



Sunday Services

The very familiar parable of the marriage feast found in Matthew 22:1-14 extends the invitation to the followers of Jesus to share in the kingdom of God. But it warns not to make excuses or let other things get in the way of accepting the invitation. This reading, along with the parallel found in Luke 14:15-24, will provide the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon on October 12.

Music for the day will include a solo by Pat Rybolt, "People Need the Lord", at the 8:30 worship service and at the 10:30 service Nora Dietzel will be soloist as the Chancel Choir sings "The Lone, Wild Bird".



Welcome Marci!

It was a joy to welcome Marci Lower into our congregation at the 10:30 service last Sunday, October 5, as she transferred her membership from a United Methodist church here in town. The sister of our own Nancy Kirtley, Marci was a school teacher and counselor with the Columbia Public Schools, and now in retirement enjoys many things, including games, theater, having fun, and music, and has already become a member of the Chancel Choir. She resides at 7 Fleming Drive (65201) in the Lenoir Woods Village, (phone 441-8220). Welcome, Marci!



CROP Walk

Last Sunday's Columbia CROP Walk was one for the history books! Over 200 folks from around town participated and we raised more than double last year's money! Our church was the host of this year's event that brought us to raise money for hunger and raise awareness about hunger in Columbia and around the world. This year's walk brought in \$15,800 with almost \$2000 more

dollars pledged. Church World Service will receive funds and two of our local agencies, Loaves & Fishes and Russel Chapel Food Pantry, will each receive more than \$2,000.

Max Marble from the Office of Creative Ministries was with us and filmed a wonderful piece about our walk. To view this film click the link from the church website. It is a great little movie and many of our folks are shown hosting and walking, riding and rolling in an effort to reduce poverty.

Special thanks to Paula and Ava Hoenes, Joyce Stanley, Tracy and Hayley Evers, Shirley Park, Valerie and Cameron Freed, Keith Picker, and John Yonker for helping host.

~amy kay

Festival of Sharing

The Festival of Sharing is an interfaith celebration and ingathering of mission resources. It is held on the third Saturday in October each year because that is usually the Saturday closest to World Food Day. The ingathering is held in Sedalia at the State Fair Grounds and is a two-day affair with Friday being used for set-up by volunteers and an overnight YouthFest event. Nearly 3,000 persons from churches across the state attend the full event on Saturday.

The breadth and depth of resources that the Festival gathers for Church World Service and helping agencies in Missouri is impressive. One really has to go experience the Festival to understand just how much is done, but imagine a place where tons of things are brought together, processed and then sent back out to the people who need the things the most... there are kits to help people who have experienced disaster, rice and beans that are bought in bulk and then put into family sized packages, and Backpacks of Love for kids who are removed from their homes and placed in safer environments. This is not an exhaustive list. You are invited to check out the web site and peruse the 28 page booklet that describes it. www.umocm.com/FESTIVAL

If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry, or if you would like to go to the Festival this year, please speak to Amy Kay or Joyce Stanley.



Volunteers re-package huge bags of beans and rice into family sized portions.

Heerrree's Johnny!

In a few days you will receive a letter inviting you to participate in a congregational caring program, and I hope you will respond affirmatively! For some time I have sensed the need for a program which will enable us in the church to do a more thorough job of caring for all the members of the congregation. At the recent joint meeting of the Elders and Deacons the "Caring Family" program was presented, and those church leaders were asked to accept the responsibility of providing oversight for eight to ten members/families of the church who live in their neighborhood.

The purpose of the program is to communicate caring, to maintain contact with every member of the congregation, to strengthen the bonds among members of the congregation, to strengthen the ties between members of the congregation and the church leadership, to prevent members from falling away from the church, and to make new members feel welcome and a part of the church.

To communicate caring! It sounds so simple, and it is! Yet it is so important. How do we communicate caring? By getting to know other members of the church! By sharing with each other in times of joy and celebration! By taking communion to members of our "Caring Family" who are hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise unable to attend worship services.

How do we communicate caring? By providing special love and support to members of our "Caring Family" groups in times of crisis, such as when someone is ill, homebound, or has suffered a death in their family. It is during those times when we really need one another, that we can become the loving arms of Christ for each other. It is in caring for each one in those times that the church lives up to its mission.

The creation of "Caring Families" can provide opportunities for members of the church to gather together in homes, to share birthday celebrations, to share progressive dinners, dessert parties, or summer picnics. And who knows what else we can do!

When the letter arrives in your home outlining the program and you are contacted by one of the Elders or Deacons introducing him or herself as your "Caring Family" shepherd, I hope that you will take the opportunity to join in this effort to strengthen the ties which bind us together and share in the effort to help us communicate caring among all the members of the congregation.



Mary Richardson celebrated her 90th birthday on Oct. 4. She was honored last Sunday by her daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Jim Campbell, with flowers placed in the sanctuary alcove.



Thank you for the many expressions of concern while I was in the hospital. I really enjoyed John's visit, the beautiful prayer shawl which I used every day, the lovely bouquets and the visits and cards. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to me. ~Martha Niday

Dear First Christian Church, I am pleased to announce that there were 20 units of Blood Collected on Sunday October 5th. A special thank you to all our donors. ~Much Appreciation, Brianna Shepard



Friends gathered at Lenoir to celebrate the 100th birthday of our beloved Elsie Hughes on Thursday, October 2. Happy Birthday, Elsie!

Your Special Birthday!



