



Jeri Sheppard



Cary Skelton

Welcome New Members

At the 8:30 service on June 1 we welcomed **Jeri Sheppard** into membership of our congregation by confession of faith. A homemaker, she and her husband, Ronnie, are the parents of four children, 7 year old Victoria, four year old Kyle, almost three year old Justin and Ronnie who was born on January 30 this year. She has been actively involved in the New Keystone Class and the Wednesday night Bible study group. In her spare time she enjoys crafts and reading. They reside at 4610 Orchard Lane, Columbia, 65202. Welcome Jeri!

Carolyn Skelton united with our congregation at the late service on June 1 by transfer of her membership from the First Christian Church in Warrensburg where she was raised. A registered dietitian and personal health and fitness mentor, Cary works at Optimus: The Center for Health. When she is not working she enjoys running, biking, swimming, cooking, lifting weights, yard work and time and with friends and family. She resides at 801 Ames Drive, Columbia, 65201, phone 573-234-7821.

Sunday Services

Our worship service on Sunday, June 8 will include special music at the 8:30 service by Brenda Mosby singing "God Will Make A Way", and the Chancel Choir anthem, "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands", at the 10:30 service.

Departing from the Lectionary, Dr. Yonker's morning message, "Time On Your Hands," will be based upon scripture readings found in Psalm 90 and Romans 13:11-14.

The late service will include the presentation of scholarships.



Women who love to Sing!

We invite you to join us in a special anthem for Father's Day, June 15th. We will rehearse after 10:30 service this Sunday, June 8, and at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room before we sing on Father's Day, June 15.

No newsletter-week
 of June 15-21

Church Eat-Out
 Friday - June 6
 5:30 p.m.
 Bob Evans Restaurant
 Everyone Welcome!

Weekly Report
May 25, 2008
 Received \$9,447.00
 Received to Date \$413,303.88
 Attendance - 234
 (includes early worship -60)

Weekly Report
June 1, 2008
 Received \$10,032.42
 Received to Date \$423,336.30
 Attendance - 276
 (includes early worship -65)



Stewardship Report

95.9% of last year's pledge cards have been received:

New	30
Increased	51
Same	80
Decreased	24
# Received	185

Total amount pledged to date is \$341,792. This represents 87.3% of last year's dollars pledged.

Heeerrree's Johnny!

Sometimes there are stories or points of information which a preacher has uncovered in studying the Bible and researching a topic which do not make the sermon on any given Sunday. The best sermons always end up that way, with the minister throwing out those things which do not fit, rather than scrambling around for something just to fill the time. That happened to me again last week as I reflected on Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish men who built their houses on the rock and the sand, and thought about the foundation upon which the church is built, and the importance of community, and our commitment to live for Christ, and to let the love of Christ live in us. A story came to mind which one of our church members shared with me a couple of years ago.

A water bearer in China had two large pots, each hung on the end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One pot had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always carried a full portion of water. At the end of a long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one-and-a-half pots full of water to his house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishment, perfect for which it was made. But the poor, cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were some flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path. Every day while we walk back, you watered seeds. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without your being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace this house."

The scriptures remind us in many places, and life teaches us over and over again, that we are not perfect. Even though we are made in God's image, we may be not perfectly shaped, and sometimes we are chipped or

cracked or tarnished by the stresses and strains of living. With all our flaws we are perfectly made to carry within and among us the life of Jesus Christ, to bear the spirit of Christ to the world.

Next time you are blinded by your husband's or wife's, or parent's or children's, or neighbors' cracks and flaws, remember that we are all a little cracked and flawed. But remember that some of life's greatest goodness and beauty comes from such clay jars!

