



**Maundy Thursday - April 9**

A service of Tenebrae and Communion  
 7:00 p.m., The Sanctuary

**Good Friday - April 10**

A community-wide service  
 with prelude beginning at 11:30 a.m and  
 service beginning at noon  
 Rockbridge Christian Church (DOC)  
 310 Green Meadows Rd.

Readings and liturgical dance by  
 members of our congregation

**Easter Sunday - April 12**

A Celebration of the Resurrection  
 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. (identical services)

Join us this Sunday morning for great  
 Easter Hymns, a brass quartet, and  
 Amy Lightner singing "I Know That  
 My Redeemer Liveth". Lessons from 1  
 Corinthians 15:1-11 and John 20:1-18  
 are the basis for the morning message,  
 "Gladness Without End", by Dr.  
 Yonker. These are but a part of the joy  
 to be shared on that bright day.

**Weekly Report**

April 5, 2009

Received this week \$10,602  
 Received to Date \$318,679  
 Needed to Date \$342,405  
 Attendance - 274  
 (includes early worship - 63)

**Palm Sunday**



**The Children's Palm Procession  
 and Great Music**



The Chancel Choir, under the leadership of Cheryl Nichols and organist Mary Bancroft, presented the cantata "Forsaken". Dane & Amy Kay Pavlovich were the narrators.



**Mid-Month  
 Mid-Week  
 Matinee**  
 Tuesday, April 14  
 1:15 p.m.  
 Cinema, 3rd Floor



The movie of the day will be "*Young at Heart*" a spirited and fun docu-film of a musical group made up of seniors in Northampton, Mass. A best pick last year at Columbia's Ragtag Theater.

**Pancake Goodness! YUM!**

**Sunday, April 19th  
 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
 Fellowship Hall**

A light breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and fruit will be served by the older youth groups. Come for breakfast on your way to or from worship! Proceeds go toward summer youth mission work.

## Heerrree's Johnny!

One of the greatest preachers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of a former generation was a man many of you knew and loved, Clarence E Lemmon. After serving churches in Nebraska and St. Louis, Dr. Lemmon came to Columbia in May 1930 and served as minister of our congregation until 1963, during which time he gained a reputation far and wide as an outstanding minister. He was a beloved friend and pastor to the people of our congregation and our community. As head of the church, he had a head for business which was recognized by business leaders in the community. He had a heart for dealing with people with fairness and compassion. He was an effective church administrator who wrote a book on the subject. He was one of the recognized leaders of our "brotherhood," as our denomination was known in those days, who served on numerous boards and committees, and who was elected to serve as President of the International Convention of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). At one point he was attacked for his liberal views, but held fast to his convictions.

Above all else, Lemmon was a preacher par excellence! Toward the end of his life he edited two books of sermons based on Old Testament and New Testament texts, written and delivered by well-known Disciples of Christ preachers of the day. When he became ill and could not finish editing the second edition, Dr. Tom Shrout, member of our congregation who was then Dean of the Missouri School of Religion, took the reigns and in consultation with Lemmon, finished the job. Those two books are in my personal library, and sometimes provide the means to learn what Disciples preachers were saying to the church in their day.

It was Lemmon's comments on preaching to Tom Shrout which have often come to my mind, and which have surely been echoed in the hearts of all who labor in the task of pastoring and preaching. According to Lemmon, Christmas and Easter were the hardest times of the year to preach. They were so difficult because they are such busy times. All the extra activities and worship services take time away from sermon preparation, and drain the minister of energy and time for creative thinking. But more than that, Christmas and Easter are especially difficult because the stories of those two special days are so well-known by all of us, and present

the preacher with the difficult task of making them fresh and new every year.

What can we say about Easter that we have not already said and heard and known for so many years? I don't know! That is the challenge! But that is also the opportunity! As we finish our journey with Jesus through Lent, and come to Good Friday and Easter Sunday, let us take time to reflect again on the old story, to remember again love without limits incarnated in the man of Nazareth, and focus again on the promise of new life offered through Easter faith. Where would we be without it?

