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Scholarships Presented!

During the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 8 ten young adults were presented with college scholarships totaling \$9,850 to support their study in the coming year. Pictured with them were family members representing those named scholarship funds: Tom Shrou, Marvalee Ridgeway, Vicky Purdy and Marcelene Shamberger. Those scholarships include:

- 175th Anniversary Scholarship (any major field of study)
- Tommy L. Kubach Scholarship (social work or nursing)
- Raymond E. and Helen I. Miller Scholarship (any field of study)
- Vera M. and H. Glenn Purdy Scholarship (social services or education)
- John and Marvalee Ridgeway Scholarship (any field of study)
- Marvin Shamberger Education Scholarship (teaching or education administration)
- Mildred Ray Shrou Memorial Scholarship (teaching)

Scholarships were presented to:

- Michael Taylor - MU, Nutrition & Fitness - Purdy Scholarship
- Hiliary Nichols - MU, Nutrition & Fitness - Ridgeway
- Kyle Boger - Park Univ., Graphic Design/Marketing - Miller and Ridgeway
- Laurel Creasy - MO State, Elementary Ed., - Purdy
- Molly Read - MU, Art & Art Education - Shamberger
- Elizabeth Rottman - MU, Elementary Ed - Shrou & Purdy
- Ashley Chandler - MO State U, Graphic Design - Ridgeway
- Sara Klockow - Columbia College, Social Work & Psychology - Kubach
- Robert Martin - MU, Engineering - 175th Scholarship
- Jessica Klockow - MU, Spanish & sciences - Ridgeway

The Larry Brown Brooker Memorial Ministry Scholarship, established in 1996 by Don and Thelma Brooker to honor their son, will be presented to Amy Kay Pavlovich as she continues her study for ministry at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis.

Congratulations and best wishes to these young scholars as they continue their education!

Sunday Services

June 15, Father's Day, is not a date found on the liturgical calendar, but along with Mother's Day and a few other special days, is celebrated in secular society and fresh on people's minds when they come to church. This coming Sunday Dr. Yonker's sermon will take a look at "Putting Love to Work at Home," based on the book of Ruth. If you haven't heard the story of Ruth recently, take a few minutes to read that beautiful little book found in the Old Testament. It's only four chapters long, yet it is a beautiful story of love and commitment well-worth considering on Father's Day.

Special music this Sunday will include a solo by Pat Rybolt, "My Tribute", at the 8:30 service, and at the 10:30 service the choir's anthem will be "Blessed Is the Man". Chancel Bells will provide the prelude, "Morning Speaks His Name", and offertory, "I'll Fly Away with Sweet By and By".

Church Budget on way to Approval!

At its meeting last week, the Cabinet received the report of the stewardship campaign, considered other sources of income and anticipated expenses, and after much discussion recommended a 2008-2009 church budget to the Administrative Board. Following approval by the Board at the June 10 meeting, the budget will be presented for adoption at the congregational meeting, held following both worship services on Sun., June 29.

Prior to the Congregational Meeting, copies of the proposed budget will be mailed in the *Visitor* for members of the church to review. And Sarah Read, Administrative Board Moderator will hold question and answer sessions to review and discuss the budget during the church school hour, 9:30 am on Sunday mornings, June 15 & 22.

To date we have received 190 pledges totaling \$349,282. Realizing the uncertainty of the economy and the many demands for money placed upon us all, this represents a great commitment to the cause of Christ. May God bless all those who answer this call and work together to support the ministry of our church in the coming year.

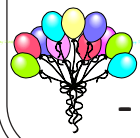
Heerrree's Johnny!

"I recommended your church to my nephew and his fiancée." Those were the words which greeted me as I sat down to eat lunch in a restaurant the other day when I ran into a family member of one of our church folks. Her nephew and his fiancée are looking for a beautiful sanctuary for their wedding and she immediately thought of First Christian Church. And, by the way, she said these young people do not go to a church anywhere, so she also recommended that they try our church some Sunday morning.

What a nice way to begin my lunch break, and powerful reminder of the importance of personal invitations. Sometimes we hear it said, "It's not what you know, but who you know." Nothing could be more true and relevant to the growth of the church, or any business for that matter. Word of mouth is always the best advertising.

Everywhere I go people recognize my voice and say, "You're that guy I hear on the radio." And I'm always happy to report that I am the one who represents First Christian Church on the radio. Our radio advertising is an important ministry which we must continue! But as important as it is, there is something much more effective, and that is a good word and personal invitation to come to First Christian Church. Research has proven that 60-90% of the people who visit a church for the first time do so at the invitation of a friend or family member who is a member of that church.

