



## Sunday Services

This is no “ordinary” time in the church! This is a time when we can relish in the richness of the stories of our faith and live into them ourselves. Come this Sunday and hear again for the first time the lectionary stories of Uriah from 2 Samuel 11 and Loaves and Fish from John 6.

Special music this Sunday will include “He Is Here” with Nora Dietzel, soloist, at the 8:30 worship service. Then at the 10:30 service, Lindsey Chandler and Jordan Mills will sing a duet, “You Are My All In All”.

## Fair Trade Training

This Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, those who are interested in volunteering with our Fair Trade Store are invited to a training directly following the 10:30am worship service. Lunch will not be served, so we will have a concise yet thorough training. If you would like more details about the store or what volunteering could entail, please contact Amy Kay.

## Graduate Student Gathering

This Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, those who are in Graduate School and those who are attached to someone who is a student are invited to the Flat Branch restaurant at 7:00pm. We will get to know one another around the table and look forward to a good academic year. If you want more information about this event, please talk with Amy Kay.

### Weekly Report

July 19, 2009

Received this week \$5,457

Received to Date \$26,427

Needed to Date \$22,248

Attendance - 252

(includes early worship - 55)

## 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)*

### Brunch in Bethany Hall

by Laura Estes  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

3 Grain Waffle with Blackberry Syrup  
Rice Krispie, Egg & Sausage Bake  
Creole Corn Bisque topped with Crab  
Peaches & Cream Pie

*Menu featuring Ryan Hunsaker's  
fresh produce*



### Fair Trade Store Open

Sunday Mornings



The **Pathfinder Class** meets in  
Bethany Hall on Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

After a brief summer “vacation” in June and July the Prayer Shawl Ministry will reconvene at our regular time at 10 o'clock the third Wednesday of the month in August. We have a wonderfully successful program and we would certainly like to encourage anyone and everyone to consider being a part of it. We have only one requirement...that you wish to be able to knit or crochet prayer shawls for individuals who are in special times of their lives. Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet we have members who would love to teach you. If you can't attend our regular meeting, you can still be an important part. We have several members who make wonderful contributions, but because of work or restricted activities can't attend our meetings. We meet at Bethany Hall and have found it to be a wonderful place to get together. Please call Mary Tompson for more information (442-8849).  
~The Shawl Group

## Garden Club



Those interested in food gardening are invited to Mike and Lisa Snyder's home this Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 5:30pm. We will stand around the Snyder's garden and hear the tales of their growing season as we share our own. This is the first gathering of the gardening group and we will decide how to proceed from this occasion. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Amy Kay. Thanks!

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## Heerrree's Johnny!

Well, after months of thinking, planning and training, the time is at hand! It's time to actually do what I said would do, to get on my bicycle and start riding from Columbia to Indianapolis. When I depart from New Haven Elementary School at 6:30 am. Saturday morning, the Rev. Sondra Bowers, minister of the Red Bridge Christian Church in Kansas City will join me in riding the 380 miles (give or take a few!) from Columbia to Indianapolis. As we ride along on Saturday and Sunday we will be supported by my wife, Sarah, who will drive a support vehicle carrying our luggage, supplies of water and Gatorade, and other supplies. On Monday and Tuesday we will be supported by my long-time friend, the Rev. Karen Yount, retired Disciples of Christ minister from Kansas City, with whom I have made similar three such similar trips in the past.

In making this bike trip we raising funds for Reconciliation, the program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) aimed at educating and inspiring members of the church to address the issue of racism, and work to eliminate the primary causes of racism as it is found in our society. When I began publicizing this ride, I hoped to raise a significant amount of money to supplement our congregation's annual Reconciliation offering. Anything over \$2,500 would have been considered a success. But thanks to your generous support we have now received \$3,355.60 in contributions, and \$543 in pledges, making a total of \$3,898.60. And others have mentioned that they still want to bring a check by the church to support the cause!

All I can say is thanks! Thanks for supporting me in this cause! Thanks for joining me in supporting this cause which has its roots in the Bible, found in 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

Our purpose in going to Indianapolis is to attend the General Assembly of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the biannual event which brings together representatives from Disciples of Christ congregations from all across the United States and Canada. As we attend the General Assembly we will share in worship, workshops, business sessions, and many hours of renewing conversation in renewing acquaintances with friends from across the church and across the years. And hopefully we will return with renewed energy and enthusiasm for carrying on the work of Christ through the ministry of our church.

## News of the congregation

We were saddened by the sudden death of **Norma Miller**, age 75, who died at 12:15 p.m. at Boone Hospital after suffering a stroke early Sunday morning, July 19. A graduate of Elsberry High School and the University of Missouri, she was a devoted mother, public school teacher, and active member of our congregation for many years. In November 1983 she founded the Drennan Singers which began singing hymns in various nursing homes, and for more than 25 years has presented anthems in both early and late worship services, sung for CWF meetings, the Christmas pageant and the Twilight Festival. In addition, she worked as an Elder, member of the Administrative Board and many committees, and she served as the church pianist for the early worship service for many years. Survivors include: a daughter, **Carol Miller** of Lake St. Louis, a son, **Craig Miller** of Kansas City; cousins, **Deana Langford**, **Jane Lawson** and **Ann Lindgren**, other immediate family members, **Brandon Miller** and numerous cousins and friends. A memorial service was conducted by Dr. Yonker at First Christian Church at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 22. A committal service will be conducted by Rev. Jimmy Spear on Saturday, July 25 in Elsberry, Missouri.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Perry Ewing**, age 93, who died at the Del Mar Gardens nursing home in St. Louis County on Sunday morning, July 19, following a recent illness. He was a native of Illinois and graduate of Disciples of Christ related Eureka College where he met his wife, **Helen**. They moved to Columbia in 1946 to publish the "Sheep Breeder" which had begun in Chicago in 1929. They lived in Columbia and were active members of our congregation until they moved to the St. Louis area two years ago. In addition to his wife **Helen**, Perry is also survived by their son, **Perry Van Ewing III**, of Houston, Texas; daughter, **Marcia Jory**, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and son, **Neil Ewing** of St. Louis; five grandchildren, and four (and "one on the way") great grandchildren. Memorial service will be conducted by Rev. Sally Robinson at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 28, at Memorial Funeral Home.