### Sundays in Bethany Hall

Join us for coffee & fellowship  
every Sunday  
Fairly Traded Coffee – always free  
(Bethany Hall is the red brick building  
in the church parking lot)

### Breakfast in Bethany Hall

Sunday, April 12  
by The College Group  
9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Continental fare served.  
A variety of hot & cold beverages.  
Come in for the prices & menu options!  
Menu and serving dates noted in  
upcoming *Visitors*  
Menu changes monthly.



### Fair Trade Store Open

Sunday Mornings



The **Pathfinder Class** meets in the  
BH on Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

### Fair Trade Store

If you are interested in volunteering with our Fair Trade Store in the Bethany Hall, please visit with Amy Kay. We are looking for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening volunteers. We will need two folks each time the store is open. Child Care is already available during these blocks as they are regular worship and programming hours for us. Thanks for your consideration!

## News of the congregation

After spending several weeks at Boone Hospital, **Ken Bright** has moved to the rehabilitation unit at Regional Hospital to begin physical therapy. **Elwyn Ewer** and **Gladys Roth** have returned home after spending a few days as patients at Boone Hospital. **Betty Montgomery** is at home recuperating from surgery at Boone Hospital on Monday morning. It was nice to see **Jane Ann Hackett** in church on Sunday after returning home following an overnight stay at St. Luke's Hospital last week in Kansas City. Our prayers are with **Bonnie Fay's** husband, **Jim Fay**, a resident of South Hampton Nursing Home, and **Don Brooker**, a resident of the Lenoir Health Care Center, both of whom have not been feeling well recently.

A great big thank you goes to the members of the **Chancel Choir**; Choir Director, **Cheryl Nichols** and Accompanist, **Mary Bancroft** for their wonderful presentation of the cantata, "Forsaken" at early and late worship services last Sunday. Members of the Chancel Choir are:

Basses - **Harlan Hackett, David Chrisman, Bob Swanson, Dan Geiseke, Jimmy Spear** and **Mark Mills**

Tenors - **David Read** and **Steve Lightner**

Sopranos - **Nancy Watson, Sue Haynes, Amy Lightner, Debbie Batterson, Nora Dietzel, Debbie Scott, Erin Bowers, Susan Woodbury, Linda Chandler** and **Jordan Mills**

Altos - **Jean Hall, Linda Ridgeway, Becky Baumgartner, Kelli Embry, Debbie Taylor** and **Cheryl Lightner**



Smiley Herrin-Apr. 12  
Alan Bancroft-Apr. 12  
Willie Harris-Apr. 12  
Jimmy Spear-Apr. 14  
Anna Read-Apr. 15  
Jerry Carrington-Apr. 15  
Kate Volmert-Apr. 15  
Emily Scott-Apr. 16  
Debbie Scott-Apr. 17  
William Green-Apr. 17  
Joshua Humble-Apr. 17  
Betty Montgomery-Apr. 18

# 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

## April 15th CAFÉ

*Menu:* Hero Sandwich *or*  
Chicken Salad Croissant  
Chips and Cookies

\* **Program:** Our collective response to Columbia's homeless and people with great needs by guest volunteers with Loaves & Fishes & Day Center

\* **Bible Study** with John Yonker

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

Make dinner reservations by **noon on Tuesday.**



## Big Hat Style - Wed. Cafe Kids

Alexandra and Jack Estes and Jonathan LaHue decorated Easter hats for themselves and for the five pre-schoolers in the nursery following dinner at CAFÉ this past Wednesday. The kids marched in a cheerful parade modeling their varied and creative hats for the adults attending the program in Fellowship Hall.

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### CYF (9-12 grade)

Every Wednesday Night

5:30 Dinner at CAFÉ

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Meet in CYF room.

Every Monday Night, 7:30 p.m.

