



## Sunday Services

The vivid image of the judgement of the nations found in Matthew 25:31-46, and the prophetic oracle depicting the Lord God of Israel as the good shepherd seeking out the scattered sheep contained in Ezekiel 24:11-16, 20-24 will set the tone for the worship service on November 23.

At the late service we will celebrate a service of blessing for Sam Boster, infant son of Frank and Erin Boster.

Special music for the day will include Jerry Daugherty's solo, "Give Thanks" by Tom Fettke at the 8:30 worship service. At the 10:30 service the Chancel Bells will present the prelude "We Gather Together" arranged by Nancy Kenyon-Smith and the anthem presented by the Chancel Choir will be "We Gather Together" by John Ness Beck.

## COMING SOON

The book, *From the Frontier to the Future*, is currently at the printer and will be at the bindery next week. It should be available either Thanksgiving weekend or the first weekend in December for purchase at the church office and before and after worship services. This would be a great Christmas gift for so many FCC families who have an interest in First Christian Church.

The book was inspired by many of you asking for a compilation of the material put together for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. As with most projects, it took on a life of its own and became much more detailed in the presentation of church history. It should be regarded as a supplement to the Dain's book that we have used for many years as source information. It involves the many segments and information presented during the anniversary year on a greatly expanded base.

The book is arranged topically and is a great resource for our church missionary work and the missionaries who served in each decade, the work of the women in the church, the CSC group which was a vital campus ministry, the evolution of the building, and the many ministries offered by the church of yesterday and today. It is a compilation of topical articles that have been written by many of you and edited to flow together in an interesting book. It is our wish that this history honors the long and amazing story of FCC and its members.  
~Genie Rogers and Muriel Leach

**Weekly Report**  
Nov. 16, 2008  
Received \$6,3140  
Received to Date \$152,566  
Attendance - 241  
(includes early worship - 61)



## Advent 2008

### Hanging of the Greens

Sun., Nov. 30  
Both Worship Services

### Christmas Fellowship Dinner

Wed., Dec. 3  
6:00 p.m.

### Living Nativity

Friday, Dec. 5  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### Women's Christmas Brunch

Sat., Dec. 6  
9:00 a.m.

### Pageant & Tasting Party

Sun., Dec. 14  
7:00 p.m.

### All Church Caroling

Sun., Dec. 21  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### Christmas Eve Service of Candle Light Communion

Wed., Dec. 24  
7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

## Mid-Month Movie Night

Friday, Nov. 21, 7 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Cinema at FCC

Showing!

Lars and the Real Girl

(October 2007) PG-13

Delicious Popcorn: FREE!

Beverages available.



## Strand Building Meeting Announced!

“What shall we do with the Strand building?” This is the question we have been asking ourselves since the owners of the hair salon decided to vacate the building at 125 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and move their business to a new location in southwest Columbia. Rather than immediately leasing the building to someone else, a committee consisting of the Administrative Board officers, the Trustees and representatives of the Property Department conducted a study of the physical structure of the building, discussed possible uses of it, and at an August 24 meeting unanimously recommended that we retain the building for church use. This recommendation was received and approved by the Cabinet at its October 12 meeting and presented to the Administrative Board for consideration at the November 12 meeting.

Uses of the building may include special/alternative worship services, small and large group gatherings, youth and campus ministry groups, luncheons, socialization over good eats on Sundays, special church events, and housing for the Fair Trade Store. Other suggestions are welcome and the possibilities are endless. Modifications to the building include deep cleaning, new carpet for the ramp and steps, completion of a 2<sup>nd</sup> bathroom, addition of emergency door releases, furniture, signage and awning, all of which we anticipate can be covered by money from a donation made by an anonymous church member.

Following considerable discussion, a motion to retain the property for church use for six months, to be followed by an evaluation, was amended to include a provision that an open meeting be held to which all members of the congregation will be invited to discuss any final details of the proposal. The motion was unanimously adopted by the board.