We have always had a very low key approach to evangelism. Strong-arm tactics and guilt trips are not our way of encouraging people to attend our church services and activities. But let's never forget the importance of a good word and a personal invitation on behalf of our church. And so, I ask, who will you invite to church next Sunday?



Your Special Birthday!
J.W. Stafford
- 90 on June 14



Dear Drennan Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful candle holder, plant and book mark. It is an honor to serve with such a wonderful group of women. Each of you has made the year fun and rewarding. It is my privilege to continue as your president next year. Together we are making a difference.

~Judith Wildman

A very special thanks goes to Pat Rainey and to Roy Rogers who filled in by helping arrange flowers on late notice recently. Their help was invaluable.

~Mary Daugherty, Flower Committee

Dear First Christian Church family, On behalf of Laurel and our family, we are so thankful for the opportunity she had last Sunday, to accept the Vera M. Purdy and H. Glenn Purdy Scholarship. While we specifically thanked the trustee of the Purdys, we also wanted to thank our church family. We realize it is through hard work of the scholarship committee and the management of these funds over the long haul that allow this scholarship to be available for our youth. We are certainly appreciative.

~Jay, Chris and Laurel Creasy



You are invited!

Tom & Laura Crane
50th Wedding
Anniversary Reception

Open House
June 22nd, 2008
1 - 4 p.m.
4309 Vermont Court
Columbia, Missouri

No Gifts Please

News of the congregation

First Christian Church in Fulton is celebrating it's 175th anniversary this year and **Cheryl Lightner's brother, Rev. Mark Tisch**, a Timothy of that congregation, will return to preach for their special celebration this Sunday, June 15.

Our love and sympathy is extended to **Emmy Croll** on the death of her granddaughter, **Cara Beth Taylor** who was killed in an automobile accident near the town of West, Texas on Tuesday afternoon, June 3. Funeral services were held in the West United Methodist Church on Friday afternoon, June 6. The daughter of **Johnny and Marsha Croll**, she is also survived by her brothers, **Daniel and Robert**, and Emmy's other son, **Greg** and his family, of Columbia.

Nancy Sandford has been moved from Boone Hospital to St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis for continued treatment after a fall. **Mary Ann Paluch** continues to receive care at the University Hospital.

We received a letter from **Lu Krull** last week who sends her greetings to her friends in the church. She moved to Kansas City to live close to her daughter, and enjoys her new home. She receives the "Visitor" and attends a church close to home but says "it's still not like my own."

A National History Day exhibit by **Steve Gieseke** and a partner at Lange Middle School made the state finals recently. Steve is the son of **Dave and Holly Gieseke** and **Drew** is his brother. The exhibit was on the landmark desegregation case of Brown vs Board of Education.

The 10 year clean! The CYF is in Greensburg, KS this week in a really shiny van. Thanks to **Ryan Hunsaker, Jordan Mills, and Jimmy Spear**, who hand washed, waxed and detailed the inside and out this past week. They were confident the slickness of the old Ford would gain at least 2 mpg! (See insert for picture.)

17 year old, **Maxwell Thomas Crane** received an award at Jesse Hall, MU campus on May 22 from the Rock Bridge Career Center. The award was for his achievement in Welding. Maxwell is the grandson of **Thomas and Laura Crane** and the son of **Kevin Crane**, all of our congregation. Congratulations!

Thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for her lovely solo at the 8:30 worship service last Sunday.

CWF Board Meeting

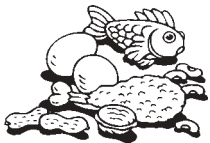
Members of the CWF Board will meet Thursday, June 19, 10:30 am, Morris Parlor. We're planning on winding up the past year, sketching out some broad plans for the coming year as well as approving new officers and doing a quick review of the budget.

Any woman who is a member or associate member of FCC is welcome to attend - [be sure to RSVP so we have enough chocolate chip cookies!].

If you will not be continuing in your present officer's position - please bring (or drop off) your job description folder.

Please RSVP to Mary Taylor 489-2351 marytaylor52@hotmail.com or Joyce Stanley 445-5058 jbstanley@msn.com

Help Feed the Hungry in Columbia, MO



The Church In Society (CIS) committee has accepted the opportunity to serve people in need of an evening meal. Our church will furnish and serve food on the 4th Monday of each month at Loaves and Fishes, a dining facility for those in need. A guideline has been prepared by Carol Slusher and Joyce Stanley after visiting the facility, and is available in our church office on how this project will work. Pick up a copy and plan to help us make this a successful project!!

