



## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday - April 5

*"Forsaken"* - A Choral Cantata

Presented in both 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, the Chancel Choir will bring moving music of Christ's passion. The choir is under the direction of Cheryl Nichols and accompanied by Coordinator of Music and Organist, Mary Bancroft.

**The Downtown Service and Palm Processional.** At 10:20 a.m. the congregation will gather in the narthex with Palms and travel two blocks to share in the downtown churches observance of Palm Sunday in the middle of Broadway. For those choosing to not walk downtown, a special hymn sing will take place in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. Around 10:45, when the congregation gathers back in the sanctuary, worship will begin with a children's Palm Parade as the hymn *"All Glory Laud and Honor"* is sung. Children are invited to gather in the narthex.

### Maundy Thursday - April 9

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

### Good Friday - April 10

A community service at 12:00 p.m. Rockbridge Christian Church 310 Green Meadows Rd.

### Easter Sunday - April 12

A Celebration of the Resurrection 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., The Sanctuary

Great Easter Hymns, a brass quintet, and lessons from 1 Corinthians 15 and John 20 as the basis for the morning message by Dr. Yonker are but a part of the joy to be shared on that bright day.



enjoys singing and sewing. She is the daughter of our own Gerry Coon and resides at 4515 Salem Drive (65203), phone 234-1887. Welcome, Carolyn!

## Welcome, Carolyn

It was a joy to welcome Carolyn Savoy into our congregation as she responded to the invitation at the 10:30 service on March 29, transferring her membership from the First Christian Church of Bolivar, Missouri. A single adult, Carolyn works as a secretary in the University of Missouri Medical Center Department of Ophthalmology, and

## General Assembly !!

### "For the Healing of the Nations"

Wednesday, July 29 - Sunday, August 2

Will we see you at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? The biannual assembly will bring together representatives of Disciples congregations from across the United States and Canada for great music, worship, preaching, workshops and much more in Indianapolis, Indiana.

To conduct the business of the church, *The Design* of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) entitles each congregation to two voting representatives in the General Assembly, plus one additional voting representative for each 100 participating members over the first 100. Based upon this, our congregation is entitled to 9 voting representatives to the assembly. All clergy are accorded voting status; therefore we may send nine lay persons to represent our church.

We hope that First Christian Church in Columbia will be well represented at the assembly. For more information contact one of the ministers, or consult the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) website: [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org).

### Church Dine-Out

Friday - April 3

5:30 p.m.

Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!

### Weekly Report

March 29, 2009

Received this week \$3,645

Received to Date \$308,077

Needed to Date \$331,473

Attendance - 251

(includes early worship - 50)

## Congregational Election

At the annual congregational election, the following people were elected to the positions indicated.

### Service Board

Deacons: Vicki Johnson, Cindy Ruffolo, Becky and Kerry Bramon, Christy and Shawn Von Talge, Curt and Carolyn Snow, Bradley and Khons Volmert, Ben and Jen Micek and Mark Mills

Junior Deacons: Haley Evers, Sally Kessell, Sydney Embry, Lexie Ruffolo, Lindsey Chandler, Drew Gieseke, Taylor Humble, Jordan Mills, Andrew Nichols, Jacob Alexander, Drake Tevis, Steve Gieseke, Matt Taylor, Mitchell Taylor, Josh Garton, Janie Hellwege, Jake Nichols and Erik White

### Administrative Board

Elders: David Read, Mary Tompson, Harlan Hackett, Dan Backues, Will Houston and Eldon Drennan

Deacons: Holly Wheatley, Jay Creasy, Colleen Nilges, Bragg Stanley, Susan White, J.D. Estes, Jim Campbell, Dan Gieseke, Tom Crane, Nancy Grieme, Dick Underwood, Hartley Rogers, Sarah Storm, Sharon Smith

Junior Deacons: Lindsey Chandler, Drew Gieseke, Jordan Mills and Andrew Nichols

### Emeritus and Honorary

Elder Emeritus: Dick Vaught, Charles and Bettie Koelling, Carol Slusher, Cliff and Mary Tompson, Nelson and Lorene Trickey and Daniel and Martha Niday

Deacon Emeritus: Jerry Vaught and Jim Carter

Honorary Deacon: Dorothy Baumgartner, Peggy Bott, Dorothy Hatfield, Helen Ingold, Bill and Mary Ann Niedergerke, Marvelling Ridgeway and J.W. Stafford