Therefore, all members of the congregation are invited to a meeting **Thursday, December 4, at 7 p.m. to be held in the building at 125 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street.**

All members of the congregation are encouraged to submit questions and comments about the proposal to John Yonker, Senior Minister, or Chris Creasy, Administrative Board Moderator prior to this meeting, in an effort to prepare for an informative discussion.

There will be No  
**CAFÉ**  
November 26th-  
Thanksgiving Week

## Attention Drennan Group!

Drennan CWF group will meet in the Drennan room on Tuesday, November 25 at 9:00 a.m. Members are to bring a treasured heirloom or gift to tell about and to share a Bible verse. Gerry Coon is hostess.

Also, Drennan Group is responsible for **The Wardrobe** on December 12th. Please call Pat Rainey (573-819-5035) if you would like to volunteer.

## Helper Gifts

Christmas is coming soon so get ready for your annual donation to Heifer International. The World Outreach Department will have a table set up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 30th for those who wish to purchase an animal from Heifer International to give as a gift to a friend or family member. We know many of you do this every year and by making your contribution through the church First Christian also receives recognition.

## *Columbia Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration*

Tues. November 25th - 6:00 p.m.  
Musical prelude - 5:45 p.m.  
MU Memorial Union  
518 Hitt Street  
Mark Twain Ballroom N201-202  
Upstairs-elevator

Monetary donation appreciated for  
Interfaith Day Center and local  
food pantry.

## News of the congregation

We extend our sympathy to **Doris Clark** on the death of her sister, **Tessie Adams** who died on Friday, November 14. She lived in St. Jo, Arkansas.

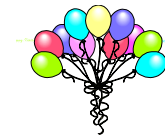
Thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for her solo presented at the early service last Sunday. She was accompanied by **Norma Miller**.

Among the members of our congregation in our prayers at this time is **Emmy Croll** who is recovering from surgery on Monday morning at Boone Hospital. **Jean Black** and **Ruth Ragsdale** have returned home after spending some days in the hospital recently. **Ken Bright** has been released from University Hospital and admitted to Rusk Rehabilitation Center to continue recuperating from recent surgery.

**Smiley Herrin** has moved to Springfield, MO to be near his daughter. **Margaret Hamlin** has moved to Katy Manor in Pilot Grove, MO.

We have been asked to keep three year-old **Meg Schmidt** in our prayers! The daughter of **Sheri and Steve Schmidt**, and the granddaughter of **Glenn and Pat Rainey**. She was diagnosed with acute leukemia early this week and is just beginning medical treatment. The family lives in Flower Mound, Texas, in the Ft. Worth area.

## Your Special Birthday!



**Margaret  
Hamlin**

- 90 on Nov. 27



## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

John Bangs-Nov. 24  
James French-Nov. 24  
Sunok Suh-Nov. 24  
Chanda Hughey-Nov. 25  
Bill Niedergerke-Nov. 27  
Maxwell Crane-Nov. 29

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No CYF on Wednesday, November 26.  
Have a great T-day break!

### Elementary Children

Children K-5 will be Choristers and Rainbow Bell ringers at the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Pageant.

### **Christmas Pageant Practice**

Nov. 23, 30, & Dec. 7, 14

During part of the Sunday School each week.

9:30 a.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

Practice of Carols and Bells!.

Parent leaders are needed.

## Food Resource Bank Growing Project – Harvest Celebration

Come join the World Outreach Department as we travel to Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church, south of Hatton to celebrate the harvest of our soybeans on Saturday, November 22. We will leave the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. Bring a side dish or a dessert to share in our meal. We are in partnership with our friends at Prairie Chapel UMC in a growing project for Foods Resource Bank. We also receive \$1,000 from Week of Compassion to help offset our expenses in this wonderful project.

You might be wondering why your friends on the World Outreach Department are so excited to spend a Saturday evening in the country celebrating the harvest of soybeans. We are in a growing partnership with Prairie Chapel UMC and Foods Resource Bank. FRB is a grassroots organization that offers lasting solutions to world hunger, one village at a time. Through the money we earn from our soybeans we send to FRB which in turn uses the money to invest in long-term solutions with small-holder farmers in developing farming in communities around the world, helping the villages with the resources they need to farm in ways appropriate to their environment.

