



**Welcome New Members!**

It is a joy to welcome the Snow Family into our congregation. Curt and Carolyn are pictured with their 3½ year old daughter, Carleigh and 19 month old son, Cullen. Working in sales and marketing for Columbia EDP, Curt unites with us as an associate member, retaining membership in his home congregation, the Christian Church of Novelty, Missouri. Carolyn is a homemaker who transfers her membership from a former congregation. They responded to the invitation to membership at the 10:30 service last Sunday, March 2. You may reach them at 1920 West Way, 65203; ph. # 447-4729. Welcome!!

**Sunday Services**

The story of the valley of the dry bones found in Ezekiel 27:1-14, and the raising of Lazarus recorded in John 11:1-45 raise the possibility of new life in the face of death, and will serve as the theme for our worship services and John Yonker's sermon on Sunday, March 9.

The 10:30 service will again feature a readers' theater presentation of the gospel reading. And, "Dry Bones" arranged by Mark Hayes will be the Chancel Choir's anthem.



**Spring Women's Retreat**

Spring Retreat – a camp for Women's Ministries – will be held on **March 28** at the beautiful Rickman Center in Jefferson City. Registration begins at 4:30 and dinner at 6:00.

After a delicious dinner and getting acquainted with ladies from all over Missouri we will begin our program for the weekend. The theme is Come to the Table led by Colleen Carrol from Camdenton, Lake Ozark area.

Saturday morning we can walk around the woods after a bounteous breakfast (Huge cinnamon roll – Oh my!) Then more worship, program, singing until lunch and wrapping up by 3:00.

We have money in our treasury for the retreat, so sign up in the church office (or call phone # 449-7265) by March 24. We need a head count. See the CWF bulletin board by the elevator for full details on this event.



Spring Retreat!

**Garage Sale Supports Youth Mission Trips!**

Clean your closets, look under the stairs, check out the basement storage areas! Don't want it? Don't need it? WE DO!! Your no longer needed items will be sold at the Annual Youth Garage Sale – April 4 - 6. All profits send our kids on the 2008 Mission Trips.

Contact Joyce Stanley for further information. 445-5058 jbstanley@msn.com



**Church Eat-Out**

Friday - March 7  
 5:30 p.m.  
 Bob Evans Restaurant  
 Everyone Welcome!

**Blood Drive**

Thanks to all of those who supported our church's blood drive last Sunday. We had 22 attempt to give and 18 successful units donated with one first time donor. We did not meet our goal of 25 units, but are thankful to have helped the Red Cross with that which was collected.

**Weekly Report**

March 2, 2008  
 Received \$16,855.36  
 Received to Date \$317,404.10  
 Attendance - 273  
 (includes early worship -53)

**Week of Compassion**

total-\$1,348

## A Pastoral Word

Even for those of us who are not farmers, the weather is of great interest in early March. This week, in a three day span, we may have worn shorts and t-shirts, jackets, and then sweaters and boots again. Along with the lingering sickness that the variation in our weather might promote, there are other attributes of this time that are recognizable.

This is the time before the rush of spring breaks, spring sport games, approaching finals, graduations, and summer planning that is still *peaceful*. This is the time that we can still cancel our plans and stay home because the weather is too chancy for us to get out and continue on with our hubbub. This is indeed the time that we can soak in the days of Lent and contemplate those we are which should be reflected in who we are.

If we really linger in self-reflection as we approach Holy Week, it might not be a comfortable time of the year. As we “encounter the cross” and think of the words and deeds of Jesus and how he affected his followers, we might be shaken up. For instance, perhaps we understand our Messiah to have been an advocate for those who are at the margins of our society – a man concerned with and active in the treatment of his fellow poor because of the instruction of the Torah. Then so too should we be about the business of caring for the ones who are easy to not even see; the ones with messy lives who take a lot of energy to understand and live among. Opening ourselves up to the conditions of the people in our town and world is chancy stuff because it means we could actually be transformed and moved to live our lives differently.

