



## Sunday Services

“Choose this day whom you will serve!” These famous words of Joshua delivered to the people of Israel found at the end of the book which bears his name (Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25) will provide the theme for Dr. Yonker’s sermon on November 9.

Special music at the 8:30 worship service will include a solo by Linda Chandler, “Seed Time and Harvest”. The Chancel Choir’s anthem will be “Holy Spirit, Speak to Me” at the 10:30 service this Sunday. Join Us!



*World Outreach Fair*

## World Outreach Fair

You are invited to peruse the Fellowship Hall this Sunday morning and learn more about the ministries outside of our community that our church supports. We are excited to have representatives with us to casually visit about their ministries. No donations will be asked for – just come and enjoy seeing whom we support in our country and around the world in God’s name. Some things from the Fair Trade Store, that is temporarily located in Amy Kay’s office, will be in the hall as well.

## Great Care for our Children

We are looking for another gifted child care provider for Sunday mornings and occasionally weekday evenings. The person needs to be at least 18 years of age, love kids, be safety conscious, reliable, and energetic. If you know of someone who fits this description, please encourage him or her to apply. To begin the process, please talk with Amy Kay.

### Church Eat-Out

Friday - Nov. 7  
5:30 p.m.

Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!

### Weekly Report

Nov. 2, 2008

Received \$9,507.50

Received to Date \$119,550.48

Attendance - 305

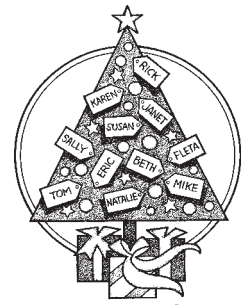
(includes early worship - 65)

Amy Kay continues to have troubles with her email. If you need to get a message to her, please use the [fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org) address.

Thanks!

## Voluntary Action Center Christmas Project Begins

**Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**, marks the beginning of our church’s Christmas family sponsor project through Columbia’s Voluntary Action Center (VAC). You may remember this ministry as it was previously called “Angel Tree”. There are over 1200 families signed up for the program this year from our community; the need is greater than ever. Our church has adopted several families totaling 50 people to which we will donate Christmas gifts and grocery vouchers to make a holiday meal. The families cover a broad range: single elderly adults, disabled adults, and families with children.



At the request of VAC, we have made some changes to the program this year. VAC would prefer us to not separate the families into individuals, as we have in the past. This year we are asking church members to adopt an entire family ranging in size from one to four people. We will provide information on each person in the family. Generally, gift wishes for children are toys or clothes. Adults usually ask for needed household goods like kitchenware, sheets, or cleaning supplies. VAC recommends that gifts for each person should cost about \$40-\$50, and each person should also be supplied with \$10 for their holiday meal.

To make the project more fun and affordable, we invite you to consider adopting a family with church friends or a group like a Sunday School class. If you are interested in adopting with other church members and need help finding folks to work with, just sign up at the table in the Narthex and we will pair or group according to family size. This could be a great way to meet new friends in the church! If you are unable to shop but would like to donate, VAC offers options to provide gift certificates or cash so the families can do their own shopping.

As in the past, you can bring your donations back to the church by **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** or, new this year, you can drop-off directly to VAC. Information about these options will be available when you visit the Christmas adoption table.

To become involved, stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or call **Stacia Schaefer at 817-3201**. Thank you in advance for your dedication to helping local families this holiday season!

## Heeerrree's Johnny!

As I write this column on Monday morning, the excitement of the election is still before us. We're all thinking and talking about our favorite candidates' chances to win their races. The news media are filled with reports of polls and commentators talking about which presidential candidate is ahead in which state, and what will happen if McCain wins there, or if Obama wins there. And at the church, the Fellowship Hall and kitchen are buzzing with activity as the women are getting ready for the big Election Day Luncheon.

As the long campaign finally comes to an end and the election is behind us, some of us will be jumping with joy because our candidates have won. And some of us will be down in the dumps, thinking that nothing worse could have happened because our favorite, or favorites have lost. But now as we put the election behind us, the time has come to move on to the important business of working together for the common good of our whole society, of overcoming the differences which separate and divide us, and building bridges of understanding and cooperation. In reflection on the days to come, I offer the words of the prayer which I delivered at the Obama campaign rally last week, and incorporated into the pastoral prayer last Sunday morning before the election.

