



Sunday Services

Our worship services on Sunday, November 2, will include a celebration of the lives of the saints who have died within the past year. Scripture passages found in Matthew 23:1-12 and 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 will provide the texts for Dr. Yonker's sermon.

Special music at the 10:30 worship service will include the Chancel Bells playing "Festival Procession" for the prelude and "Break Thou the Bread of Life" during Communion. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "O Cleansing Stream" by Douglas Wagner.



World Outreach Fair in Two Weeks!

You are invited by our World Outreach Department to a Fair in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 8. During the early worship service friends from around Missouri will come in and set up tables to share with us more about the ministries that we support through our mission work beyond Columbia. These ministries are inspiring as are the people they serve. The Fair Trade Store will have received most of this year's holiday shipments and will be set up in the Hall as well. Everything will be in full swing by 9:15 and won't end until after noon. Hope you can take time to linger with us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Nov. 8!

Weekly Report

Oct. 26, 2008

Received \$5,402.51

Received to Date \$121,666.46

Attendance - 307

(includes early worship - 65)

Welcome New Member!



It is a joy to welcome **Tammy Arnett** as a member of our congregation! With her husband, **Eric**, she had been attending our worship services and participating in church activities for several years, but now her membership with us is official as she transfers her membership from her home congregation, St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in Wiem, MO. She and Eric are the proud parents of two daughters, **Jadie** and **Isabella**.



Election Day Luncheon - November 4

Thanks for the great response in helping with the luncheon! Have you sold tickets to those who would like to eat with us? Don't forget your friends, co-workers and neighbors. We will be in the Narthex on Sunday if you need more tickets or want to pay for a pie to be baked for our luncheon. If you have questions call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 or Laura Estes at 441-2386. **DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH!**

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. 5 CAFÉ

Menu: Cranberry Chicken

Rice Pilaf

Tossed Salad

Pumpkin Pie Dip & Ginger Snaps

* **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**.

Evangelism at FCC

- Share in the ministry of hospitality.
- Identify the numerous guests attending Sunday worship.
- Greet guests in non-evasive, yet direct ways after a visit to FCC.
- Create effective communication and nurture of repeat Sunday morning guests.
- Secure ways of connecting guests with the ministry opportunities at FCC.

The greeting and nurture of guests at a church is so important. How do we as a church share the good news, an invitation to be in this community, and emphasize how vital a life of discipleship is? How do we move from being strangers in pews to friends?

Talk to Jimmy Spear if you are interested in sharing your ideas, gifts and time in this very important aspect of being church. We are searching for a team that will be proactive and effective in this all too often overlooked ministry.

Fair Trade Store

Oh my, are we excited! This year's shipments of goods for our church's fair trade store are on their way and we can't wait to receive them! Our college group and friends from the World Outreach Department are ready to process the fairly traded treasures which includes taking inventory, marking price tags and displaying the goods. If you would like to help with this fun and spirited activity, please call Amy Kay anytime. We are setting up various work times during the days and evenings as needed. This is not only a required task with the operation of a store, but a really fun one as we get to see the items first and visit with new and old friends through it all. Even if you don't have any desire to work with the store, we certainly invite you to come and shop! You are welcome to come to our temporary location which is Amy Kay's office. Thanks!

Your Special Birthday!



Earl Ebbe
- 94 on Oct. 31
Dabney Doty
- 90 on Nov. 5

Invitation!

The Broadway Christian Church "60+ Group" would like to invite the First Christian Church "Stars Group" to our annual Thanksgiving luncheon to be held at Broadway Christian Church Fellowship Hall on Monday, November 24 at 12:30 pm. Please RSVP to Darlene Miles at 445-5024 by Tuesday, November 18. We hope you can join us in this festive occasion!

Do you have a thing for poetry? Come Share!

Our River of Life kids need a teacher for 2 weeks this month to share a lesson on the Beatitudes and share gifts in the poetic realm. Talk to Jimmy Spear if you are ready to share your gifts!

The Christmas Pageant is Coming!