This is the scary stuff of Lent. Putting our heads down and getting so involved in the daily grind of our lives is a piece of cake compared to having our eyes opened to the realities of our society and our place in it as for-real Christians. May we all take these last days of the Lenten season seriously and prayerfully consider what we are called towards in the days ahead. Peace be with you through the potentially uncomfortable moments of deciding if feelings (read: nudgings from God) are to be attended to or if we should shrug them off and continue on without further hesitation into the busy days ahead... while wearing our shorts and t-shirts.  
~amy kay

# CAFÉ

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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

## March 12 CAFÉ

*Menu:*  
Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Green Jello  
Green Beans  
Shamrock Cookies

- \* **Administrative Board Meeting**
- \* **Bible Study**
- \* **CYF** (grades 9-12)

Call the church office (449-7265) for dinner reservations by noon on Tuesday.

## CFW Board Meeting

**Monday, March 10  
10:30 Morris Parlor**

## Upcoming Rehearsals

### *Bell Choir*

Palm Sunday, March 16 – 8:45-9:30 a.m.  
Easter Sunday, March 23 – No rehearsal  
Sunday, March 30 – No rehearsal

### *Chancel Choir*

Palm Sunday – No rehearsal  
Maundy Thursday, March 20 – 6:20 p.m.  
in the choir room  
Good Friday – 11:40 a.m. in the choir room  
Easter Sunday – 7:40 a.m. in the sanctuary

## News of the congregation

Thanks to **Pat Rybolt** for her solo at the 8:30 service last Sunday.

**Paul Rorvig** is recuperating from surgery last Monday morning at Boone Hospital. **Don Seltsam** continues to recuperate from recent surgery, also at Boone.

**Carol Slusher, Russ DeVenney, and C. K. Odor** have returned home from the hospital, and **Robert Etnire** has returned to his residence at West Village Manor Nursing Home.

Our prayers are also with **Melba Richardson, Sue Haynes' mother** who was recently admitted to Boone Hospital, and **Marion Storm, our Marion Storm's father** who has been released after spending several days in the hospital for testing. We also keep in our prayers **Marguerite Smith's** brother and brother-in-law, **Richard Sidden** and **Melvin McDonald**.

We extend our sympathy to **Ellie Miller**, former MU student, associate member and our campus ministry intern on the death of her grandfather, **Dick Jones**, of Kansas City, who died last Saturday morning, March 1.

Thanks to **Fred Mottaz** for doing some much needed painting in the Fellowship Hall, touching up baseboards which were chipped and peeling.

**Jimmy Spear** is attending a youth workers conference in Florida this week and will return March 12.



Sara Estes-Mar. 10  
Aidan Anderson-Mar. 10  
Joyce Sawyer-Mar. 10  
Ruth Ragsdale-  
Mar. 11  
Amy Leach-  
Mar. 12  
Liam Rose-Mar. 12  
Diana Ballard-Mar. 13  
Joy Duren-Mar. 13  
Anna Poole-Mar. 13  
Donna Houston-Mar. 14  
Pat Rainey-Mar. 14  
James Carter-Mar. 15  
Kim Williams-Mar. 15  
Rob Ridgway-Mar. 15

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## One week in March!

### March 16

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

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

Church Camp forms & money are due at these meetings March 16

### CYF every Wednesday night

Meet at the CAFÉ for dinner at 5:30. CYF meets 6:30-8:00 on the 3rd floor.

### Mission Trip: June 8-14

Greensburg, Kansas

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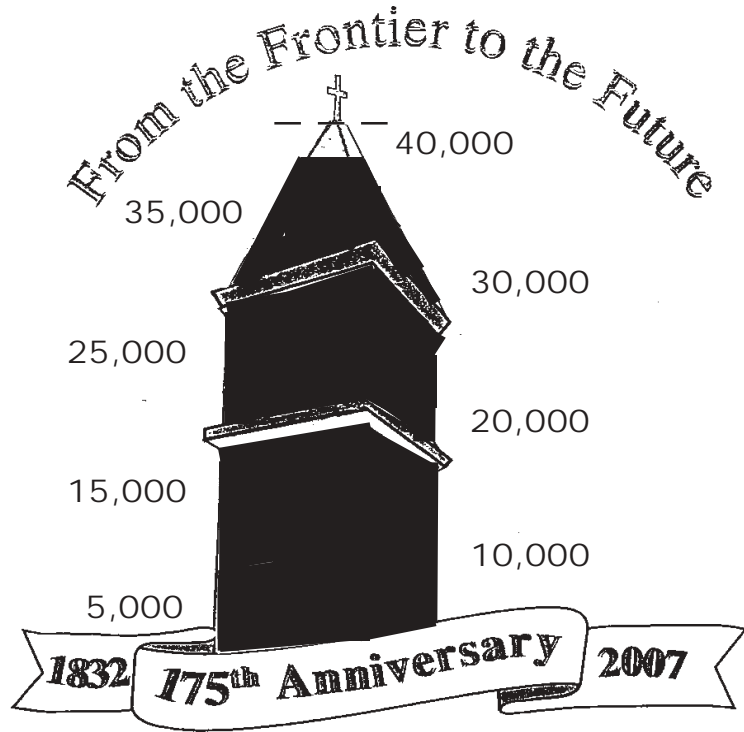
Church camp forms for all camps are due to Jimmy Spear by March 16 for ages 2nd-12th grade.

