



The 1st Sunday in Lent Worship for March 1

"Water to Cleanse; Water to Nourish"

As we begin the Lenten journey, our Sunday morning worship service on March 1 will celebrate the healing, cleansing, life-giving power of water. Two very familiar stories will come before us and provide the texts for Dr. Yonker's sermon; the healing of Naaman's leprosy, found in 2 Kings 5:1-14, and Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well, taken from John 4. We invite you to read them and ponder as you prepare for worship.

Great hymns will focus on the theme, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Fill My Cup*, and *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*. Special music at the 8:30 worship service will be a solo by Pat Rybolt, "It Is No Secret", written by Stuart Hamblen. At the 10:30 service for the offertory Linda Chandler will sing "River of Mercy" by Paul Frantsen. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be "O Cleansing Stream" by Doug Wagner.

The 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship for March 8

"Bread to Participate; Bread to Sustain"

The Lenten journey continues with a focus on bread. The story from 1 Kings 17 of Elijah and the widow of Zaepthath will be the basis for the day's theme. Dr. Yonker will preach, the choir will sing, all will be invited to worship. The great hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" will begin our time together. Come and taste the bread of life; be sustained for your journey.

STARS Meeting March 4

S - Service
T - Together
A - Affirming our faith In God
R - Reaching out to one another and others
S - Serving Christ

Come join us for a lunch at Lenoir Community Center on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. We are planning to have a film in Lenoir's new theatre following the meal. This will be a great chance to invite a friend to join in fellowship. Plan to meet at Lenoir Community Center around 11:15 to eat at 11:30. The cost of the meal will be \$7. If anyone needs a ride, please contact Carol Slusher at 874-4902. Sign up in the church office. Make reservations by Monday, March 2, 2009.

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, the film is sure to be a favorite of the STARS group!

The STARS schedule for three trips in the next three months will be available next week.

STARS is the 55+ fellowship group of First Christian Church. All are welcome!

Weekly Report

Feb. 22, 2009

Received this week \$6,081
Received to Date \$267,605
Needed to Date \$290,213
Attendance - 368
(includes early worship - 70)

There will be no *Visitor*
newsletter published the
week of March 1 - 7.

Road Trip to Hear John Dominic Crossan

What could be better than going to an excellent, free lecture with church friends? Join us on **Thursday, March 5th** to drive to Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO for the annual Robison Lecture. This year's speaker is the famous John Dominic Crossan and he will be focusing on "God and Empire".

Crossan is an Irish-American religious scholar known for co-founding the Jesus Seminar. You may be familiar with the Jesus Seminar from Marcus Borg who visited our church for a lecture series in 2001 or Stephen J. Patterson who lectured at Columbia College two years ago. Crossan is a major figure in the fields of biblical archaeology, anthropology, and New Testament.

We will leave from the church by 4:00pm for the 7:00pm lecture in Canton. We will take the church van if it is needed. **Please RSVP to the church office by Wed., March 4th.**

DISCIPLE MEN! Breakfast & Bible Study Saturday morning, March 7

- Hot breakfast by famed cook Laura Estes served at 8:30 a.m. (home by 9:45 a.m.), cost \$6
- Bible Study by Jimmy Spear
- All men of the church welcome.
- *Menu:* Biscuit & Gravy Casserole, fruit, coffee and juice
- *Reservations by:* Wed., March 4.



Discipleship Class

Would you like to learn more about our church? Do you know why we are called the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Have you ever wondered why we take communion every Sunday morning, and baptize by immersion? Or why we allow women to hold positions of leadership in the congregation?

If you are interested in learning the answers to these questions, and learning more about the history, basic beliefs and practices of our congregation and our denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), then you are invited to participate in a Discipleship Class to be taught by John Yonker on Sunday mornings during Lent.

Dates: Sundays, March 8, 15, 22 and 29

Time: 9:30 a.m. - during the Church School hour

Location: the Green Room on the 3rd floor of the Education Building.

On March 15 Dr. Ken Watson, member and former Associate Minister of First Christian Church will make a special presentation outlining the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Call the church office (449-7265) to register for the class.