Sunday evening, December 14.
Carol practice for children will begin soon on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Birthdays



This Week

Holly Gieseke-Nov. 2
Jessica Klockow Hettie-Nov. 3
Thomas Rose-Nov. 3
Morgann Doll-Nov. 3
Ryley Batterson-Nov. 4
Evan Dietzel-Nov. 5
Alexandria Hofmann-Nov. 5
Gene Taylor-Nov. 5
Delaney Batterson -Nov. 5
Jay Creasy-Nov. 6
Brent Hall-Nov. 6
Jason Stanley-Nov. 6
Judith Wildman-Nov. 6
Janice Dysart-Nov. 7
Daryl Klotz-Nov. 7
Eunice Smith-Nov. 8
Susan Pingelton-Nov. 8
Robert Swanson-Nov. 8
Mary Ann Niedegerke-Nov. 8

News of the congregation

A special thank you to **Norma Miller** and the members of the **Drennan Singers** for providing the music at the 10:30 service last Sunday. They provided an Introit, the Anthem, and Offertory. Members of the group are: **Susan Woodbury, Micki Kirkham, Lorene Trickey, Sally Estes, Debbie Batterson, Susan Ramsey, Jean Hall, Beth Scavone, Becky Baumgartner, Pat Rybolt, Cheryl Lightner, Lisa Snyder, Brenda Mosby, Norma Miller.**

Our sympathy is extended to **Lois Ross**, and her son, **David Ross** and daughter, **Sharon Tonnessen**, on the death of their husband and father, **George Ross**, who died at home on Friday morning, October 24. He was 92 years old. A funeral service was conducted by John Yonker at Memorial Funeral Home on Monday morning, October 27, with grave side services conducted in his home town of Walnut, Illinois. A member of our congregation since 1958, George had been employed for many years for the Burlington Railroad before moving to Columbia to accept a job with MFA, where he worked until retirement. He had served the church as a Deacon and Elder, and a teacher of college students and adults.

Our sympathy is extended to **Jim Campbell** and his family on the October 20th death of Jim's 21 year old great niece, **Amber Abdiannia**, from lymphoma. Services were Friday, October 24th in St. Louis.

Mary Daugherty had minor surgery this week and is recuperating at home.

The Tribune on Sunday, Oct. 26, on page 4-E, had a fine long tribute to **Elsie Hughes** on her 100th birthday on Oct. 2. It included a photo with the granddaughters. **Millie Bolman** helped with the party held at Lenoir Woods Healthcare Center.

At Hickman High's 1958 class 50th reunion in August, **Bettie Scavone, Dorcas Jean Holden** (who both grew up in the church) and four other classmates discovered they were related through the same ancestor, John Woodson. It was featured in a Tribune article and photo on Sunday, Oct. 26, page 4-E.

Two Wins! Sunday night, the FCC co-ed softball team finished the season with a double-header. The team won the first game by a score of 10 to 8 (**Libby Webber** hit a home run!). The second game was won by the ten run rule, with a final score of 16 to 6 (we were down 5 to 0 in the first inning and came back). Way to go ball players!

Festival of Sharing

The Festival of Sharing on Saturday, October 18 was fabulous! Muriel Leach and Joyce Stanley delivered 12 Health Kits, 10 School Kits, 12 Backpacks of Love, 11 Dental Kits and 120 small quilts to be included in the Backpacks of Love, as well as a check for \$147.81 to be used to mail/ship the kits and for use by the Festival in areas where money was needed the most.

Thanks to ALL church members who donated money to buy items for the kits and CWF members who assembled dental kits.

Ken, Nancy and Erica Watson attended Festival of Sharing for a family outing - they met up with Joyce at the food court to share some of the tasty food that is available for lunch and snacks!

Next year I hope more families will take advantage of the proximity of the Festival in Sedalia and take a day trip to see what great work can be done by churches working together to help families in need.



Book Club

Tired of all things political? Want to escape to an Amish community embroiled in a murder trial? Grab a copy of Jodi Picoult's *Plain Truth*. The Ladies Book Club will be meeting on Nov 12 in FCC's Back Room at noon. Questions? contact Linda Hutton @442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com

(youth)

@ first christian

Sun., Nov. 9 @ church

JYF (3rd-5th grade)

4:30-6:00 p.m.

CHI-RHO (6th-8th grade)

6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

**CHI-RHO (6th-8th grade) and
CYF (9th-12th grade)**

Fri. Nov. 14 – Sat. 15. Hosting the Northeast Area Youth Rally -- forms mailed need to be returned asap!