**CYF Bible Study** in Bethany Hall.

Present study: The Gospel of Luke

CYF Mission Trip #1: June 19-26

**The River of Life:** On Easter Sunday the elementary aged children on *The River of Life* will have a *Resurrection Celebration*. Resurrection treats, games, and stories will all be part of the morning. Last week Amy LaHue led the group in The Last Supper. All children grades K-5 are welcome on the 3rd floor at 9:30 a.m.

**Summer Church Camp** brochures have been mailed to previous campers. Dates and forms for 2009 are available from Jimmy or check them out on the web [www.nearea.org](http://www.nearea.org).

### Sunday, April 19

**JYF** (grades 3-5) 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

**Chi-Rho** (grades 6-8) 6:30 – 8 p.m.

**JYF & CHI-RHO** will meet on the following Sundays: **April 19, May 3, 17**  
**\*Parent Partners & snacks are needed.**

**Vacation Bible School - June 14-18**

## Lost or Sold????

Oops! If you purchased a really nice jacket (car length) at the garage sale - would you please return it for a full refund! We accidentally sold Nina Oliver's good coat. Description: dark brown coat, tan around the collar, no hood. Thanks!  
~Joyce Stanley

## Bethany Hall Hospitality

Got a warm smile and a friendly hello? Like to drink coffee and chat with friends? We would love for you to be a Sunday Morning greeter in the Bethany Hall during the 9:15 -10:30am period or the 11:30-noon time. Please contact Amy Kay if you are interested.

## Stars Group Travels to K.C.

Nineteen STARS and guests boarded vans and traveled to K.C., Mo. Wednesday, April 1, 2009. We toured the Community Christian Church on the plaza which was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1940. It is a unique structure, and is the home of the Steeple of Light. This beam shines every Fri., Sat., and Sun. evening for the area to observe, and can be lighted for special occasions as requested. Two additional guests, Dottie Golson's granddaughter and a friend of Sally Robinson, joined us for lunch at Tomfooleries restaurant on the Plaza. We were given a guided tour of the Liberty Memorial and National World War I Museum for the last part of our trip. This building has been designated by U.S. Congress as the nation's official WWI Museum.

The group gives special thanks to our drivers, John Yonker and Jimmy Spear. We are so grateful to Tom Hughey for making sure we had a van to meet our travel needs.

Our next trip is scheduled for May 6, 2009 which will be a trip to the State Capitol at Jefferson City, Mo. John Cunning will provide us a guided tour of the Capitol museum and then we'll meet Senator Kurt Schaefer to have photos and tour the senate chambers. Additional information will be in next week's *Visitor*.

# The Visitor

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Keith Picker, Custodian

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 12

*Van Driver:* Jeff Ripley      *Telephone:* Bobbi McCormack

*Church School Greeter:* Colleen Nilges

*Flower Ministry: Easter Lilies Delivered by -* Marilyn Schappert,  
Mary Daugherty, Judy Hall

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Tom & Carol Hughey, Betty Scavone

*Liturgist:* Tommy Gay Evans

*Elders:* Will and Donna Houston, Joy Duren

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeter North Door:* Donna Houston

*Greeter South Door:* Colleen Nilges

*Ushers:* The Burnam Team

*Banner Bearers:* TBA

*Candlelighters:* TBA

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Genie Rogers, Hartley & Kim Rogers

*Liturgist:* Sara Klockow

*Elders:* Debbie Batterson, Cliff Tompson, Brenda Martin

*Deacons:* The Creasy Team

*Greeter North Door:* Molly Read

*Greeter South Door:* Jeff and Susan Ripley

*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team

*Banner Bearers:* Kim Potthast & Julia LaHue

*Candlelighters:* Zac Ruffolo & Alexandra Estes

## This Week (April 12-18)



- Sun. - Easter Sunday Services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Church School, 9:30 a.m.  
- Breakfast in Bethany Hall by College Group, 9:00-10:30
- Mon. - CWF Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Keystone Room  
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
- CYF Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30, Senior Center  
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m., Dinner  
6:30, Program: Loaves & Fishes/Day Center  
6:30, Bible Study  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Thr. - Master Planning Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room