A NOTE OF



Gloria and I wish to thank the staff and congregation for the recognition and fellowship afterward. We appreciate the certificate and monetary gift presented during the service along with the cards and well wishes received. I have enjoyed working at First Christian Church and value the many friendships made during my 18+ years as your custodian. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I begin the retirement phase of my life. ~Jim Burt

Celebrating with Joy and Gratefulness

Jim and Anne Campbell are celebrating with joy and gratefulness the 5 year anniversary of Jim's kidney transplant donated from Anne to Jim on June 5, 2003. The transplanted kidney is functioning well, and both Jim and Anne want to express their gratitude for the gift of life of organ donation and for all the ways many members of our church assisted them with this special endeavor in 2003. The Campbells are planning to attend the U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh, PA July 11-16, the third time they have participated since 2004. They are part of Team St. Louis in an event for all 50 states with over 1300 athletes with solid organ transplants and a total attendance of over 7,000 people, including living donors and families of deceased organ donors. Jim is still deciding whether to break out his track shoes for the event, but he knows for sure he will compete in racquetball, a sport he participates in twice a week and in which he won a gold medal at the Game in 2006. He wants everyone to know about the wonderful outcomes transplants can give and how important organ donation is.

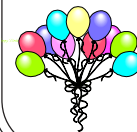
News of the congregation

George and Lois Ross have moved to the Bluffs Nursing Home where she is recuperating well from surgery two weeks ago at Boone Hospital. They are in the skilled care facility, rooms 503 and 510.

Our prayers are with **Nancy Sandford** who is recuperating at Boone Hospital from a work related accident, and **Mary Ann Paluch** who was admitted to the intensive care unit at University Hospital last week. **Cheryl Nichols**, our Chancel Bell and Choir Director, has asked us to keep her friend, **Melissa Gebhardt** in our prayers.

We extend our sympathy to **Paula Kurtz** on the death of her mother, **Wilda Oviatt** who died last Friday, May 30 at a nursing home in Kansas City where she had lived the last several years. She was 97 years old. Funeral services were held this week in Kansas City.

Your Special Birthday!



Dubby Muir
-93 on June 11

Happy Birthday



Ashley Bangs-Jun 8
Wyatt Rogers-Jun 8
Hunter Rogers-Jun 8
Coleman Rogers-Jun 8
Gordon Martin-Jun 8
Thomas Boster-Jun 8
Matthew Loring-Jun 10
Gavin Rose-Jun 10
Robert Black-Jun 10
Matt Batterson-Jun 11
Dubby Muir-Jun 11
Pat Ritchie-Jun 12
Conner Stormer-Jun 12
Mitchell Taylor-Jun 13
Dodie Palmer-Jun 14
J.W. Stafford-Jun 14

Summer for FCC Youth & Children

Youth and Children's ministry programs will be on a summer schedule for June, July, and August. The River of Life continues on Sunday mornings, offering a unique Christian Education experience for kids K-5. The summer lessons will be led by Interns Molly and Elizabeth and various church members. All elementary children will be invited to participate in *Vacation Bible School* and *Disciple Day Camp*. Chi-Rho and CYF will have mission trips, gatherings and outings each month (on break from the Sunday-Wednesday schedule). Finally, it must be noted that 26 youth and children will be attending church camp at the Rickman Center this summer. Youth and parents will watch their mailboxes and the *Visitor* newsletter for the monthly gatherings to be announced.



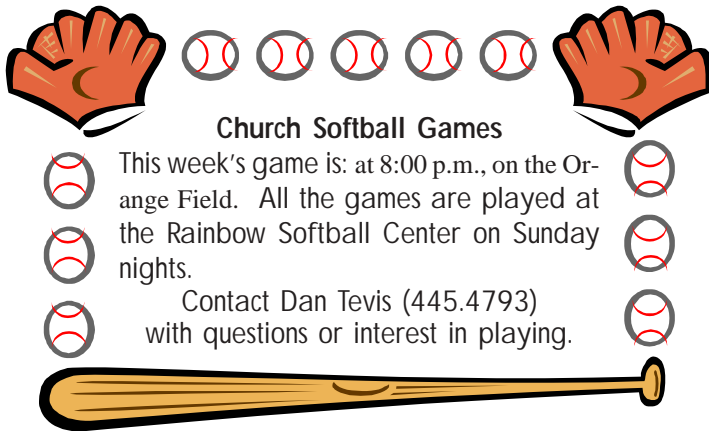
I would like to thank Pam Hunsaker for providing the Seniors Breakfast last Sunday. Also, I would like to thank Connie Guy for making me a prayer shawl. And, thanks to the church for the bible. ~Kyle Boger