"As we elect those who will serve the nation in public office, we give thanks for all the men and women who take up the challenge and dedicate themselves to such service. Bless them with wisdom and discernment, enlighten their minds with understanding, and fill their hearts with compassion, that their leadership would inspire us to face the challenges of the present day with courage and hope.

"Endow us all with determination to continue the struggle as we learn how we can fulfill the promise that this nation might truly become a land where freedom and justice for all is experienced by all, and not just an elite and select few. Fill our hearts with love for peace that you alone can give, that we might succeed together in tearing down walls which divide us, and build bridges of trust and respect and understanding and harmony.

"Deliver us from the lure of wealth and success gained at the expense of others, especially the poor and marginalized, that we may

also dedicate our lives to serving the common good, and hasten the day when peace and justice will reign down like mighty waters, and spread as a life-giving stream from these shores across the whole face of the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen."



My sincerest thanks for the prayer shawl! I've already used it. I'm especially grateful because my very good friend, Millie Bolman, made it and brought it to me. My past year's association with the Hannah Jones group and the First Christian Church are very precious to me! Prayer Shawl is a great project!  
~Creola Jones

Thank you for the beautiful flowers celebrating the birth of Abby! You have made us feel so welcome and loved since we joined the church. Thank you!  
~The Miceks

A big thank you to the River of Life Sunday School class and their teacher, Joyce Stanley, for the thoughtful beatitude card with the brilliantly colored leaves on it. We really enjoyed it.  
~Bob and Muriel Leach



## Book Club

Next Wed., Nov 12, the Ladies Book Club meets at noon in the Back Room at the church to discuss a novel dealing with romantic love, love of family, and the conflicts that may emerge between the two. *Plain Truth* by Jodi Picoult is the last selection before we meet again in January. Please bring a lunch and join us for a discussion of this gripping story. Contact Linda Hutton if you have any questions at 442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com)

## Your Special Birthday!



**Eunice Smith**  
- 98 on Nov. 8  
**Helen Ewing**  
- 92 on Nov. 8

## News of the congregation

Thanks to the members of the **Chancel Handbell Choir** for presenting the prelude and music during the communion service last Sunday at the 10:30 service. Under the direction of **Cheryl Nichols**, members of the Handbell Choir present for the day were: **Debbie Batterson, Debbie Taylor, Jean Hall, Becky Baumgartner, Sally Estes, Elizabeth Mottaz, Lynn Klotz, Nancy Grieme, Kelli Embry and Tom Yonker.**

**Jim Fay** has been released from Boone Hospital and returned to his home at South Hampton Nursing Home. Our prayers are with **Linnie Jo Anderson, Kelli Embry's mother**, who is ill at home.

Our sympathy to **Gene Taylor** whose husband, **Jim**, died Tuesday. No services are planned.

## Invitation

**Fifth Street Christian Church  
147<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary  
Celebration**

**Sunday, November 9, 3:00 p.m.**

The Theme for the day is "The Church, A Firm Anchor in Turbulent Times" – Matthew 16:13-19. Rev. W. L. Jenkins and the choir and congregation of First Christian Community Church, Centerville, IL will be their guests. Lunch will be served from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to share in this joyous occasion.



Peggy Leach-Nov. 9  
Genie Rogers-Nov. 11  
Stephanie Mottaz-Nov. 12  
Dan Gieseke-Nov. 12  
Fred List-Nov. 13  
Daniel Backues-Nov. 14  
Pat Wright-Nov. 14  
Odette Schaffer-Nov. 15  
Hannah Brummett-Nov. 15  
Sarah Seltsam-Nov. 15

## Living Nativity Friday, Dec. 5 6pm – 8pm

Volunteer sign-ups will begin this Sunday in the church office. Let a minister know if you would like to be a character in the nativity or help with refreshments.



# CAFÉ

ChristianActionFellowshipEducation

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

## Nov. 12 CAFÉ

*Menu:* Roasted Turkey  
Stuffing & Gravy  
Green bean Casserole  
Pumpkin Pie

- \* **Administrative Board Mtg.**  
in Morris Parlor
- \* **Bible Study** in the Keystone Room
- \* **CYF** (grades 9-12) with Jimmy Spear

Place your reservation by marking the pew registration pad "activity box" on Sunday morning or call the church office (449-7265) for dinner reservations by **noon on Tuesday**.

