



## Sunday Services

In the sixth chapter of Luke are found some of the most challenging sayings of Jesus which were put together by the gospel writer in what scholars have called the “sermon on the plain”. Among them are the words which we call the golden rule, “*Do to others as you would have them do to you*”. The spirit they express is found in many world religions and is the basis for Dr. Yonker’s sermon, “A Cry for Civility,” on Sunday morning. The text is found in Luke 6:27-30.

The Drennan Singers will provide special music at the 10:30 worship service. Their anthem will be “O Lord, Most Holy”.

## Faith and Politics

The Faith and Politics Wednesday night CAFÉ class has a very good workbook that we use to shape our class sessions. Along with instructions for each class period, there is a “Civility Toolkit” that we are encouraged to refer to as we navigate not only our discussions, but life in general. During this heated political moment when Missouri finds itself especially important to hopeful politicians, it is timely that we focus on our communication skills. I hope this is helpful and if you would like to see more of the workbook, please visit with me anytime.

### Civility Building Principles

How might our ability to practice civility improve if we tried out some of the following civility building principles set forth by Margaret J. Wheatley in her book, *Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future?*

1. We acknowledge one another as equals, setting aside judgments, meeting as peers and colleagues.
2. We speak honestly, personally, and with sensitivity to one another.
3. We invite each thought to be shared freely, without debate, correction, or interpretation.
4. We try to remain curious and open-minded about others’ points of view, even as we work to identify our own sometimes hidden assumptions.
5. We listen carefully to each contributor, acknowledging that it is hard work to listen, but well worth the effort.
6. We slow down, taking the time to think and reflect after someone has spoken instead of immediately filling the space with words.
7. We expect this process to be messy at times, as difficult or challenging thoughts are added to the stew of ideas.
8. We remember that conversation is a natural, time-honored way to think together, strengthen relationships, and address issues.

Even through the messiness, may we strive to practice civility now and always. The peace that is of God be with us all as we try to do so.  
~ amy kay

## Welcome New Member!

Marsha Rawlings united with us on Sunday, October 19. She comes by transfer from another church in the area. Welcome, Marsha!



## The fire is out! (this Sunday)

In chapter 47 verse 14c Isaiah prophesied, “*Here are no coals to warm anyone; here is no fire to sit by*”. Unfortunately, it seems this week, Isaiah is speaking to us at First Christian Church. Our steam boiler is heated not by coals, but by the “fire” of natural gas. The start up inspection of the church heating system resulted in discovering a crack in a section of the boiler. In its current condition, the boiler cannot be safely operated. The repairs call for removing the cracked section and replacing it with a new section. The required parts are on order; however, it is doubtful that the system will be up and running by Sunday, October 26. Acts 21:17b describes Paul’s arrival at Jerusalem, “*the brothers received us warmly*”. Therefore, brothers and sisters let us receive each other warmly, and dress warmly, this Sunday.



## Election Day Luncheon - November 4

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Thanks so much for everyone who is volunteering to help! It is going to be a great day! However, **we still need to sell tickets**. Maybe your workplace would like meals delivered? We can do that. Just call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 or Laura Estes at 441-2386. There will also be someone in the Narthex before and after Church. There is still room for anyone who would like to help. Don’t forget both women and men are welcome! Let’s have a great day!

### Weekly Report

Oct. 19, 2008

Received \$6,418.36

Received to Date \$121,666.46

Attendance - 275

(includes early worship - 75)

## Regional Assembly Report

Sally Robinson, Shirley Park, Jimmy Spear and John and Sarah Yonker represented First Christian Church at the 156<sup>th</sup> Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Mid-America, October 10-12 at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield. The Region of Mid-America comprises the work of the 288 Disciples of Christ congregations in the state of Missouri, with the addition of several congregations in Illinois in the St. Louis area, and the exception of several congregations in the Kansas City vicinity.

Using the theme, "Holy Hands – Faithful Feet," participants in the assembly enjoyed worship services featuring the preaching of Brother Vance Moore, Director of the Westside Mission Center in New Orleans, Dr. Frank Thomas, Senior Minister of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis, and Dr. Teresa J. Hornsby, Associate Professor of Religion at Drury University in Springfield.

Two new Disciples of Christ congregations in the St. Louis metropolitan area were recognized along with a Spanish speaking congregation in St. Joseph.

A significant item of business was the adoption of the resolution "Receiving Woodhaven as a Partner in Ministry". Founded as a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), operating as a unit of the National Benevolent Association, Woodhaven has ministered to persons with developmental disabilities since 1964. Following the bankruptcy of NBA, Woodhaven continued its ministry and petitioned to be recognized as a partner in ministry with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America. With the adoption of the resolution, Woodhaven will give regular reports to the regional church as its work is promoted as a partner in ministry among the congregations of Mid-America.