I would like to express my sincere gratitude to: Dr. Cupp for his surgical skill; Jimmy Spear for his prayerful visits before and after; the many prayers and best wishes from friends at church. Thanks, also, to the Garton family for bringing me flowers. I am home and doing well. ~Harsh Brown



We remember C.K. Odor who died May 15th. His family gathered in Morris Parlor after the Celebration of Life service on May 20th.



Church Softball Games

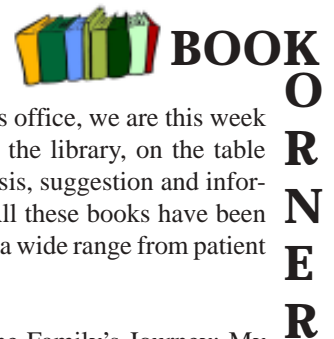
This week's game is: at 8:00 p.m., on the Orange Field. All the games are played at the Rainbow Softball Center on Sunday nights.
Contact Dan Tevis (445.4793) with questions or interest in playing.

Hospital Sunday Services

HELP!! Boone Hospital needs our help with conducting the Sunday services in the Prayer Room each Sunday in June. We need 1) someone to do a reading, 2) a song leader and 3) a keyboard player. If you can help us out, please call Mary Bancroft 443-5132 or Barb Rothenberger 446-3262.

Rev. Kimbro Honored

Fifth Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) invites you to come and celebrate their pastor's 4th anniversary. Rev. James Kimbro and his family will be honored on Sunday, June 22, 2:30 p.m., at their church (401 N. Fifth Street). The guest minister for the celebration is Rev. Darrell Luther of New Hope Christian Center in Boonville. The theme will be "A man with a vision: looking back, reaching forward". The New Hope Choir will present special music for this event.



At the risk of sounding like a doctor's office, we are this week calling attention to several books in the library, on the table under the window, which offer analysis, suggestion and information on some medical subjects. All these books have been donated at different times; they cover a wide range from patient to caregiver to insurance.

Some titles are Down Syndrome, One Family's Journey; My Spouse Had Alzheimer's, My Experience as a Caregiver; The Secret Language of Eating Disorders; As Sick as it Gets which mainly emphasizes the strength of the insurance industry and advocates universal, single payer healthcare in the U.S. Also, there are books dealing with leukemia and cancer.

Quotes from the jacket of The Hospital Book: "A must sharing between a hospital-bound child and his or her parents." "Could make all the difference between an easy or traumatic hospital stay." Explains who, what, why of possible never-before-faced experiences and effects on children, parents, siblings, students, support personnel.

The Visitor

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Sunday's Schedule-June 8, 2008

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke *Telephone:* Debbie Potthast

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Anne Linn, Tommy Gay Evans, Colleen Nilges

Elder for 8:30 Service: Sally Robinson

Communion Preparation:

Chris and Candace Stormer

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Dorothy Porter

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Julie Nichols

10:30 Elders: Sarah and David Read, Millie Bolman

Deacons: The England Team

Greeters:

Holly Wheatley, *North Door*

Jacki Davidson, *South Door*

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: Matt Hoepfner and Makali Hawkins

Candlelighters: Max Schaeffer and Julia Bower

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Emily Scott

Delivered: Mark and Pamela Hunsaker

Evangelism Calls: Jacki Davidson

This Week (June 8-14)

Sun - Church Softball game, 8:00 p.m., Orange Field, Rainbow Softball Center

Tue. - Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center