Of the 1 billion people who live in extreme poverty (less than \$1/day), 70% live in rural areas. These are the people with whom FRB works, through their member organizations (which the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Methodist Church are members) and their in-country partners. In 2007 over 200 U.S. FRB growing projects supported 52 programs in 32 countries, providing 395,000 people access to the resources they need to grow their own food at an average annual cost of \$5.27. First Christian Church was one of the 52 programs in 2007!

Come join us on Saturday, November 22, as we celebrate our 2008 harvest and decide which country we would like to help this year. Let the church office know by Thursday if you plan to attend this wonderful event.

## CYF Notes

The CYF has in conjunction with the efforts of church members adopting families for the Voluntary Action Center volunteered to do the wrapping and delivery of those gifts that are purchased by those donating cash gifts. Upcoming topics for CYF Wednesdays include the Mormon Church, The Trinity, and Images of Jesus. News of our Crew: Lindsey Chandler will be appearing in the Hickman High School's production of *Oklahoma*. Recent team additions that Jimmy is aware of in this sports season: Stephanie Mottaz-Hallsville B-Ball; Bryan Grieme-Verslues-Hickman B-Ball; Erik White-Rockbridge Wrestling; Cari Sapp-Ashland & Lexie Ruffolo-Boonville Cross Country; Drew Gieseke, Jake Nichols-Hickman F-Ball, and Matthew Taylor-Rockbridge Marching Band wrapped up fall season recently.



Thanks to CYF members who pitched in to help do dishes after the Thanksgiving feast prepared and served by Laura Estes at CAFE last week. Pictured are: Jordan Mills, Drew Gieseke, Alec Wright, Cari Sapp, Drew Nichols, Christian Hulen, Lexie Ruffolo, Jake Nichols, and Ryan Hunsaker. Not pictured are Lindsey Chandler, Matt & Mitchell Taylor, Ben Micek, and Jimmy Spear.

## Election Day Appreciation

A huge thanks to **Laura Estes** - chef and **Brenda Mosby** - organizer for making the Election Day Luncheon a major success. There were 100+ church members who stepped forward to fill all the volunteer positions necessary to pull off an event of this magnitude! It was a joy to see so many members working together to serve the community! We received many compliments from participants for the fabulous food and service! Thanks to everyone!

~Joyce Stanley - CWF President



# The Visitor

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Cheryl Nichols, Choir Director

**Mother's Day Out:** Tracy Westhoff, Director

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Keith Picker, Custodian

## Sunday's Schedule-Nov. 23, 2008

*Van Driver:* Matt Batterson    *Telephone:* Carole Randerson

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

*Worship Asst:* Anne Linn, Charles and Bettie Koelling

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Carol Slusher

*Communion Preparation:*

Joni Cupp, Cari Sapp and Paula Slusher

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

*Church School Greeter:* Doris Neidhardt

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

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker    *Liturgist:* Rich Montgomery

*10:30 Elders:* Mary Bancroft, Ken Watson, Mary Daugherty

*Deacons:* The Stanley Team

*Greeters:*

Tracy Evers, *North Door*

Pat Ritchie, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Scott Team

*Banner Bearers:* Derrick Evers & Zac Ruffolo

*Candlelighters:* Emma Hawkins & Ryan Boger

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Joy Duren

*Delivered:* Tom and Carol Hughey

## This Week (23rd - 29th)

- Sun.    - JYF (3rd-5th grade), 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
          - CHI-RHO (6th-8th grade), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Mon.    - FCC serves at Loaves and Fishes (Arnetts & friends)
- Tue.    - Drennan Group, 9:00 a.m., Drennan Room  
          - STARS Trip to St. Louis, 9:00 a.m.  
          - **No** Bible Study
- Wed.    - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
          - **No** Cafe  
          - **No** CYF (grades 9-12)  
          - **No** Back Room (college group)
- Thr. & Fri.-Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)