## Administrative Board Officers

The following officers were elected for service in the coming church year at the March 18 Administrative Board meeting: Moderator, C.K. Hoenes; Vice Moderator, Steve Smith; Secretary, Jessica Humble; Treasurer, Holly Gieseke; Co-Chairs of Elders, Barb Rothenberger and Brenda Martin; Co-Chairs of Deacons, Gene and Micki McGuire Kirkham

## Nominating Committee

Thanks to the following people who served on the 2009 Nominating Committee:

Elders - Bettie Koelling, Shirley Park, Nancy Watson, Steve Lightner

Deacons - Judy Hall, Susan Klockow, Erin Bower and Mike Korman

Junior Deacons - Jordan Mills and Josh Garton

Members-at-large - Kerry Bramon and Jennifer Micek

Administrative Board Moderator, Chris Creasy

Senior Minister - John Yonker

## 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 5  
by Laura Estes  
7:30-12:00

Hot breakfast & 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 Sunday's at 9:45 a.m.

## 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.

## News of the congregation

Among the members and friends of the church in our concern are the following people: **Ken Bright** continues to receive therapy at Boone Hospital center and hopes to be released in the coming week. **Gladys Roth** was admitted last week, and **Elwyn Ewer** entered the hospital on Monday afternoon, both at Boone Hospital.

Thanks to **Jerry Daugherty** for his beautiful presentation of "The Holy City" at the 8:30 service last Sunday. He was accompanied by **Norma Miller**, who also joined **Mary Bancroft** for piano/organ duets at the 10:30 service.



With two fingers taped together and one new knee, she rallied her friends and dear ones to the cause of selling treasures. She worked tirelessly for seven very full days. She donned a black sharpie and masking tape. She led the cause of raising funds for the Youth and College Summer Mission Trips. She is our one and only **Joyce Stanley**, and we are most thankful to her and for her. Amen.

## Your Special Birthday!



**Perry Ewing**  
- 93 on April 8  
**Smiley Herrin**  
- 92 on April 12

## Birthdays!



Bryan Leath-Apr. 6  
Charles Scott-Apr. 8  
Angela Allen-Hylen-Apr. 8  
Yvonne Clark-Apr. 9  
Troy Sisson-Apr. 9  
Laura Daugherty-Apr. 10  
Erich Unterschut- Apr. 10



**Judith and Michael Wildman, Cherry Hinderberger, Becky Bramon, Connie Guy, Sue Wright, Kim Boger, Holly Wheatley, Holly Gieseke, Vicki Johnson, Nancy Grieme, Judy Creasy, Susan Ramsey, Susan Klockow, Susan McCarty, Susan Grey, Sue and Richard Underwood, Tom Crane, Mark and Pam Hunsaker, Donna Kessel, Dan Cullimore, Dan & Holly Gieseke, Donna and Will Houston, Eric, Tammy, Jadi and Izzy Arnett, Dane Pavlovich and Cindy Ruffolo.**

Our youth really stepped up to help with their great attitudes and non-arthritis joints. Thanks to all these wonderful kids: **Steve & Drew Gieseke, Drew & Jake Nichols, Ryan & Heather Hunsaker, Sally Kessell, Jeff & Lexie Ruffolo, Makali Hawkins, Jordan Mills, Lindsey Chandler, Ben & Jen Micek, Ruth Ann Martin.**

I took a moment to rest and thank Drew Nichols who was carrying one (of many) heavy boxes for me and tell him how much I appreciated his time and work; Drew looked at me with a big smile and said, "Well of course I'm helping! You're doing this for us! For our mission trips!" Which led me to consider the whole purpose of the work of the garage sale – to raise the money to send our children out into the world to help others less fortunate and in need. To provide Christian love and guidance through our ministers and lay leaders for this caring new generation of Disciples of Christ. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to serve.

**Above and Beyond**

Rev. Jimmy Spear – responsible for youth programming, including youth groups: JYF, Chi Rho and CYF worked a whole week's worth of extra hours making the garage sale happen. He also man-handled a lot of furniture in and out of trucks!

Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich – responsible for college age mission and programming, greeted, sorted and folded, took money and worked clean up Sunday afternoon.

Dr. John Yonker – who isn't allowed to do much at the garage sale - as he tried to buy back his own blue shirt several years ago – visited with shoppers and was pinpointed by one alert shopper as the minister who does the Bright Spot on the radio!