## (youth) @ first christian

### Sun., Nov. 9 @ church

**JYF (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

4:30-6:00 p.m.

**CHI-RHO (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

6:30-8:00 p.m.

**CYF - Wednesday Nights 6:30-8 p.m.**

**CHI-RHO (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and  
CYF (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Fri. Nov. 14 – Sat. 15.** Hosting the  
**Northeast Area Youth Rally**

**FORMS are due...**by Sunday Nov. 9!

Mail them to church!

Bring to youth group or church the  
next time you come!

### **What forms you say?**

Forms for the Northeast Area Youth  
Rally we are hosting November 14<sup>th</sup>!

The forms were mailed with flyers to  
your house a few weeks back.



## BOOK O R N E R

He sends flowers—when what you really want is time to talk. She gives you a hug—when what you really need is a home-cooked meal. The problem isn't your love; it's the way you express it.

People express love in different ways. Author Gary Chapman says there are five specific languages of love: Quality Time, Words of Affirmation, Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch. The one that speaks volumes to you may be meaningless to your spouse. As evidenced in books, TV, magazines, talk shows keeping love alive in marriage is serious business.

As in the study of languages there are numerous variations which must be learned by effort, author Gary Chapman shows that love is a choice; it makes a difference; everyone has a distinctive love language which can be learned. Check out the profile at the end of the book to be certain of what you are communicating and learn how to express heartfelt commitment to your mate by reading **The Five Love Languages** and its personal assessment tool.

~On the Book Cart



## Mid-Month Movie Night Friday Night, November 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Cinema at FCC

### Lars and the Real Girl (October 2007) PG-13

Lars Lindstrom is a loveable introvert whose emotional baggage has kept him from fully embracing life. After years of what is almost solitude, he invites Bianca, a friend he met on the internet to visit him. He introduces Bianca to his brother Gus and his wife Karen and they are stunned. They don't know what to say to Lars or Bianca—because she is a life-size doll, not a real person and he is treating her as though she is alive. They consult the family doctor Dagmar who explains this is a delusion he's created—for what reason she doesn't yet know, but they should all go along with it. What follows is an emotional journey for Lars and the people around him. This journey of Lars and the Real Girl is set in a small community of which Lars and Bianca become a part. This comedy-drama says a lot about church, community, and what it means to accept and truly love others even in the most unique circumstances.

**Delicious Popcorn: FREE!**  
**Beverages available.**

Hosted by Rev. Jimmy Spear

# The Visitor

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## Sunday's Schedule-Nov. 9, 2008

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke    *Telephone:* Valerie Freed

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

*Worship Asst:* Tommy Gay Evans

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Sally Robinson

*Communion Preparation:*

Rebekah Hart, Elizabeth Flanders, Jason Bent

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

*Church School Greeter:* Dorothy Porter

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

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker    *Liturgist:* Stacia Schaefer

*10:30 Elders:* Norma Miller, Cherry Hinderberger, Charlie Koelling

*Deacons:* The Creasy Team

*Greeters:*

Nancy Watson, *North Door*

Sally Robinson, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Burnam Team

*Banner Bearers:* William Bower and Kim Potthast

*Candlelighters:* Alexandra Estes and Jack Creasy

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Russell, Linda and Lindsey Chandler

*Delivered:* Nelson and Lorene Trickey

*Evangelism Calls:* Jacki Davidson

# November



## This Week (9th - 15th)

- Sun. - World Outreach Mission Fair, 8:00-Noon,  
Fellowship Hall  
- JYF (3rd-5th grade), 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- CHI RHO (6th-8th grade), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Mon. - Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Mary Tompson's home  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Book Club, 12:00-1:00, FCC Back Room  
- CAFÉ, 5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:20 Devotion  
6:30 Bible Study (Keystone Room) and  
Administrative Board Meeting  
(Morris Parlor)  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Fri. & Sat.- Area Assembly & Youth Rally, Broadway Christian  
Church and First Christian Church