



**WELCOME TO THE
 VOLMERT FAMILY**

It is a pleasure to welcome **Brad and Khonsavan Volmert** into our congregation who transferred their membership at the 8:30 service on Sunday, March 9, Brad from the St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Wardsville, Missouri and Khons from the Marble Hill Bible Chapel. They both work at State Farm Insurance as Claims Adjusters, and enjoy spending free time with soon-to-be two year-old daughter, **Kate Ly**. They reside at 1516 Killian Court, Columbia (65203) phone 864-6776. Welcome!



Welcome Kristin McFarland

We were excited to welcome **Kristin** as she came forward to transfer her membership to our congregation from First Christian in Neosho, Mo, last Sunday during the late worship service. Kristin is a Junior at Mizzou in Interdisciplinary Studies with the intention of transitioning directly into Medical School. She has been active in the college group and life of the church for some time and we are pleased that she has made this formal witness to her faith. Kristin's address is 104-1 E. Green Meadows (65203).

Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday is the day when the church recalls Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem amid shouts of joyous anticipation,
 "Hosanna to the Son of David!
 Blessed is the one whom comes
 in the name of the Lord!
 Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

It is always a time of singing and celebration as we anticipate the coming of Easter and the hope of new life.

But Palm Sunday was a time of temptation for Jesus as he confronted the crowds' misguided expectations and heard them crying out for a Messiah/King who would set them free from Roman oppression, and tested his own commitment to non-violent love for all humanity, even their enemies.

The scripture readings for the day are found in Matthew 21:1-11, and Philippians 2:5-11.

Special music at the 8:30 service will be "The Palms" sung by Susan Woodbury, with Jean Hall as accompanist. The Drennan Singers will provide special music at the 10:30 service. Their selections include: "I Will Sing Praise", "We Saw Love", "God Exalted Him", and "Hosanna Loud Hosanna".

Palm Sunday Procession

Every year we join members of other downtown churches for the ecumenical Blessing of the Palms at the corner of 9th and Broadway.

All members of the congregation are invited to meet in the Narthex at 10:20 a.m. to receive a palm branch and program, then walk together in procession to the site for the brief service.

For those remaining at church, there will be congregational hymn singing until the worship service begins at 10:45 a.m.



Maundy Thursday Service
 March 20
 7:00 p.m.
 in the Sanctuary



Good Friday Service
 March 21
 12:00 Noon
 in the Sanctuary

Moore: Live from Southern Africa

Wednesday, March 19, an option for you to consider at the Café includes Jeff Moore, a minister who with his family has recently returned from serving for four years in Lesotho. Jeff is a down-to-earth and engaging man who has been sharing his stories with churches throughout the past few months through the Week of Compassion office. He has actually finished his WOC speaking because he was called a month ago to be the Sr. Minister at the Webster Groves Christian Church (DOC). Fortunately for us, Jeff was still willing to come over to tell us of his experience in God's ministries in southern Africa.

We have invited our friends from the six other surrounding Disciples churches to hear Jeff speak and hope for a good evening together on the 19th. We hope you will consider coming as well!

Your Special Birthday!



George Ross
-92 on Mar. 17

Happy Birthday



Ed Bright-Mar. 16
Jordan Mills-Mar. 16
Amy Foster-Mar. 18
Katherine Richardson-Mar. 18
Jack Wells-Mar. 18
Lois Ross-Mar. 19
Cari Sapp-Mar. 19
Wolfgang Schaefer-Mar. 21
Carl Miles-Mar. 22

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who sent the prayer shawl and flowers. What a nice thing to do! I am well on my way to recovery and part of that is due to you all. Thank you for lifting my spirits.

~James Taylor

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 19 CAFÉ

Menu:

Ham
Layered Salad
Potato Casserole
Strawberry Pie

- * Jeff Moore, Week of Compassion
- * Bible Study
- * CYF (grades 9-12)

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



Youth Garage Sale! April 4 - 6

Do you remember what's in those storage boxes? If not – the youth would be happy to take them off your hands! Your unused items will make a huge difference in the success of our Youth Garage Sale. We need what you don't want! Garage Sale items may be brought to Fellowship Hall March 29 – April 2.

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

News of the congregation

Robert Etnire, age 88, died on Sunday, March 2 at the Parkside Manor Nursing Home. A member of our congregation since 1959, he was raised in Charleston, Illinois where he had been a member of the First Christian Church. A graveside service was held in Charleston on Friday, March 7. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Evelyn**, who died in January 2007. Our sympathy is extended to his daughter **Roberta Lowe** of Columbia, son, **Paul Etnire** of Las Vegas, Nevada, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Several members of our congregation have been hospitalized recently: **Paul Rorvig** has returned home following surgery last week at Boone Hospital. **Ruby Redmon** has returned to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center following a brief stay at Boone Hospital on Sunday. Admitted to Boone Hospital last week were **Dubby Muir**, **Elwyn Ewer**, **Bedonna Clark** and **Jean McCauley**.

