



Sunday Morning Worship: Third Sunday in Advent

How about some joy?

Morning worship will focus our preparation around a third Advent theme. Great Hymns of the season will include the *Angels from the Realms of Glory*, the majestic *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, and *Once in Royal The Chancel* them will be *Ev-music* by John Brenda Mosby special music to the *Someday* by Nora Dietzel will *The Candles of Advent*, in the 8:30 service.



the touching *David's City*. Choir's *an-ery Valley*, Ness Beck. will bring special 10:30 service, Rick Vale, and bring music,

As we find our way at the half way point in the Advent season, Dr. Yonker will meditate on the promise found for us in God's joy.

On this day, the children will have a final rehearsal during the Sunday School hour for the evening's pageant and will be fitted to their robes. A group of over 40 children are preparing for this most time-honored event!

STARS Decked the Halls!

A delicious brunch was enjoyed by 10 eager STARS members before we decked the halls of Lenoir Woods Community Center with several beautiful trees, set up a nativity scene, and placed Christmas decorations on the mantle and tables. Thanks to **Colleen Nilges** for getting things ready for us to enjoy the time together. It was a festive day!

Weekly Report

Dec. 6, 2009

Received this week \$16,847

Received to Date \$204,810

Needed to Date \$198,814

Attendance - 348

(includes early worship - 63)

The 77th Annual Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m.



The Pageant: Sanctuary

Join us as we see firsthand the story of the nativity unfold in our sanctuary. Come to sing the carols, hear the ancient texts, offer White Gifts and hear songs offered by our children.

The White gifts are the gifts traditionally brought to the Annual Christmas Pageant. They are typically canned, non-perishable foods wrapped in white paper. The gifts are wrapped in white so that all the gifts look the same. By doing this, the love and devotion of the giver becomes more important than the gift. These gifts are then given to people in need in our community, instead of to each other, so that the true spirit of Christmas may shine through.

On this special evening we will bring gifts to make an offering, letting the spirit of Christmas shine through our lives. These white gifts will serve people in need in our community through the Central Missouri Food Pantry.

The Tasting Party: Fellowship Hall

A tasting party will follow the Pageant. You are invited to **bring tasty treats & snacks** to Fellowship Hall that we might continue the celebration of the Pageant in our holiday fellowship together. Cherry Hinderberger will lead the charge of Tasting Party organization. Please call her (445-6382) with questions or to help.

*****ALL singing children & pageant participants report to the 3rd floor at 6:00 p.m.*****



All Church Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 20
4 - 7 p.m.

Meet in Fellowship Hall.
We will carol to special folks at Lenoir and homebound then return to the church for supper and fellowship.

Heerrree's Johnny!

Meet the Other Wise Man!

On Sunday morning, December 20, we have an opportunity to meet "the other wise man"! During the Sunday School hour on that day Muriel Leach will present her wonderful monologue telling the story of "The Other Wise Man" in the Morris Parlor. Members of the C.L. Class have invited Muriel to use their class time for this great event, and we eagerly accepted. Put the date and time on your calendar: 9:30 a.m., December 20; Morris Parlor, 2nd floor of the Education Building. This is a special treat which you should not miss! Bring a friend and come early to get a good seat!

Special Board Meeting

A special Administrative Board meeting has been called for Sunday, December 20 immediately following the 10:30 worship service. In anticipation of Amy Kay Pavlovich's ordination interview with the Commission on Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America, board members will gather in the front of the sanctuary for a brief meeting called for the purpose of affirming our congregation's endorsement of Amy Kay Pavlovich's candidacy for ordination. Amy Kay was called to our church in July 2001 and has been taking classes on her weekly day off at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis since 2004. She is scheduled to graduate in May from Eden Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree and will be ordained following graduation.

Bethany Hall Meeting

Forty-six adults and several children were in attendance on Sunday, December 6 to participate in the luncheon and meeting considering the use of Bethany Hall by the church. Following a review of the use of the building, Sarah Read, Chairperson of the Master Planning Committee, conducted the meeting in three phases. First, questions were asked about the finances and uses of the building by church members/groups and outside groups since last spring. Next, various members of the church using the building were given the opportunity to tell how they have benefitted from it, and finally everyone was given the opportunity to express their opinion regarding the future use of that building. It was a very positive meeting, with many people asking good questions and expressing their thoughts. A special meeting of the Administrative Board will be held, Wed., Jan. 13, when a vote will be taken to determine the future use of the building.