Our thanks to World Outreach Department member Tommy Tomlin for this contribution to our ongoing project of describing all of the ministries that our church supports outside of our community.

Disciples Mission Fund

What is the Disciples Mission Fund and why do we need to know what it is? Very simply put, this is the funding for the missions of the church beyond the local church. It funds the national leadership offices, the missionaries overseas, and the missions within the United States and Canada that are the responsibilities of the national church. It also helps fund the Regional Offices. So it is an important fund, to say the least—and it is the lifeblood of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

Each local Disciple church decides how much they will contribute to the Disciples Mission Fund, unlike some other denominations where the national church body (which is made up of delegates from local churches and ministers) determines what percent of the local church budget must be given to the national organization. A reasonable goal (in my personal opinion) is somewhere around 10% for others—this would include both national and local charities.

In addition to the regular giving of the congregations, the Mission Fund also includes six special offerings: Week of Compassion, Easter, Pentecost, Reconciliation, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. At First Christian Church in Columbia, these “over-and-above” special offerings are not included in our budget, but the amounts received for those offerings are simply passed through to the Mission Fund for that Special Offering purpose. You will hear more about each Special Offering as the time approaches for that particular Sunday.

Since the Disciples have lost a great many members in the past 10 years, as have most of the other major denominations, the national leadership has launched a new program, Mission Alignment, which will reduce the money spent on persons at the national level. Some “general units” will be combined, so that fewer persons will be needed at that level. This will help to achieve maximum effect of the use of Mission Fund monies.

So what is First Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri giving? Our income last year, exclusive of permanent funds and monies donated specifically for scholarships and memorials, was \$524,402. Our giving to the Disciple Mission Fund, including Special Days, was \$30,870 or 5.9%. Giving through the World Outreach Department to other causes, including the Regional office and the Area Office was \$22,794 or 4.3%. Giving through the Church and Society Department to other causes was \$9,633 or 1.8%.

First Christian gives 12% to outreach and approximately one-half of that goes to the Disciples Mission Fund for purposes that the national church can do better than a single church can do. Thank you to all the members and the leadership of the church for an excellent effort.

~Tommy Tomlin



Sharing Their “Beatitudes”!

Ben, Abe, Elayna and Hannah in learning the Beatitudes created cards of care for special members of their congregation. Joyce Stanley was their teacher in this rotation for K-2 in *The River of Life*.

The Visitor

First Christian Church

101 N. 10th Street
Columbia, MO 65201
573-449-7265

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Columbia, MO
Permit No. 75

Return Service Requested

Ministerial Staff:

Dr. John J. Yonker, Senior Minister
jyonker@firstchristian.org

Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich, Associate Minister
amykayp@firstchristian.org

Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister
jimmy@firstchristian.org

Campus Intern: Andy Vickers

Music Staff:

Mary Bancroft, Coord. of Music & Organist
maryebancroft@yahoo.com

Norma Miller, Pianist
Cheryl Nichols, Choir Director

Mother's Day Out: Tracy Westhoff, Director

Support Staff:

Kay Beissenherz, Administrative Secretary
fcc@firstchristian.org

Fred Mottaz, Business Manager
fred@firstchristian.org

Keith Picker, Custodian

Sunday's Schedule-Nov. 2, 2008

Van Driver: Carol Slusher *Telephone:* Cindy Rose

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Louis and Andy Janssen

Elder for 8:30 Service: Don Mosby

Communion Preparation:

David and Debbie Potthast, Jessica Klockow Hettie

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Gerry Coon

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Jason Bent

10:30 Elders: Anne Campbell, Judy Cunningham, Nancy Watson

Deacons: The Campbell Team

Greeters:

Laura Crane, *North Door*

Molly Read, *South Door*

Ushers: The Pavlovich Team

Banner Bearers: Sam Creasy & Jonathan LaHue

Candlelighters: Zac Ruffolo and Gavin Rose

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Angela Allen-Hylen and Carol Slusher

Delivered: Judy Cunningham and Jan & David Keithley

Evangelism Calls: Anne Campbell

This Week (Nov. 2 - 8)

Sun. - Daylight Saving Time
Ends (fall back one hour)
- All Saints Day Observance

Mon. - Coffman-Watson Group,
6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Election Day Luncheon, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

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.

Thr. - World Outreach, 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room

Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
(Everyone Welcome!)