### Your Special Birthday!



**Mercedes Smith**  
- 96 on Oct. 24



We'd like to thank all those First Christian Church members who shared with us the celebration and worship on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. It was like a family reunion at the Broadway Christian Church. God be with you and all of us, as we continue to serve Christ together

~Glenn and Dolores Geiger

I wish to thank Dan & Lisa and the First Christian Church for the lovely flowers for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am sorry Dan found me ready to leave. Over 25 of my relatives were here and as they came from 6 states—my time was very limited. Again, thanks for the flowers. I do appreciate your kindness.

~Mack Brushwood, Jr.

What an overwhelming celebration! I've never been 90 before so did not know how much fun it could be. The Coffman-Watson Group started it; my physical therapy people added to it; phone calls from friends from South Africa to California and in between. And, the mail—exactly 100 cards and letters, flowers, pictures. Better than Christmas because friends took time to write. And, so many of YOU are a part of that count. I enjoy and appreciate and thank you all! My daughter, Anne Campbell, was responsible for all this; I want her to know publicly that she is a great joy to me—and the reason I live in Columbia.

~Mary Richardson

## Happy Birthday

Judy Hall-Oct. 26  
Mitchell Hylan-Oct. 26  
Sue Wright-Oct. 26  
Kurt Schaefer-Oct. 27  
David Potthast-Oct. 27  
Freda Martz-Oct. 27  
Nicholas Burnam-Oct. 28  
John Ballard-Oct. 30  
Rachel Fullington-Oct. 30  
Drew Gieseke-Oct. 30  
Earl Ebbe-Oct. 31  
Rich Hoepfner-Oct. 31  
Laurie Seigel-Oct. 31  
Sherry Dobbs-Nov. 1  
Cherry Hinderberger-Nov. 1  
Jon Hinderberger-Nov. 1  
Lillian McCormack-Nov. 1  
Max Weber-Nov. 1

## News of the congregation

Our thoughts and prayers of sympathy are extended to two church families in this past week. A service was held in celebration of the life of **Ferd Roy Lightner** on Wednesday in the Sanctuary. We uplift his father **Ferd Lightner** and family **Steve, Cheryl, and Amy Lightner**. Services were held for **D.K. Seltsam** on Thursday morning at Memorial Funeral Home. Prayers are extended to his family **Robert and Cathy Seltsam, Sarah and Rory**; and son **Don Seltsam**.

Our prayers of comfort continue to be with **George Ross** and his wife **Lois**.

It was most spirited! The music last Sunday was fantastic! Good hymn singing, a new choir anthem, **Brenda Mosby's** most heartfelt sharing of "He Lives" in 8:30, "Siyahamba" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness" on the piano spoke volumes to those in the pews as the duets by **Mary Bancroft** and **Jean Hall** were both light and moving. Somehow these musicians of fame can make one grand piano sound like two! **Amen!**

**Joyce Stanley, Muriel Leach, Ken, Nancy and Erica Watson**, attended the Festival of Sharing in Sedalia MO on Saturday, October 18. Joyce and Muriel took a van loaded with supplies to share at the festival.

**19!** Nineteen children were at church on Sunday morning for the Christian Education on *The River of Life*. It was really good to have our friends back with us. It was the first week of a five week experience of *The Beatitudes*. **Jessica Humble, Joyce Stanley, Amy LaHue, Holly Gieseke** are leading the kids in this rotation. One additional teacher is needed Nov. 9 and 16 to talk about poetry and share the work of young poet Mattie Stepanek. Call Jimmy Spear if you are called to be that person!

The **CYF** thanks **Fred Mottaz**, (and the **Hunsakers** for helping) for hosting a great hayride and bonfire on Sunday Night!

We are excited to welcome into the world **Abigail Helene Micek** who was born to **Jen and Ben Micek** on Saturday, early evening. Miss Abigail weighed 7 lbs 15 oz. and was 20.5 inches. She is already at home with her family and is doing well. **Maddie and Laura** are excited to be big sisters.

# (youth) @ first christian

**JYF (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
Sun., Nov. 9 @ church  
4:30-6:00 p.m.

**CHI-RHO (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
Sun., Nov. 9 @ church  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

**CHI-RHO (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and  
CYF (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
Hosting the Northeast Area Youth  
Rally  
Fri. Nov. 14 – Sat. Nov. 15

## DISCIPLES come to our TOWN!

Join hundreds of disciples for great  
worship, bible study, workshops and lunch  
at the 2008 Northeast Area Assembly.

