he was 90 years old. He became a member of our church in 1988.

## Your Special Birthday!



**Elwyn Ewer**  
-93 on July 6

**Ruth Brandenburg**  
-97 on July 8

## Happy Birthday!

Elwyn Ewer - July 6  
Haley Evers - July 6  
Jack Estes - July 7  
Ruth Brandenburg - July 8  
Barbara Rothenberger - July 8  
Michael Wildman - July 8  
J.D. Estes - July 8  
David Weber - July 8  
Erin Bower - July 9  
Judith Creasy - July 10  
Shawn Von Talge - July 10  
Teddy Nichols - July 11  
Erin Boster - July 11



## FCC Kids at Church Camp next week: Disaster Relief



Eighter's Camp: July 6-12  
**Drake Tevis**  
**Sydney Embry**

Write to them (send by Tuesday):  
Child's name  
Eighter's Camp  
Rickman Center  
PO Box 104298  
Jefferson City, MO 65110

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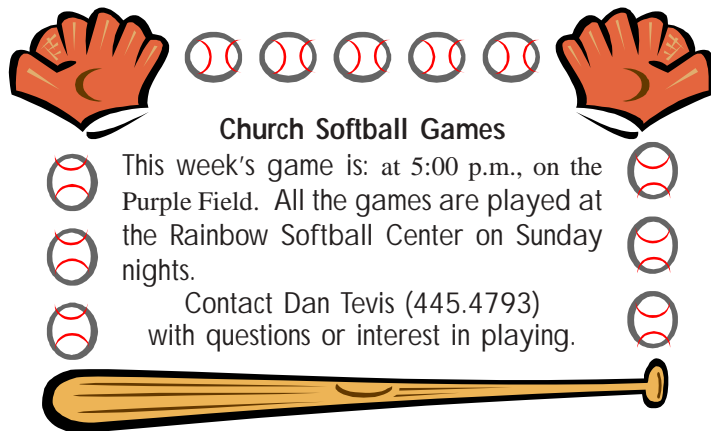
The CHI-RHO July Event: Water Mania  
July 13 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Meet @ church.  
Bring water launchers, shooters, water guns etc.

The CHI-RHO Mission Trip is scheduled for August 10-12.  
"Spread some paint!"

The CYF Sunday morning class is learning the Joseph story from Genesis. Join us @ 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the CYF room.

CYF EAT OUT "late night pancakes" on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Meet @ church at 8:15 p.m. (after VBS)

ALL Parents: Jimmy needs your email addresses...  
[jimmy@firstchristian.org](mailto:jimmy@firstchristian.org)



### Church Softball Games

This week's game is: at 5:00 p.m., on the Purple Field. All the games are played at the Rainbow Softball Center on Sunday nights.

Contact Dan Tevis (445.4793) with questions or interest in playing.

## Book Club Meets in August

The Ladies Book Club begins anew on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 12 noon. If you've been thinking about attending one of our get-togethers, please consider joining us for lunch at the Columbia Country Club when we discuss Katherine Graham's autobiography, *Personal History*. In addition, we'll select the next nine books for our reading pleasure. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com)

**Who:** Anyone of any age who has a heart for helping people who have been affected by a tornado. People of all skill levels are needed.

**Where:** Four hours west of Columbia in Chapman, Kansas. Chapman is located just off of I-70 at exit 286.

**When:** The weekend of July 11. Some of us are leaving after the VBS party on Thursday, July 10th. We will be arriving late, but will be able to obtain our work projects before the weekend rush of volunteers slows down the organizing process. We are hoping that some will leave after work on Friday as well. The plan is to return by Sunday late afternoon/early evening.

**Why:** Because we know God more fully through a man who reached out when people were in need. We are to do the same whenever we can... however we can. So, the small town of Chapman was hit by a tornado on June 11. Estimates suggest that 85% of the town was affected by the storm and one person was killed.

**What type of work:** The Volunteer Coordinator that I spoke with on Monday, June 23, suggested that by the time our group arrives, our skills will be matched with specific projects of homeowners. There is no way to know what might be in store, but there will be something to help with. We will simply need to be flexible and willing to pitch in!

**Housing:** Zion United Church of Christ in Junction City, Kansas will be hosting our group. This is my home-home congregation and they are located just 10 miles from Chapman. Thankfully, they have two good showers in their new building. If there ends up being a bunch of us who are able to go on this trip, we could also shower at my parents' house and the YMCA that is a half mile from the church. The logistics of this trip are not difficult as these are my hometowns. We will have the finalized plans in place before leaving Columbia, but after knowing exactly who is able to go and help.

**Meals:** We will have cold breakfasts at the church, sack lunches at our work sites and big suppers at my Mom and Dad's house. All of this will be provided, but you may wish to bring snacks. If you are diabetic or have other special needs, please let me know prior to the trip so we can have extras of the specific things you find to be helpful.

**Fun:** Well, the whole thing will hopefully have a strong element of fun, but we do have one relaxing thing in mind for Saturday evening. My family lives a mile from the largest lake in Kansas and it was created for recreational purposes. We can go recreate if some of the group desires to do so. There are certainly other options as well.

**Questions:** Please call me, Amy Kay, at the church office (449-7265), on my mobile (808-1980) or by email ([amykayp@firstchristian.org](mailto:amykayp@firstchristian.org)) any time!

Please let me know asap if you are able to go and help the community of Chapman. Thanks!!

~Amy Kay Pavlovich

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## Sunday's Schedule-July 6, 2008

*Van Driver:* Carol Slusher *Telephone:* Anne Campbell

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

*Worship Asst:* Joe and Kim Reardon

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Bettie Koelling

*Communion Preparation:*

Bob and Linda Hutton, Shane and Erin Bower

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

*Church School Greeter:* Gerry Coon

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

*Sermon:* Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich *Liturgist:* Eric Arnett

*10:30 Elders:* Harlan Hackett, Brenda Martin, Eldon Drennan

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeters:*

TBA, North Door

TBA, South Door

*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team

*Banner Bearers:* Makali Hawkins and Jadie Arnett

*Candlelighters:* Gavin Rose and Megan Potthast

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Richard and Sue Underwood

*Delivered:* Linda Ridgeway and Lana Poole

*Evangelism Calls:* Anne Campbell

## This Week (July 6 - 12)

- Sun. - Church Softball Game, 5:00 p.m., Purple Field,  
Rainbow Softball Center  
- Vacation Bible School begins, 5:30-8:00 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall
- Mon. - VBS, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Tue. - VBS, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- VBS, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Thr. - VBS, 5:30-8:00, Fellowship Hall  
- All-Church Mission Trip begins (July 10-13),  
Chapman, Kansas
- Fri. - All Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m.,  
Bob Evans Restaurant -  
Everyone Welcome!  
(Date change for July only)



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