CAFÉ

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Wednesday Evenings

See the signs at church or get CAFÉ times and prices on the church website.

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Programs at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 16th CAFÉ

Menu: Chardonnay Chicken
Cranberry Lettuce Salad
Green Bean Almondine
Praline Pecan Cake

* Program Choices:

- **Un-Wrapping a few Christmas Carols:** Mike Bancroft, organist at First Pres. Church, will share the stories behind and lead a little singing of some familiar and not-so-familiar carols.

- **Bible Study,** Keystone Class Room

* **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.**

****CAFÉ will be on break Dec. 23 and 30. It will resume Wed. January 6.**



Dec. 13-Jonathan Overacre, Ginny Ivey

Dec. 14-Susan Woodbury

Dec. 15-Buddy Boger, Jerry Daugherty,
J.A. Flanders, Amanda Montgomery, Darby Henry

Dec. 16-Joe Reardon, Christine Orscheln, Don Houston, Hanna Weber

Dec. 17-Julia Bower, Laura Estes

Dec. 18-Robert Martin, Norma Miles, Kaedon Wheatley

Dec. 19-Robert Leach, Dana Kollar

News of the congregation

Ruth Brandenburg was admitted to Boone Hospital on December 1, and she continues as patient there at this time. **J.W. "Stan" Stafford** was admitted to Boone Hospital on Saturday evening, December 5, and is receiving treatment in one of the intensive care units. **Reesy Tetley** has returned to her home at the Lenoir Woods Manor after spending a few days in the hospital last week.

We extend sympathy to **Jim Berkley** on the death of his wife, **Mathilde "Tillie"**, 87 years of age, who died early Friday morning, December 4, at Boone Hospital. A native of Boston, she served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, graduated from the MU School of Journalism and worked at Columbia Daily Tribune. She taught the first grade Sunday School class at First Christian for twenty years, helped to found The Wardrobe clothing ministry for the poor, and worked in many community organizations to serve people in need. In addition to her husband she is survived by two daughters, **Janet Berkley** of Morton Grove, IL, and great-grandchildren; and one sister in Florida. Memorial services were held on Monday, December 7 at Memorial Funeral Home.

Elsie Hughes died on Saturday evening, December 5, at the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center. She was 101 years old! After operating a resort on Clearwater Lake near Piedmont, Missouri, Elsie and her husband, **Jim**, moved to Columbia and joined First Christian Church in 1986. They resided at the Lenoir Retirement Community. She was preceded in death by her daughter, **Joan Hughes King**, and her husband who passed away Sept. 30, 1993. She is survived by three granddaughters and their families.

The National Consortium for State Guidance Leadership, a national organization of State Department Personnel responsible for school counseling programs presented **Dr. Bragg Stanley** with "The Outstanding Guidance Leadership Award given for Creative, Persistent, and Effective Leadership in Missouri Schools and Universities."

Murphy Tetley, an instructor at William Woods University and son of **Bill and Reesy Tetley**, has written the music & lyrics for an official school fight song for William Woods.

Notice - CWF Board

November CWF Board minutes are available in rack across from the 1st floor elevator.

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JYF (3-5th grade)
CHI-RHO (6-8th grade)
CYF (9-12th grade)

JYF and CHI-RHO December 20
All church Christmas Caroling 4-7 p.m.
Bring your families, food at the end!

CYF – Wednesday Nights
6:30-8:00 p.m.
(Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. \$5)
CYF -- Bible Study on Tuesday Nights
6:30-7:30 p.m. in Bethany Hall
We are studying Daniel.