Need A Ride?

Anyone needing a ride for a doctor's appointment, grocery shopping, etc. please contact Carol Slusher at 874-4902 or 819-3984. We have a great list of volunteers standing by ready to help if a need occurs.

No newsletter
next week

STARS

Plans are being made to take a trip to St. Louis with a group from Paula Ritchie's Christian church in Fayette. Mark your calendars for this event to be held July 23, 2008. Details will be available in next issue of *Visitor*.

S - Seniors (men and women 55 and older) are eligible
T - Together
A - Affirming our faith in God
R - Reaching out to one another and others
S - Serving Christ



CYFers with the church van packed are ready to leave on their mission trip to Greensburg, Kansas.

To: First Christian Church

Congratulations on being among the Top 100 contributors to Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) in 2007. I have just seen the list and was happy that your congregation was included.

As you know, DMF enables all of us together – as one Church – to carry on the commission given to us by Christ to spread his good news “from our door steps to the ends of the earth”. It is because of your faithfulness in giving that we are able to do so.

Our General Minister and President has said that our Church brings “wholeness to a fragmented world”. Whether it is in the important ministry you provide for your community or the work that DMF allows us all to accomplish, this wholeness is becoming a reality in the lives of millions of people around the world.

Thank you for everything you do on behalf of Christ and his kingdom. And thank you for your support of Disciples Mission Fund.

Glenn Thomas Carson, President
Disciples of Christ Historical Society



BOOK O R N E R

Escape to the charming town of Copper Mill, Tennessee, nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. Supposedly a place of tradition and tranquility, the new pastor and his wife discover that small-town life is anything but quiet and boring. As they arrive, they see their new church in flames; evidence shows that it was not an accident. Then there was the stolen car which crashes through the front window of the country diner. The minister's wife vows to find the driver, who has vanished into the night—the hunt is complicated by the fact that her own wallet is found on the front seat of the car. In the third book Pastor Paul has joined a bluegrass band and is enjoying sessions, but they end in discord and suspicion, leaving Kate and Paul struggling to bring harmony back to Copper Mill.

All this and more in three new books from Guideposts in the Mystery and the Minister's Wife series: [A Test of Faith](#), [Through the Fire](#), and [The Best is Yet to Be](#). Check them out from the Book Cart.

Sunday's Schedule-June 15, 2008

Van Driver: Bryan Garton *Telephone:* Nancy Grieme

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Louis Janssen, Mary Daugherty, Marguerite Smith

Elder for 8:30 Service: Brenda Mosby

Communion Preparation:

Robert and Cathy Seltsam, Kyle Boger

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Joni Cupp

10:30 Elders: Mary Bancroft, Anne Campbell, Shirley Park

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters:

Pat Ritchie, *North Door*

C.K. and Paula Hoenes, *South Door*

Ushers: The Hunsaker Team

Banner Bearers: Julia Bower and Sam Creasy

Candlelighters: Makali Hawkins and Jack Creasy

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Carol and Millard Thomas

Delivered: Betty Scavone

Evangelism Calls: Helen and Perry Stemmons

This Week (June 15-21)



Happy Father's Day

- Sun. - Father's Day
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Yellow Field, Rainbow Softball Center
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Thur. - CWF Board Mtg, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Sunday's Schedule-June 22, 2008

Van Driver: TBA *Telephone:* Carol Slusher

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Tom and Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger

Elder for 8:30 Service: Joyce Stanley

Communion Preparation:

Millard and Carol Thomas

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Molly Read

10:30 Elders: Judy Cunningham, Brenda Martin, Perry Stemmons

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters:

Steve & Jessica Humble, *North Door*

Amy LaHue, *South Door*

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Jack Creasy and Kim Potthast

Candlelighters: Megan Potthast and Max Schaefer

Flower Ministry:

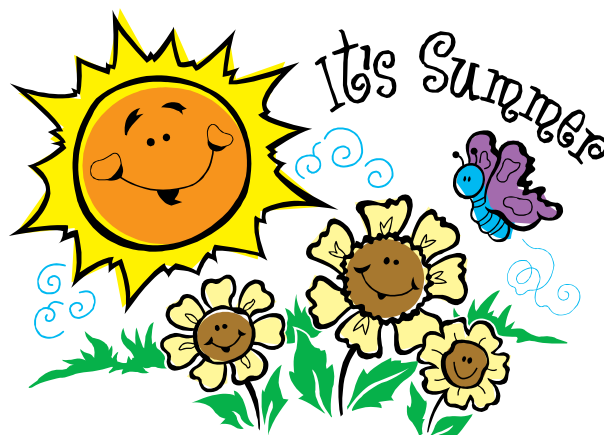
Arranged by: Richard and Sue Underwood

Delivered: Jeff and Susan Ripley

Evangelism Calls: Sara Klockow

This Week (June 22-28)

- Sun. - Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Yellow Field, Rainbow Softball Center
- Mon. - Church in Society, serving meal at Loaves & Fishes
- Church in Society Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Day Camp, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Brummett-Harrah Ice Cream Social, 5:30 p.m., Houston's home



Attention ALL PARENTS

...of children and youth at First Christian Church!