**Broadway Christian Church**  
**November 14-15**

Theme: *Choices*

Workshops include:

- The Rhythm is Gonna Getcha:  
Experiencing Taize and Contemporary  
Worship
- How Congregations can Respond to  
Emerging Cultural and Spiritual  
Awakenings
- Missioning, Visioning, & DNA
- Men's Ministry
- Faith Formation
- Pastoral Skills for Laity
- Pitfalls & Opportunities
- Making Connections: Work and  
Worship with Other Christians
- Rise and Shine: Answering the  
Gospel Call to Reconciliation

CYF and Chi-Rho from FCC are attending  
the Assembly Youth Event/Rally.

\$25 Registration (includes Sat. lunch)

Pick up flyers, schedules and sign up to  
attend in the Church Office or in the  
Narthex this Sunday!

## 9508 Emails In One Day

Although I have had email woes through-  
out the past couple months or more, the  
problems hit a high this week when I truly  
received 9508 emails in one day. I had to  
delete my entire inbox. Please accept my  
apology if you have tried to email me in the  
past and have not ever received a response.

Also, if you have received or receive in the  
future an email from  
my address, but it  
looks like spam, it  
probably is spam.



Only open emails  
from me if the subject line shows that the  
email is from me. If it is about replica watches,  
it is spam. I have not started a business on  
the side! Most of these problems should be  
on their way to being resolved as David  
Heise came to the rescue and changed some  
things for our whole office's email. Thanks  
to David, and I'm sorry for any inconve-  
nience to you that this might have caused.

~amy kay

## STARS - Report

On a picture-perfect Thursday morning, Oct  
16, 2008 eight of us boarded the van and  
traveled to Fulton, Mo. for a fun day of tour-  
ing and eating.

Our first stop was the First Christian Church  
in downtown Fulton. We were given a very  
interesting tour of the building. It is a beau-  
tiful place of worship—it would be fun to  
attend a service there sometime together.  
Next we had a delicious lunch at BEKS res-  
taurant in the historic part of town. Then we  
toured the Winston Churchill Memorial mu-  
seum, the beautiful Church and the outside  
area that displays part of the Berlin Wall on  
the Campus of Westminster College.

Mark your calendars for a Christmas Lun-  
cheon **December 17, 2008** in Morris Parlor.  
Part of the entertainment will be provided by  
the children attending the Mother's Day Out  
Program in our church.

## Drennan Group

Drennan Group will meet Tuesday, October  
28 in the Drennan room of the church at 9:00  
a.m. Brenda Mosby will give the study/wor-  
ship and Mary Taylor is hostess.

# 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. 29 CAFÉ

*Menu:* Monsterccioli  
Witch finger bread sticks  
Halloween Salad  
Treats not Tricks for dessert

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

\* **Bible Study** with Ken Watson  
"Creation Stories of the Bible"

\* **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.**

## Book Club



The Ladies Book Club  
moves to our own Back  
Room on Nov 12 at noon. Please bring a  
lunch/beverage to enjoy as we discuss the  
conflict in Jodi Picoult's novel, *Plain Truth*.  
Questions? contact Linda Hutton @442-5423  
or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com)

# The Visitor

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Cheryl Nichols, Choir Director

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

### Support Staff:

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Fred Mottaz, Business Manager  
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Keith Picker, Custodian

## Sunday's Schedule-Oct. 26, 2008

*Van Driver:* Russ Chandler    *Telephone:* Laura Crane

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

*Worship Asst:* Marguerite Smith, Will and Donna Houston

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Brenda Mosby

*Communion Preparation:*

Marion and Sarah Storm, David and Jan Keithley

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

*Church School Greeter:* Doris Neidhardt

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

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker    *Liturgist:* College/Youth

*10:30 Elders:* Shirley Park, Sharon Winner, Jerry Daugherty

*Deacons:* The Stanley Team

*Greeters:*

Chuck Scott, *North Door*

Gerald & Susan Ramsey, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Scott Team

*Banner Bearers:* Jack Creasy and Annika Hylen

*Candlelighters:* Megan Potthast and Korinna Hylen


*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Albert, Beth, Brendan & Joshua Brown

*Delivered:* Rich and Pam Hoepfner

*Evangelism Calls:* Sara Klockow

## This Week (Oct. 26-Nov. 1)

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- Sun. - Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.
  - Mon. - FCC serving at Loaves & Fishes
  - Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- Drennan Group, 9:00 a.m., Drennan Room  
- Master Planning Committee, 5:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
  - Wed. - 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.
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