Bill Tetley
- 91 on Oct. 11

News of the congregation

Jean Rossman was admitted to University Hospital on Sunday afternoon for testing, and remains there at this time. **Angelo Provenzano, Tommy Gay Evans'** son-in-law, continues to receive therapy at Boone Hospital after being admitted there two weeks ago. Also in our prayers at this time are the following people: **Don Houston**, a resident of Candlelight Lodge, and **Ferd Roy Lightner** at the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center, **D.K. Seltsam** at Columbia Manor Nursing Home and **Sarah Storm's** mother, **Alice Vaughn**, who was admitted to Boone Hospital last weekend.

Our sympathy is extended to **Marion Storm**, and the members of his family (including wife **Sarah** and daughter **Brooke**) on the death of his father, **Marion Storm**, who died after a battle with cancer at his home in Bosworth, MO early Monday morning, October 6. He was 85 years old. Funeral services will be held on Thursday morning at Bosworth Christian Church.

Congratulations to **Kay Beisenherz**, our Administrative Secretary, on the birth of her granddaughter, **Courtney Jo Hargis**, who was born to her son and daughter-in-law, **John and Erin Hargis**, Thursday, October 2 at Boone Hospital. She was 7 pounds, 11 ounces, 19 3/4 inches at birth. The family is at home now and doing well!

Thanks to **Jean Hall** for playing the organ, and to **Sally Estes**, clarinetist, for providing special music at the 10:30 service last Sunday.



- Dorothy Golson-Oct. 13
- Louise Meyer-Oct. 13
- Leslie Jordon-Oct. 13
- Thelma Beem-Oct. 13
- Tracy Evers-Oct. 14
- Megan Potthast-Oct. 15
- Mason Cupp-Oct. 15
- Julie Hickey-Oct. 16
- Frank Oliver-Oct. 16
- Holly Wheatley-Oct. 16
- Dorothy Neds-Martin-Oct. 17
- Rebekah Hart-Oct. 18
- Lisa Snyder-Oct. 18

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CYF (9th-12th 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
Meet at church 4:00 p.m.

Chi-Rho (6th-8th grade)

JYF (3rd-5th grade)

Outdoor Outing to Corn Maze

Sunday, October 19th

Noon, meet in Fellowship Hall for
pizza lunch (\$5). Then to Corn Maze
(\$6) and back at 4:00 p.m.

* Parent drivers/partners needed!

The Northeast Area Assembly



November 14 & 15
Broadway Christian Church
Columbia, MO

Early Registration Fee - \$25
(After October 31 - \$30)
- includes meals on Saturday
- call the church office 449-7265

Friday, November 14

3:00 p.m. – Registration Begins
5:00 p.m. – Optional Dinner and Love
Offering
6:30 p.m. – Gathering and Fellowship
7:00 p.m. – Opening Worship

Saturday, November 15

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast
Centering Prayer & Bible Study
Business Session
Exceptional Workshops
Noon - Lunch
More Exceptional Workshops
Worship
3:00 p.m. – Area Assembly and Youth Rally
End...Safe Travels

Youth Rally will be held at
Broadway Christian & First Christian
Churches

Secret Place

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A paperback copy of The Children's Bible has ended up on the Book Cart. Inside the front cover is "To Josh from Grandma Reba 2001". If this is yours, you will be glad to see it and can pick it up from the return basket on bottom shelf of the Book Cart.

Churchill Memorial & Museum Trip for the STARS - October 16

STARS (50+ group) is finalizing a great trip to Fulton to see the Churchill Memorial & Museum, then have lunch together while in the area. We will make reservations to eat at Beks, a well-known restaurant featuring sandwiches and soups in historic downtown Fulton. We will order from the menu. Cost for the trip is \$18, which includes lunch, admission fee and transportation.

We'll plan to leave the church parking lot at 10:30 and return no later than 4:30 p.m. Sign up sheet is in church office 449-7265 or call Carol Slusher 874-4902. **Deadline will be Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at noon.** Come join us for a fun day visiting our neighbors in Callaway County!!

Weekly Report Oct. 5, 2008

Received \$8,864.20
Received to Date \$107,393.33
Attendance - 227
(includes early worship - 46)

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. 15 CAFÉ

Menu: Chinese - Sweet & Sour
Chicken/ Beef & Broccoli, Steamed Rice,
Egg Roll and Fortune Cookie

* **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.



Election Day Luncheon - November 4

WE NEED YOU! Our goal has always been to make FCC more visible in the community, to help us grow closer as friends by working together, and to fund projects that benefit the outreach goals of Women's Ministries. A few of our goals are local women's/children's charities, FCC Youth Projects, Disciples Mission Fund, Woodhaven Learning Center, etc. 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 sign ups. Don't forget both women and men are welcome! Let's make this another great event!

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Sunday's Schedule-Oct. 12, 2008

Van Driver: Matt Batterson *Telephone:* Debbie Potthast

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Tom and Carol Hughey, Jeri Sheppard

Elder for 8:30 Service: Bettie Koelling

Communion Preparation:

Steve and Jessica Humble, Taylor Humble

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Dorothy Porter

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John Yonker *Liturgist:* Brad Beary

10:30 Elders: Ken Watson, Sharon Winner, Richard Hoepfner

Deacons: The Creasy Team

Greeters:

TBA, North Door

TBA, South Door

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: TBA

Candlelighters: TBA

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Bryant, Susan and Erik White

Delivered: Dan Backues and Rick Wells

Evangelism Calls: Jacki Davidson

This Week (Oct. 12-18)

- Sun. - College Dept. Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Amy Kay's office
- Church Softball Game, 6:00 p.m., Orange Field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Mon. - Drennan Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue. - CWF Board Mtg., 9:00 a.m., Keystone Room
- 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
- 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.
- Thr. - STARS Trip to Churchill Memorial in Fulton
10:30 - 4:30 (leave from church parking lot)
- Church In Society, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Sat. - This Property Work Day has been CANCELLED
- Keystone Class Hayride, Mottaz Farm