Garage Sale Supports Youth Mission Trips!

Clean your closets, look under the stairs, check out the basement storage areas! Don't want it? Don't need it? WE DO!! Your no-longer-needed items will be sold at the **Annual Youth Garage Sale – March 27 - 29.**

Items may be brought to the church March 22 - 25. [If you need to make special arrangements, please contact Rev. Jimmy Spear.]

All profits send our kids on the 2009 Mission Trips. Contact Joyce Stanley for further information (445-5058 or jbstanley@msn.com).



Local Mission Fair
March 15
Fellowship Hall
9:15-12:15

Book Club

The Ladies' Book Club meets in the cozy Back Room Wed, March 11, to review Anita Amirrezvani's *The Blood of Flowers*. One review notes the author "...skillfully threads culture, romance, and art into an elegant tale." We meet at noon and you're welcome to bring a lunch/beverage. Haven't finished the book? Don't let that deter you! It doesn't stop us! For fun, lively conversation just drop by. Bring your lunch. You'll feel right at home! Questions? Contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com.

Your Special Birthday!



Marceline Shamberger
- 96 on Mar. 2

A NOTE OF



Dear First Christian Members

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that Lorene Trickey brought to my house. They certainly brightened up my day and it was so lovely to know I was being thought of by the members of the church.

In Christian Love

~Barb Rothenberger

News of the congregation

Thanks to **Mary Bancroft** and **Norma Miller** for their organ/piano duets, and the members of the **Chancel Choir** for their anthem, "Great Is the Lord," at the 10:30 service last Sunday. Also, thanks to **Harsh Brown** and **Muriel Leach** for presenting the Week of Compassion Minutes for Mission at the early and late services last Sunday.

Among the members and friends of our congregation in our concern at this time are: **Ken Bright** who is recuperating from surgery on Tuesday morning, and **Pat Rainey** who is recuperating from surgery on Wednesday morning, both at Boone Hospital. **Patricia Fagan** was admitted to Boone Hospital on Thursday, February 19 and is hoping to return home this week. **Don Seltsam** has returned to his home after several days at Boone Hospital two weeks ago. He continues to regain strength day by day.

We have received a Valentine Letter from **Janet and Michael Crouch**. Check the church bulletin board to read their greeting.



Marceline Shamberger-Mar. 2
Victoria Sheppard-Mar. 2
Sally Estes-Mar. 3
Sue Haynes-Mar. 3
Austin Orscheln-Mar. 3
Sharon Ronchetto-Mar. 4
Cathy Seltsam-Mar. 5
Nancy Watson-Mar. 6
Andy Janssen-Mar. 6
Kelly Tracy-Mar. 7
Michael Taylor-Mar. 7
David Keithley-Mar. 8
Andrea Smith-Mar. 8
Melissa Straw-Mar. 8
Valerie Freed-Mar. 8
Sara Estes-Mar. 10
Aidan Anderson-Mar. 10
Joyce Sawyer-Mar. 10
Ruth Ragsdale-Mar. 11
Amy Leach-Mar. 12
Liam Rose-Mar. 12
Diana Ballard-Mar. 13
Joy Duren-Mar. 13
Anna Poole-Mar. 13
Donna Houston-Mar. 14
Pat Rainey-Mar. 14

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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
Downtown Panera Bread Co.

CYF Mission Trip #1: June 19-26

Vacation Bible School - June 14-18

Church Camp dates for summer 2009 are available. See Jimmy or check them out on the web <http://www.nearea.org>

JYF & CHI-RHO POOL & PIZZA Sunday, March 8

Meet at church at 3:30 p.m.
Travel from church to “Pooling at the ARC”
Back at church for pizza with parents & families at 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5

Parents! — you and your family can join us for pizza at 6:00! Parents tell Jimmy who will be back for pizza when dropping off youth at 3:30 p.m. (If a member at the ARC, please send membership card with your child—give to Jimmy.)

