



## Sunday Services

“Is the Lord among us or not?” Have you ever asked yourself that question? Have you ever asked God that question? “Are you with me or not?” Our sermon for Sunday, October 5, will take the story found in last Sunday’s Old Testament lectionary and consider the question raised by the Hebrew people wandering in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt. The texts for the sermon are found in Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 31:1-8 as read responsively and set to music found in the Psalter in the back of the Challice Worship Hymnal.

Special music at the 10:30 service will include a clarinet solo by Sally Estes, “Chansonette”. The Chancel Choir’s anthem will be “The God of Love My Shepherd Is” by George Herbert.



## Ice Cream & Johnny Wray

Rev. Johnny Wray spoke to a full Fellowship Hall about our denomination’s ministry that responds to human and natural catastrophes around the world. The ministry is called “Week of Compassion”. We were thankful to host Disciples from many other churches from

Boone County for this event last Sunday. The Ice Cream Social that went along with the program was superb as well!

The World Outreach Department wishes to thank everyone who came to and made possible the Ice Cream Social. **Hartley Rogers** provided our ice cream treats and the following people provided wonderful homemade goodies: **Sally Robinson, Kim Reardon, Ryan** (and probably **Pam**) **Hunsaker, Valerie Freed, Libby Weber, Jane Ann Hackett & Nancy Watson.**



**Blood Drive**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 – Noon**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Church Eat-Out**  
Friday - Oct. 3  
5:30 p.m.  
Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!

**Weekly Report**  
Sept. 28, 2008  
Received \$5,246.31  
Received to Date \$98,534.13  
Attendance - 301  
(includes early worship - 63)

## Broadway Christian Church Celebrates 50 Years!

Last Sunday, September 28, we received the greetings of the Rev. Bill Ryan on behalf of the Broadway Christian Church which will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, October 5. Bill reminded us of the founding of the Broadway congregation 50 years ago when the large acreage of land on the western side of the city was purchased by our congregation, and one hundred members of First Christian Church were commissioned in act of worship on the first Sunday of October to leave our sanctuary and begin worshipping in Morris Parlor as the new church.

Members of our congregation have been invited to a brunch and a special worship service next Sunday in celebration of the occasion. Persons wishing to make reservations for the brunch should call the Broadway Christian Church, 445-5312.

## Workday Thanks!

The property committee workday held on September 27 was a huge success thanks to the following volunteers: **Eric Arnett, Dan Gieseke, Tom Rose, Colleen Nilges, Don & Brenda Mosby, Josh Wheatley, Tony Hulén, Chuck Scott, Kerry Bramon, Buddy Boger, Mike Korman, Joyce Stanley, Sebastian Pavlovich and Ryan Hunsaker.**

As a group we removed unwanted vegetation, repaired and painted several walls, removed the old light fixtures in the fellowship hall and replaced them with more efficient and brighter fixtures that were donated saving us approximately \$3,000. These 16 volunteers donated a total of 97 hours saving the church approximately \$2000 in labor costs.

It was a very enjoyable and productive workday. If you would like to join the property committee, please call Murk Hunsaker at 443-6117. Thanks again to everyone who helped.

~Mark Hunsaker

## Come to the Table

During the course of the year we promote and receive six special offerings to support the mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) around the world. One of those, the Reconciliation offering, supports the efforts of the church to heal the wounds and attack the root causes of racism. In conjunction with the observance of World Communion, we will receive our Reconciliation offering this Sunday, October 5.

In calling us to respond, Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) writes, "We are the Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's table as God has welcomed us."

The table is a central image to our understanding of ourselves as Disciples. The table is the place where we are drawn together as invited guests. The table is a place of invitation, conversation, and transformation. The table is where we are called to become the gift of reconciliation!

When we gather to receive the bread and the cup, God challenges us to examine ourselves and the sin that separates us from full participation in the one body of Christ. The table is a reminder that we are to actively seek healing, wholeness, and true community in the midst of division and hostility in our society and world. The call of reconciliation is the call of World Communion Sunday, a call for Christian unity which begins at the Lord's Table.

Dr. Michael Mooty, pastor of Central Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky, once wrote, "We Disciples do a remarkable thing when we gather at the Table. In a world that expends a great deal of energy separating people from one another, dividing us into opposing camps, labeling us as red or blue, black or white, what we do every Sunday in celebrating the Lord's Supper is a radical, counter-cultural act of hospitality."