**If you Bring It....They Will Shop!  
Amazing Garage Sale Success**

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to all the wonderful people at First Christian Church — The number and amount of **donations equaled or surpassed** last year's contributions! In addition to the expected garage sale treasures of household items, books, clothes, toys, and electronic equipment, we also received a large screen TV and a saddle. The saddle is still available and will be advertised on Craigslist – or if you are interested – see Joyce! [Sorry folks, you have to provide your own horse!]

Although we didn't keep a list of individuals and families who brought boxes of items (and truckloads of donations!) to the garage sale, I would estimate that **over seventy** people brought in items for sale! Also thanks to the many people who gave us additional cash or checks or rounded up the price of their purchases to give to the youth mission trips. FCC and the city of Columbia are filled with caring people.

**Drum Roll Please:** At this point – our total receipts are .....\$4,886.82!!! I know – it is mind boggling! Last year we just squeaked over the \$5,000 mark; I'm hoping that there are still a few donations out there to push us up to (and maybe over!) that total.

Thank you, We are ALL blessed to be part of the **generous giving community** at First Christian Church. ~Joyce Stanley

**VOLUNTEERS - The Heart of First Christian Church**

Willing hands, a cheerful attitude, strong backs and a determination to "Make It Happen" are the hallmarks of FCC garage sale volunteers!

Sorting, folding, hauling, carrying, moving, selling, lifting — the following dedicated people pitched in to make the garage sale happen: **Rachel Fullington, Barbara Rothenberger, Sarah Klockow** (college student), **Sarah Storm, Bragg Stanley, Brenda Martin, Colleen Nilges, Sarah Yonker, Moray Kiehl, Mary Kay Mueller,**

**What Happens to the "Left Overs"?**

**"What do you do with all the things that are left over?!"** was the most frequently heard comment from church members Sunday morning. WELL – I'm glad you asked – we are firm believers in the motto: "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle".

- Items that just didn't find the right buyer are boxed up and stored in Stanley's garage for Joyce and Sarah Storm's yearly home garage sale, where they are sold and the profits returned to the mission trip fund.
- Spring and Summer clothing is taken to the Wardrobe (a used clothing store, three blocks from the church, staffed by Columbia church volunteers.)
- Household items, clothing, furniture etc. are taken to the Goodwill Store to be sold.
- Metal, glass, plastics that can be recycled are gathered up and hauled to the recycling center by Sue and Dick Underwood.
- Cardboard boxes and paper are broken down and put in the recycling bins.
- Finally, some things do have to be thrown away – but only after we've decided there isn't any possible way to reuse them.

## Music Schedule for Next 2 Weeks

### Sunday, April 5, 2009 – Palm Sunday

Chancel Choir will meet in choir room at 8:00 a.m. – “Forsaken” Cantata is presented at both 8:30 and 10:30 services.

Breakfast is served to choir after 8:30 service. **NO BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** at 8:45, April 5<sup>th</sup>, instead \*Bell Choir members playing on Easter anthem will rehearse with the choir at 10:00 a.m. on April 5<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday, April 12, 2009 – Easter Sunday

Chancel choir members meet in Sanctuary at 7:30 a.m. to rehearse with Bells and Brass choir members. Anthem is presented at both services and breakfast is served for all musicians after 8:30 service.

There is also **NO BELL REHEARSAL** at 8:45 on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Bells and Choir resume normal schedule on Sunday, April 19, Bells at 8:45 and choir at 10:00 a.m.



## Food Garden Club

We have had a great response to our Wednesday night CAFÉ offerings this month about food gardening and composting. Three friends have already signed up to be in a Food Garden Club that our Membership Department would like to support. This new club would do whatever they wish to do... they could have a food garden together with the hopes of sharing some of the produce with our food pantry, go on food garden visits (container gardening is of interest) or simply meet to share ideas. We have wise gardeners in our midst and inexperienced folks with able bodies. This might just be the opportunity to put the two together and create a wonderful experience for everyone! Please contact Laura Estes (441-2386) or Amy Kay (808-1980) if you are interested in this club.

## 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!

## Pancake Breakfast Coming

**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 worship! Proceeds toward summer youth mission work.

## The Blessing & Dedication of Children

A special part of 8:30 worship on Sunday, March 22 was the Dedication and Blessing of **Kate Ly** and **Ann Marie Volmert**. Kate and Ann are pictured here with their parents **Brad** and **Khons** along with proud grandparents and doting aunt and uncle.