Bethany Hall Opens

It is an exciting time at First Christian Church as we prepare to expand our space for ministry and mission. Bethany Hall is the annex building on the church property on 10th Street. The classic building has been a lumber yard and a hair salon but is now called Bethany Hall. Walls have been painted, floors scrubbed, furniture gathered, and plans made.

We are several weeks away from the Grand Opening of Bethany Hall. Announcements and signs will be made concerning the date of the opening and inviting your presence. So, you may ask, “What will the space be used for?” It will be a space for ministry and mission. It will be a space for the people of FCC to expand the opportunities for gathering, learning, and worshipping.

Here are but a few ways the BH will be...

- A space for great coffee and conversation on Sunday mornings.
- A space for light breakfast on Sunday mornings served by Laura Estes.
- A space for the College Group gatherings.
- A space for worship.
- A space for Fair Trade to be traded.
- A space for wedding rehearsal dinners.
- A space for adult bible and book studies.
- A space for CWF gatherings.
- A space for prayer gatherings.
- A space for CYF Monday Night bible study.
- A space for...

Baptism Class (Youth)

We are excited to have Delaney Tevis, Peyton White, Josh Ripley and Jacob Alexander as youth participants in this year's Baptism/Pastor's Class. These young people, having reached the age of decision, will embark on a six week journey affirming their well laid foundation of faith, understanding the life of discipleship and focusing their commitment toward a future life of faith in Jesus Christ. The pastors will lead a kickoff lunch and worship experience with church member mentors and their families to begin the journey. They will then meet with Jimmy Spear weekly culminating in a Saturday retreat day together with John Yonker and Amy Kay Pavlovich on April 4. On Easter Sunday confessions of faith will be made in 10:30 worship. The sacrament of baptism will be held on Sunday, April 19.

The River of Life

“Calling the Disciples & Fishing”
Three Sundays are left in this rotation of children's Sunday morning education. Cooking, acting and BIG fish stories are just a few things that are yet to be shared.

Sundays 9:30 a.m.
3rd Floor.
K-5th grade.

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

March 4th CAFÉ

Menu: Meatball Lasagna, Tossed Green Salad with Creamy Cucumber Dressing, Garlic Bread and Italian Cream Cake

* **Program:** Professor Bill Wickersham and John “Jack” Kultgen presenting and leading discussion about Nuclear Weapons

* **Bible Study:** with John Yonker

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

March 11th CAFÉ

Menu: Taco Bar, Refried Beans, Rice and Dessert

* **Program:** Jim Wilson, Master Gardener presenting “Caring Gardens”, a ministry with food sharing from well-designed gardens

* **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**.

100th Shawl!!

Millie Bolman proudly models the 100th shawl she has knitted as part of the Shawl Ministry Program. The idea for the shawl ministry was brought to the Membership Department of First Christian Church by Sarah Yonker approximately three years ago. Mary Tompson is currently the leading light of the Shawl Ministry with semi-regular meetings held at her home. Shawls are given to hospitalized church members as well as newly weds, parents of new babies and any others whose day would be brightened by receiving a hand knit shawl made with the loving hands of a Shawl Ministry member. Anyone who would like to be a part of the shawl ministry knitters may contact Mary Tompson.



Gene Moore Is Honored

O. Eugene Moore has been conferred the prestigious Frank H. Marshall award “for Excellence in Ministry” by his alma mater, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, Okla. It was presented to him by President William Tabbernee of the seminary during the Ministers Week convocation, Jan. 13-15, in Tulsa.

Gene, now 92, is a well-known and revered Elder of this church. He and Rena, his wife, lived here 22 years in retirement until moving to St. Louis a year ago to be near family. They lived here longer than any other place, he happily says.

Gene began studying for the ministry in 1935 at Phillips University, Enid, Okla., where he earned three degrees and began his ministry in 1937. A native of Larned, Kans., he served several pastorates and on the regional staff of Iowa, Missouri, and Virginia. He directed the building of the regional church’s Rickman Conference Center just outside Jefferson City. Now he still preaches on occasion, is a voracious reader, serves as a volunteer PET-mobile promotional director, even from St. Louis, and is a busy email correspondent.