Your gift to the Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will empower others to come to the table and become the gift of reconciliation.

May God give us hearts to be generous with our Reconciliation offering!

**2008 Reconciliation Special Day Offering  
September 28 and October 5**

## DisciplesWorld Magazine News of the congregation

The time of year has rolled around again when we extend an invitation to everyone to subscribe to our excellent denominational magazine, *DisciplesWorld*. This award-winning publication carries news and views from all over the Church of interest to Disciples, stirring conversations and some really interesting "Letters to the Editor". We save money by ordering in bulk and having your copy here to pick up each monthly issue on Sunday when they arrive. The cost of a subscription (when we are able to order 10 or more) is only **\$25** instead of the regular \$31 and is a reading bargain. We will be turning in the new order in a couple of weeks. Call the church office (449-7265) or e-mail [fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org).

Thanks to **Jean Hall** and **Mary Bancroft** for their piano/organ duets presented in the 10:30 service on September 28. We also appreciated the prelude presented by the **Chancel Handbell Choir**, and the anthem by the **Chancel Choir**.

The following members and friends of our congregation are in our prayers at this time: **Angelo Provenzano** is recuperating well from surgery last Thursday morning, September 25 at Boone Hospital Center. He is the son-in-law of **Tommy Gay Evans**, husband of her daughter, **Diana**. **Shirley Olcott** has returned to her home at The Bluffs Nursing Home after spending a few days at Boone Hospital last week.

Thanks to **Will and Donna Houston** for helping with a broken chair. Thanks, also, to **Will** for helping prepare the newsletter for mailing this last week. He filled in for one of our regular volunteers who are: **Betty Moon, Joyce Stanley, Dave Beem** and **Mary Richardson**. We appreciate their help on the newsletter every week.

Congratulations to **Frank and Erin Boster** who welcomed into their family **Sam Hayes Boster**. Their son was born September 22, weighed 7 lb., 7 oz. and was 19 inches long. His proud big brother is **Thomas**.

**O. Eugene Moore** has been chosen to receive the prestigious Frank Hamilton Marshall award of Phillips Theological Seminary. It is granted to an alumnus for long extraordinary Christian ministry, which Gene, at 92, continues to fulfill ardently. Gene did seven years of both undergraduate studies at Phillips University and the graduate seminary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He and **Rena** retired not long ago, of course, from Columbia to St. Louis. The alumni honor will be conferred upon him in Tulsa in January.

Four outstanding MU baseball players from the past grew up in this congregation. They are highlighted in an article in Sunday's Tribune, Sept. 28, page 2A, about their extraordinary coach John "Hi" Simmons. They are **Kent Kurtz, George Hulett, Jim Estes**, and **Bob Musgrave**. All four had previously played ball for Hickman High School, and as Christian youth were in Sunday School classes here taught by **Jack Silvey**. Three of them later signed major league contracts. The article is by Columbian sports fan Warren Dalton. The 1954 MU team won the NCAA national championship.

### Your Special Birthday!



**Mary Richardson**  
- 90 on Oct. 4  
**Darrell Seltsam**  
- 94 on Oct. 7

### Happy Birthday



Anne Linn-Oct. 5  
Kathleen Shreves-Oct. 6  
Maigan Shifley-Oct. 6  
Mary Taylor-Oct. 6  
Pamela Hoepfner-Oct. 7  
Cheryl Lightner-Oct. 8  
Marcy Douglas-Oct. 8  
Sara Klockow-Oct. 8  
Michael Snyder-Oct. 8  
Lynn Klotz-Oct. 9  
Jeff Ripley-Oct. 9  
Mona Stevenson-Oct. 9  
Carol Perry-Oct. 9  
Julie Nichols-Oct. 10  
Alexander Johnson-Oct. 10  
Mark Embry-Oct. 11  
Nina Oliver-Oct. 11  
Joy Overacre-Oct. 11  
Bill Tetley-Oct. 11  
Brady Marrero-Oct. 11  
Elizabeth Martin-Oct. 11  
Christine Isham-Walsh-Oct. 11



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**CYF (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Wednesday Nights 6:30 -8:30

Come to CAFÉ for dinner at 5:30

\$5 covers it!