Odette Schaffer has returned to Candlelight Lodge after spending a few days at University Hospital last week. **Bob Leach** was admitted to University Hospital on Monday.

Our sympathy is extended to **Jim and Billie Silvey** and their family on the death of his mother, **Ivis Silvey**, age 96, who died at her home at Lenoir on Friday evening, March 7. Funeral services were conducted by John Yonker at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 11 at Memorial Funeral Home. A native of north Missouri, she and her husband, **J.M. "Jack" Silvey** had lived in Columbia since 1938 and were long-time members of First Christian Church. In addition to her son **Jim**, she is survived by her son-in-law, **Gary Tatlow** of Columbia, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

We extend sympathy to **Emmy Croll** on the death of her sister-in-law, **Marjorie Hayden**, of Columbia, who died on Saturday, March 8 at University Hospital. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Drew Sutor at Grand View Funeral Home in Hannibal on Tuesday afternoon, March 11.

Thanks to **Nina Oliver** for substituting on communion and visit to the homebound. Her help was very appreciated last Sunday.

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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.

The River of Life
Grades K-5

A Resurrection
Party!

Easter Sunday
9:30 a.m.
on the 3rd floor

Woodhaven Receives Recognition

Woodhaven has received the Jackie Davenport-Orton Outstanding Provider award for 2007 by the Central Missouri Regional Office of the state Department of Mental Health, says Mark Palmer, the Woodhaven CEO. When it received the well-earned honor, some people exclaimed that Woodhaven is, "Willing to go the extra mile", "always has been a strong advocate", and "offers respect, dignity, and deep compassion".

Tommy Tomlin of First Christian Church is a former Woodhaven CEO.

Woodhaven provides community-based supported living assistance in Columbia to 106 people with developmental disabilities and provides 35 group living units, that is, homes and apartments, also living experiences and some employment. Every living unit has a resident counselor. Woodhaven is a unit of the nationwide Disciples Benevolent Services of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and opened here in 1964.

The CMRO includes 13 counties. Palmer says, "We are honored to receive this award. CMRO closely monitors all providers in their region. Their good opinion means a lot."

Weekly Report

March 9, 2008

Received \$10,080.60

Received to Date \$327,494.86

Attendance - 279

(includes early worship -51)

Woodhaven Needs

For more than forty years, Woodhaven has been committed to providing compassionate care for individuals with developmental disabilities through our denomination. They currently serve more than 100 men and women in a community-based supported living program. They live in more than 45 traditional and accessible homes and apartments in established neighborhoods throughout Columbia and are opening another new home.

Woodhaven is a wonderful ministry and we are fortunate that they are located right here in our town. If you can help by donating any of the supplies listed below that they need, or would like to make a financial contribution toward these things, please contact Amy Kay. Thank you!

* Pantry items such as flour (and the like), canned goods, dry packaged foods, spaghetti or other noodles, sauces.

* Household items (new or nearly new) like a vacuum cleaner, towels, kitchen dishes, bake ware, utensils, coffee maker, radio, lamps (floor or table), pillows, twin bed ware, trash cans.

Gates and Heifer

To clarify the Feb. 22 issue of the church "Visitor," the Bill and Melinda Gates financial partnership with Heifer is to fund one large dairy project of interest to them in Africa. The Gates plan is to train, create work, produce health-giving dairy products, and greatly improve living conditions for about 177,000 very poor families. It will help in one part of each of the emerging countries of Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda, and is a civilian, not government, venture. Heifer is to provide the initial expertise, specialists, and livestock. It is to be developed jointly and then turned over as soon as possible to trained local people to operate.

The Gates grant does not pay for other Heifer projects around the U.S. and elsewhere. These will continue to depend upon the numerous, regular, compassionate participants, like our church.



Vacation Bible
School
Evenings
June 22-26

The Visitor

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Sunday's Schedule-Mar. 16, 2008

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke *Telephone:* Debbie Potthast

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Larry and Millie Caringer, Tom Hughey

Elder for 8:30 Service: Sally Robinson

Communion Preparation:

Sue Fink, Thomas and Cindy Rose

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Lynn Klotz

10:30 Elders: Donna and Will Houston, Linda Ridgeway

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters:

Anne Campbell, *North Door*

Harsh and Frances Brown, *South Door*

Ushers: The Hunsaker Team

Banner Bearers: Julia Bower and Jacob Ripley

Candlelighters: Makali Hawkins and Jack Creasy

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Hayley Batterson, Angela Allen-Hylen

Delivered: Gerald and Susan Ramsey

Evangelism Calls: Helen and Perry Stemmons

This Week (Mar. 16-22)



- Sun. - Palm Sunday
- JYF (grades 3-5) 12:00-1:30
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8) 4:00-5:30
- Tue. - Drennan Group, 9:00 a.m., Drennan Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Property Committee Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Missouri United
Methodist Church (209 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. -
* Jeff Moore, Week of Compassion
* Bible Study
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-7:30
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Thr. - Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Fri. - Good Friday Service, Noon, Sanctuary