Potential church camp counselors: see Jimmy if you are interested.

## 175th Anniversary Scholarship

We have celebrated our past, now let's look to the future and reach our goal for the 175th Anniversary Scholarship. What a great way to head into the years ahead —by supporting our congregation's college students! We have received \$37,088.89 to date. All your gifts, large or small, will help us reach our goal of \$40,000.

Now is a good time for each of us to make our gift, as the Scholarship Committee will soon begin meeting to determine recipients for the next school year. By establishing a fund of \$40,000 we will be able to award two scholarships each year to student members of our church. Please consider prayerfully what you can do to help us reach this goal.



## World Ark Readers Choose Mel West

Our local Christian good friend Mel West is honored by a full-page article with photo in the current Jan.-Feb. "World Ark" magazine of Heifer International. For several months the magazine asked readers to submit names of "Heroes of Humanity". Mel was one of the top four selected by "a flood" of responders. In various ways, he helps our church mission ministries.

You may pick up your free copy of the magazine in the sanctuary narthex or church office.

The article focuses on Mel and his PET mobiles for people unable to walk and the countless volunteer builders now at 14 widespread workshops. The article is quite informative and exhilarating, especially because so many of us appreciate him highly. It does not mention, however, that Mel started the state Office of Creative Ministries, the statewide ecumenical annual Festival of Sharing, Heifer International in Missouri, and Habitat for Humanity in Columbia, which has built more than 80 houses so far for low-income families. Also, he has served on the world boards of Heifer, Alfalit, and Habitat.

You can start receiving a free one-year subscription to "World Ark" magazine. We all earned it when we provided a \$5,000 gift ark of livestock as the church 175th anniversary mission emphasis. Write to Heifer International, One World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202, or call 1-800-422-0474, or e-mail worldark@list.heifer.org.



Vacation Bible School  
Evenings  
June 22-26

# The Visitor

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Norma Miller, Pianist  
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## Sunday's Schedule-Mar. 9, 2008

*Van Driver:* Jay Creasy *Telephone:* Anne Campbell

### 8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

*Worship Asst:* Paul and Vickie Rorvig, Louis Janssen

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Barbara Rothenberger

*Communion Preparation:*

Roy and Joy Overacre, Jason Bent

### 9:30 Church School

*Church School Greeter:* Dorothy Porter

*Nursery Volunteer:* TBA

### 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Pam Hunsaker

*10:30 Elders:* Cliff and Mary Tompson, Sarah Read

*Deacons:* The England Team

*Greeters:*

Eric and Tammy Arnett, *North Door*

Moray Kiehl, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Burnam Team

*Banner Bearers:* Matt Hoepfner and Makali Hawkins

*Candlelighters:* Max Schaefer and Julia Bower


*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Erin and Frank Boster

*Delivered:* Joy and Roy Overacre

*Evangelism Calls:* Jacki Davidson

## This Week (Mar. 9-15)

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- Sun.** - Daylight Saving Time begins  
- Pastors' Church Membership Class, 9:30 a.m., Green Room (3rd floor)  
- Homebound Communion
- Mon.** - CWF Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Calvary Episcopal Church, 123 S. Ninth Street  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- **CAFÉ:** Dinner, 5:30-6:15  
Devotion, 6:20  
6:30 p.m. -  
\* Administrative Board Meeting  
\* Bible Study  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-7:30  
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

**Fri./Sat.** - Pastors' Class Retreat, Rickman Center, Jefferson City