CYF - Sunday, October 19th

Hayride & Cook-out at Stephanie's Evening

**Chi-Rho (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Sunday, October 5th

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

**Outdoor Outing TBA**

Sunday, October 19th

Afternoon

**Junior Deacon Training**  
**Sunday**

**October 5th**

**4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Church Sanctuary**

## Service Project

Although the summer months were hectic, the women affiliated with Brummett-Harrah Group managed to gather 52 Bibles for Mr. Ted Quick to use in his Missouri Prison ministry in Keytesville. He said he had exhausted his source there and was so appreciative of our help. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

## Election Day Luncheon

November 4<sup>th</sup> will be here soon! Please call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 or Laura Estes at 441-2386 and volunteer your help with the luncheon. There will also be someone in the Narthex before and after church for signup. Don't forget both women and men are welcome! Let's make this another great event!

## Festival of Sharing

Festival of Sharing is just TWO AND ONE-HALF WEEKS from now! It is held in Sedalia every October and is "an inter-faith, state-wide, ingathering event." In other words – many, many items are taken to the Festival to be distributed to families and children in need.

QUICK! We have to get organized! Last year the youth groups helped assemble "Back-packs of Love" for children in Missouri who needed to be removed from unsafe home situations. In past years Bob and Muriel Leach spearheaded the collection of bars of soap, collected pennies on the penny plank and much more.

This year – because of time constraints (and the fact that this kind of slipped up on me!) – we will be asking for donations of money. We'll use the cash/check contributions to buy kit items as well as supply the postage to send the kits to where they are needed. Please look for the FESTIVAL OF SHARING display in the narthex the next two Sundays. Many thanks! ~Joyce Stanley



Next Wed, Oct 8, presents an opportunity for a mini-field trip right here in Columbia, MO! The Ladies Book

Club meets at the University's Museum of Art & Archaeology at 11 a.m. for a tour of the museum. Following the tour, we'll meet in a private room to discuss our October pick, Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea*. Rides will be provided in the Church van but please contact Linda Hutton to reserve space @442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com)

## Coffman-Watson CWF

Coffman-Watson CWF will meet on SUNDAY, October 5 at 7:00 pm at Anne Campbell's home (4001 Continental Ct.). We needed to make the change from Monday to Sunday as a number of members had purchased tickets to an event which conflicted with our regularly scheduled meeting. This is our kick-off meeting for the year and we will be collecting money for pies for the Election Day Luncheon. See you Sunday evening!

# 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

## Oct. 8 CAFÉ

*Menu:* Chicken Pot Pie  
Spinach Salad  
Cookies

\* **Program:** "Faith & Politics" with Amy Kay Pavlovich

\* **Bible Study** with John Yonker

\* **CYF** (grades 9-12) with Jimmy

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



Interfaith Hunger Awareness & Resources for local food ministries and world-wide aid

**This Sunday!**

**October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**

Beginning here at our church!

See Paula Hoenes or Amy Kay if you would like to help host, walk or donate

# The Visitor

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## Sunday's Schedule-Oct. 5, 2008

*Van Driver:* Bob Black    *Telephone:* Carol Slusher

### 8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

*Worship Asst:* Anne Linn, Tommy Gay Evans, Sue Fink

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Harsh Brown

*Communion Preparation:*

C.K. & Paula Hoenes, Justin & Jessica Bright

### 9:30 Church School

*Church School Greeter:* Gerry Coon

### 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

*Sermon:* Dr. John Yonker    *Liturgist:* Debbie Taylor

*10:30 Elders* Eldon Drennan, Robert Swanson, Judy Cunningham

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeters:*

TBA, North Door

TBA, South Door

*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team

*Banner Bearers:* TBA

*Candlelighters:* TBA

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Jennifer & Jacob Alexander

*Delivered:* Sarah Yonker and Lisa Zimmer

*Evangelism Calls:* Anne Campbell

## This Week (Oct. 5 - 11)

- Sun. - Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
- CROP Walk, 2:00 p.m.  
- Jr. Deacon Training, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- Church Softball Game, 5:00 p.m., Blue Field at Rainbow Softball Center  
- Chi-Rho (6th-8th grade), 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Campbells' home
- Mon. - Drennan Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- Master Planning Committee Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Book Club, 11:00 a.m., University Museum of Art & Archaeology  
- CAFÉ, 5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:20 Devotion  
6:30 Program  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

Fri. - Sun. - Regional Assembly, Springfield, MO