JYF and CHI-RHO in 2010
January 10 & 24
February 7 & 21

Re-Cap of Last Sunday's Soup & Salad Luncheon

Forty-six adults and seven children enjoyed a hearty Soup and Salad Luncheon preceding the Bethany Hall discussion Sunday at noon. [Actually, baby Dietrich Arnett only had a bottle - but we still counted him!] Five talented cooks - **Carol Slusher, Mary Tompson, Sarah Storm, Lorene Trickey** and **Tom Crane** provided homemade cakes and desserts. **Joyce Stanley, Sarah Storm, Deb Batterson, Will and Donna Houston, Holly Gieseke, Jessica Humble, Ryan and Mark Hunsaker** and **C.K. Hoenes** all pitched in at various times to prepare, serve and/or clean up. Thanks to everyone who helped clear the tables! FCC members are the best!



Special thanks to all of those who delivered college care packages for us again this year! As always, it has been a good semester of 120 deliveries which follows in a wonderful tradition of this church. If you know of someone who did not get a package, please let me know. We still have one more week of finals through which I could deliver (or you could deliver) a bit of cheer!
~amy kay



Living Nativity

Many thanks to the dozens of angels, shepherds, wise men, Herod and Inn Keeper, holy family members, prompters, greeters, cleaner-uppers, hosts in the Fair Trade Store and general merry makers from this year's Living Nativity last Friday night! Special thanks to **Jay Creasy** and **Eric Arnett** for setting up our "barn", **Ryan Hunsaker** and **Jimmy** for setting up the lights and

sound, and **Joyce Stanley** for organizing and hosting the reception in the Narthex, and the **church friends who brought cookies**. It was a lovely, if a bit chilly night to be church together!

CWF Brunch - Tasty Gathering

Over 60 women gathered in Fellowship Hall Saturday morning for the annual Women's Brunch sponsored by CWF. **Laura Estes'** wonderful homemade rolls and fruit extravaganza were the highlighted treats. Thanks to Event Planners **Colleen Nilges** and **Cindy Rose** for the lovely table



decorations. A special thanks to **Don Mosby** for driving the van and to **Millie Bolman** for organizing the riders. It was an invigorating hour of laughter, conversation and holiday joy.

~Joyce Stanley - CWF President

Fair Trade Store

We have enjoyed meeting folks in the community and connecting with our own members through the Fair Trade Store this season. It has been an active one, as you might imagine, and we look forward to a couple of big weeks before Christmas. If you would like to shop or volunteer to host the store, here are the hours as they will be through Christmas: Sundays 9am – 1pm; Wednesdays 9am – 8pm and during special events of the church and downtown.

Please visit with Sally Robinson, chairperson of our World Outreach Department, or Amy Kay if you have any questions or would like to sign up to help with this ministry.



Staff Christmas Fund

The Administrative Department will again make available to the church membership a staff Christmas Fund to honor our excellent church staff during this Christmas season for their combined efforts in helping make our church one in which we can all take great pride. Checks should be made to First Christian Church with "Staff Christmas Fund" noted on them. Deadline for contributions is December 21. Please note that the gift will be divided evenly among the staff members - ministers, office staff, music staff and custodian.

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Dec. 13

Van Driver: Ben Micek
Office Receptionist: Carole Randerson
Church School Greeter: Colleen Nilges
Bethany Hall Greeter: Moray Kiehl
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Poinsettia Sunday
Delivered by - Will and Donna Houston

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Joe and Kim Reardon, Tommy Gay Evans
Elder: Nancy Watson

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Roy Rogers, Helen Stemmons,
Nancy Grieme
Liturgist: Roy Rogers
Elders: Sharon Winner, Sally Robinson, Fred Mottaz
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeter North Door: Margie and Maury Ellis
Greeter South Door: Perry and Helen Stemmons
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Max Schaefer and Emily Unterschut
Candlelighters: Wolf Schaefer and Erich Unterschut

This Week (Dec. 13 - 19)



- Sun. - 77th Annual Christmas Pageant & Tasting Party,
7:00 pm, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
(Children & participants report to 3rd floor at 6:00 p.m.)
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 am, Morris Parlor
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30 pm, Bible Study in Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Shawl Ministry Group, 10:00 am, Bethany Hall
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 am, Senior Center
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, Program: 6:30
- Christmas Carol Stories by Mike Bancroft
- Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Keystone Class Room
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 pm
- College Group, 8:45 pm, Bethany Hall