Rev. Jimmy Spear wants to make sure our communication is open. It would be great if he had all parent email addresses. He communicates with the youth and parents on a regular basis and would really find it helpful to have a full listing of current email addresses.

Parents, please email Jimmy and he we will have yours!

jimmy@firstchristian.org

D CAMP Y ...for Disciple Kids!



Kids completing Grades 1-5
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The day camp experience will include learning, exploring, and playing in God's world.

Flyers will be mailed out soon.

Seating is limited. Kids bring a sack lunch. A small supply fee will be charged.

Led by Rev. Jimmy and Interns Molly & Elizabeth

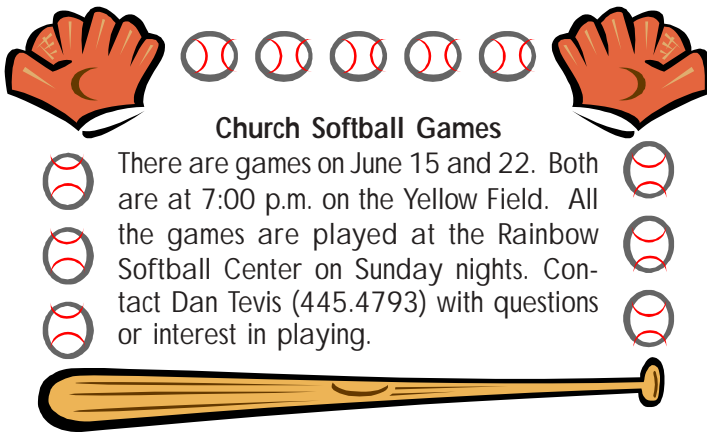
Day Camp will run the following summer days:

Wednesday, June 25

Wednesday & Thursday, July 30-31

Wednesday, August 13

(Kids are able to sign up for all the days or for some.)(Parent helpers & drivers are welcomed.)



Church Softball Games

There are games on June 15 and 22. Both are at 7:00 p.m. on the Yellow 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.

Twilight Festival Begins

The first Twilight Festival for June was last Thursday evening. Below is a picture of the First Christian Church group with their display on the church sidewalk. Young festival goers got to make huge bubbles out of the swimming pool using a hula-hoop. Information about the church was given to those interested.



FCC Kids at Church Camp next week:

Junior Camp I: June 17-21

Jack Creasy

Megan Potthast

Annika Hysten

Write to them (send by Tuesday):

Child's name

Junior Camp I

Rickman Center

PO Box 104298

Jefferson City, MO 65110

Happy Birthday



Janice Janssen-Jun 15

Will Houston-Jun 16

Marguerite Smith-Jun 18

Jon McRoberts-Jun 18

Jeff England-Jun 19

Donna Meyer-Jun 20

Carol Slusher-Jun 21

Rodney Swope-Jun 21

Aimee Anderson-Jun 21

Mark Hunsaker-Jun 22

Glenn Rainey-Jun 22

Kim Reardon-Jun 22

Amanda Jorgenson-Jun 22

Sarah Keithley-Jun 23

Heather Hunsaker-Jun 23

Steve Evers-Jun 25

John Hickey-Jun 26

Julie Holliday-Jun 26

Nelson Trickey-Jun 28

Mary Kay Mueller-Jun 28

Kyle Zimmer-Jun 28

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Music Staff:

Mary Bancroft, Coord. of Music & Organist
Norma Miller, Pianist
Cheryl Nichols, Choir Director

Mother's Day Out: Tracy Westhoff, Director

Support Staff:

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Fred Mottaz, Business Manager
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Weekly Report

June 8, 2008

Received \$9,836.52
Received to Date \$433,172.82
Attendance - 235
(includes early worship -49)



98.4% of last year's pledge cards have
been received:

New	32
Increased	52
Same	80
Decreased	26
# Received	190

**Total amount pledged to date is
\$349,282 This represents 89% of
last year's dollars pledged.**