Early on, Gene says, he accepted for himself Jesus’ teachings that “by their fruit you shall know them” (Matt. 7:16). In presenting Gene for the Marshall award, Prof. Dennis Smith asserted that “I think Gene Moore is who I want to be like when I grow up.” We also honor you, Gene.

Worship During Lent

Following is a list of scripture texts and themes for the Sundays of Lent. We invite you to spend time in study and prayer in preparation for worship each Sunday.

March 1 – “Water to cleanse;
water to nourish”
2 Kings 5:1-14, John 4

March 8 – “Bread to participate;
bread to sustain”
1 Kings 17:8-16

March 15 – “Cup to recall;
cup to sustain”
John 2:1-12, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

March 22 – “Word to challenge;
word to comfort”
Nehemiah 8:1-10
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Matthew 5:17-19

March 29 – “Cross to confound;
cross to connect”
John 12:20-33, 1 Corinthians 1:18

April 5 – Palm Sunday - “Palm to welcome;
palm to foreshadow”
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11
Chancel Choir Cantata - “Forsaken:
Remembering the Last Days of
Christ”, music by Mark Hayes, lyrics
by John Parker and narration by
Audra Parker

April 12 - Easter Sunday - “Lily to celebrate”
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18



In case you are needing, or wanting, to do a study on Islam, there is a book on the Book Cart which is a brief guide to its understanding. It is a small book consisting of three chapters: “Some Evidence for the truth of Islam”, “Some Benefits of Islam”, and “General Information on Islam”. Presented with pictures and charts, it is exactly what its title indicates: [A Brief Illustrated Guide to Understanding Islam](#). The entire book, as well as more information on Islam, is available online at www.islam-guide.com. It is recommended as a reference book.

Sunday's Schedule-March 1, 2009

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke *Telephone:* Cindy Rose

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Andy and Janice Janssen, Tommy Gay Evans

Elder for 8:30 Service: Carol Slusher

Communion Preparation:

Gene & Micki Kirkham, Dorothy Allen, Dorothy Baumgartner
Doug Tarwater

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Judy Hall

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Hilary Nichols

10:30 Elders: Norma Miller, Julie Hickey, Cherry Hinderberger

Deacons: The Campbell Team

Greeters:

Laura Crane, *North Door*

Pat and Sue Wright, *South Door*

Ushers: The Pavlovich Team

Banner Bearers: Zac Ruffolo and Kim Potthast

Candlelighters: Gavin Rose and Makali Hawkins

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Amy La Hue

Delivered: Eldon Drennan, Robert and Cathy Seltsam

This Week (March 1-7)

- Sun. - Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Mon. - Chancel Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Susan Klockow's home
- CYF Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Panera Bread-Downtown
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Calvary Episcopal Church, 123 South 9th Street
- STARS Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Lenoir Center
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Program
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Thr. - John Crossan Lecture Trip, leave church-4:00 p.m.
- Fri. - Church Eat-Out, 6:00 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome
- Sat. - Disciple Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall



Sunday's Schedule-March 8, 2009

Van Driver: Frank Boster *Telephone:* Becky Bramon

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Tom and Carol Hughey, Jeri Sheppard

Elder for 8:30 Service: Barbara Rothenberger

Communion Preparation:

Roy and Joy Overacre, Colleen Nilges

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Colleen Nilges

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Joe Reardon

10:30 Elders: Richard and Pam Hoepfner, Sarah Read

Deacons: The Creasy Team

Greeters:

Dan Gieseke, *North Door*

Jeff and Lottie Creasy, *South Door*

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: Sam Creasy and Emily Unterschutz

Candlelighters: Wolf Schaefer and Alexandra Estes

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Dan, Drake and Deidre Wipke Tevis

Delivered: Steven and Sharon Smith

This Week (March 8-14)



- Sun. - Daylight Saving Time begins
- JYF, 4:30 p.m.
- CHI-RHO, 6:30 p.m.
- Mon. - Chancel Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- CYF Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Panera Bread-Downtown
- Tue. - STARS Planning Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Keystone Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1115 Locust Street
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ladies Book Club, 12:00 noon, Back Room
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. 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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