## CAFÉ Migrated to Morris Parlor for One Night Stand

**Laura Estes** is not only an extraordinary cook, she's also flexible! Due to the Fellowship Hall being completely filled with garage sale set up - the location for last Wednesday night's CAFÉ had to be relocated up to second floor. Laura's menu of baked potato bar with all the fixings, (including real fried and crumbled up bacon bits), tossed green salad and "dirt cake with gummy worms" (a kid and adult favorite) all needed to be carted through the maze of garage sale tables, loaded on the elevator, and off loaded around the corner into the parlor. Close to seventy people enjoyed the delicious food and cozy fellowship.

Following dinner, the group split up to learn about composting from David Read, participate in Bible Study with Dr. Yonker or work on garage sale set up. Come to think of it — we're ALL pretty flexible!



# (youth) @ first christian

## 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

Fifteen elementary aged children on *The River of Life* experienced the Seder Meal last Sunday. **This week The Last Supper will be in the "Upper Room" (Green Room).** 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 5 >>>>> this week!

**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 Needed**

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

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet as usual at 10 o'clock on the third Wednesday of the month which is April 15. However, this is a very special meeting, because it's our first meeting in Bethany Hall. We have toured the facility and we think it's a wonderful place for us to meet. Also, we're expecting several new participants to join our group this meeting, so we hope that everyone can be there to welcome them. Anyone wishing to join us, needs only to show up. We'd love to see you! Any questions call Mary Tompson 442-8849.  
~The Shawl Group

## Book Club



At noon next Wednesday, April 8, consider bringing your lunch to Bethany Hall and discussing Columbia resident Ibtisam Barakat's memoir, *Tasting the Sky*. The book, awarded 5 stars from many critics, details the memories of a young Palestinian girl during the 1967 Six Day War. If you have questions, contact Linda Hutton 442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com).

## Islamic Center of Central Missouri Spring 2009 Open House

**Sunday, April 19**  
**10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**201 S. 5th Street, corner of Locust  
and Fifth Street in downtown  
Columbia**

You are invited to join in celebrating the diversity of Columbia. There will be a tour of the mosque and members will provide an overview of Islam and Muslims. Islamic art will be displayed and there will be a sampling of delicious food from different Muslim countries.

# 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 8th CAFÉ

*Menu:* Spinach Salad  
Coca Cola Baked Ham  
Sweet Potato Biscuits  
Strawberry Pretzel Salad

- \* **Program:** "The Days of Holy Week: a brief discussion" with Amy Kay Pavlovich
- \* **Bible Study** with John Yonker
- \* **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.

## 21st Annual Habitat for Humanity Garage Sale

**8 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 18**

**Broadway Christian Church**  
**2601 West Broadway**  
**in Columbia**

I appreciate the beautiful bouquet from the church in celebration of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and Frances Brown for delivering it. In addition, I was also thrilled by the cards, phone calls and visits I received and feel very blessed to be a member of First Christian Church.  
~Lois Ross



The beautiful flowers from the March 22<sup>nd</sup> services are certainly brightening my days. I am thankful to Cherry Hinderberger and grandson, Darby Henry, who brought them and birthday greetings.  
~Carl Miles

# The Visitor

## First Christian Church

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Columbia, MO 65201  
573-449-7265

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## 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-April 5, 2009

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

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

*Worship Asst:* Marguerite Smith

*Elder for 8:30 Service:* Sally Robinson

*Communion Preparation:*

Jane Ann Hackett, Susan Klockow, Sara Klockow

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

*Church School Greeter:* Judy Hall

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

*Sermon:* Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Anne Campbell

*10:30 Elders:* Marsha and Tom Sisson, Joyce Stanley

*Deacons:* The Campbell Team

*Greeters:*

Eric Arnett, *North Door*

Pat and Sue Wright, *South Door*

*Ushers:* The Pavlovich Team

*Banner Bearers:* Gavin Rose and Jacob Ripley


*Candlelighters:* Jack Creasy and Jonathan LaHue

*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by:* Sharon Winner, Daryl and Lynn Klotz

*Delivered:* Fred Mottaz, Paul and Vickie Rorvig

## This Week (April 5-11)

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- Sun. - Palm Sunday, processional leaving the Narthex at 10:20 for downtown  
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00  
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 6:30-8:00
- Mon. - Drennan Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Moray Kiehl's home  
- CYF Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30, Senior Center  
- Ladies Book Club, 12:00 noon, Bethany Hall  
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m., Dinner  
6:30, Program: "The Days of Holy Week: a brief discussion"  
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. - Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Fri. - Good Friday Service, 12:00 noon, Rock Bridge Christian Church, 301 West Green Meadows Rd.
- Sat. - Property Work Day, 8:00 a.m.