**Bob Haynes** and **Lana Poole** have both returned home after spending a few days in the hospital last week. **Ken Bright** was ad-

mitted to Boone Hospital last week, and **Barbara Ghrist**, **Kim Reardon's** cousin, also became a patient in Boone Hospital recently.

Our prayers are with **Kay Beissenherz's** daughter-in-law, **Kassie Hargis** and her two granddaughters, five-year-old, **Kaylee**, and two-year-old, **Allie**, who were involved in an automobile accident on Highway 63 early Monday morning, July 20. After being taken to University Hospital, Allie was released following testing, and Kassie and Kaylee were released on Tuesday.

The JYF thanks **Kim & Buddy Boger** for hosting the perfect pool party and cookout last Sunday. The water was cool, the hot dogs hot and friendship awesome.

The CYF canoed the Huzzah River on July 20. The 12 canoers enjoyed the 12 mile trip and the amazing weather. BIG thanks to **Julie Nichols** and **David Read** for partnering on what the group hopes will be an annual trip.



Dear Ministry of Flowers and  
Perry & Helen Stemmons,

Thank you for the lovely bouquet of flowers which you brought to me on my birthday. I have enjoyed them so much every day. ~Elwyn Ewer

## Happy Birthday!



**July 27**-Jewell Dietzel, Derrick Evers,  
Bradley Volmert

**July 28**-Mark Martin

**July 29**-Shane Bower, Peyton White

**July 30**-Donna Heinen, Anna Rorvig,  
Matthew Thomas, Nancy  
Grieme

**July 31**-Nitasha Bradrick, Hayley  
Batterson



## Book Club

Refuse to read *Grapes of Wrath* this summer? Many members of the Book Club agree with you! Come to our Aug. 12 noon meeting at the Columbia Country Club and give us a piece of your mind. Two lunch selections will be offered: cobb salad with chicken or grilled chicken wrap with side. Total cost: \$11.60 and that includes your tip. Questions? Contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com).

Thank you for choosing to award me with the 175th anniversary scholarship. I plan to attend Columbia College and major in business this fall. This scholarship will help immensely. First Christian Church is very important to me and is a positive influence in my life. Thanks again.



~Ryan Hunsaker

## Who is at Church Camp this week?

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**Chi-Rho Camp, July 28-Aug 1**  
Jeff Ruffolo!



## From the last canoe...

The funny thing about a youth canoe float is the speed of the paddling. No matter how great the length of time set aside for the group to get down the river, high school boys will always paddle hard the whole way. The very idea of floating is not part of their vocabulary, experience, or intention. The CYF went on such a trip last Monday and had a great day together. It was funny for those of us in the back (the adults and a few others who liked the combination of paddling and floating) to catch up with the boys every time they found a deep spot to swim and play. The floating portion of the trip caused me to reflect on the many canoe trips of my life. I realized that I have never floated with adults. It has always been with youth groups. There were times when the water was low and other times when it was high. Some years it was cold and other years luke warm. Some years the kids were amateur canoeists and yet other years they really knew their stuff. There were those I had to watch closely and groups like this one who don't need much supervision. There is always a canoe that runs a zig-zag pattern all the way down the river, never really getting the handle on steering. I think it is these aspects of the trip that bring to mind our very ways of life, its changes and its variety. It also reminds me of the continuity of youth groups. That these groups are filled with variety and changes. Once you get used to the patterns and characters new ones are added and others graduate and move on.

So from the back of the canoe I contemplate the approach of the new school year and find myself getting excited to see how the groups will come together again. We will miss those who are moving on and we will be excited about those moving up. We will search for new ways to impart the wisdom of Jesus and be active participants with the Spirit. We will endeavor to create lasting friendships and serve others in the process. We will have fun. In the very middle of the summer, I am glad that we had some time though, out on the Huzzah River, to recall again the fun of being together in the wilderness with just the water, the air and sun, and good friends. ~Jimmy Spear

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### CYF (9-12 grade)

Serving Dinner at **Loaves & Fishes** on Monday, July 27. Cooking it 1:00 p.m. Serving it at 4:30 p.m.

### **Disciple Kids Day Camp:**

**Aug. 12 (Register by Aug. 5)**  
Forms & fliers are in the office or narthex on Sundays.

### JYF (grades 3-5)

#### Chi-Rho (grades 6-8)

Be watching your mail for news of our August "Welcome back to Youth Group" event when the JYF will welcome new 3rd graders and Chi-Rho will be welcoming new 6th graders.

### **Chi-Rho Mission Trip:**

**August 15-17: St. Louis, MO**  
Staying at the Mission Inn at Union Ave Christian Church and serving in several inner-city ministries.

### **CYF Mission Trip #2:**

**August 9-10: Kansas City, MO**  
Staying at Lee's Summit Christian Church and serving at Micah Ministry at Independence Blvd Christian Church.

### **Learning The Lord's Prayer**

This summer on *The River of Life* discover and learn about Jesus' prayer. Intern Jamie will be leading us in workshops all of July & August.

CYF will head over to Broadway Christian Church for their **Back to School Bash** on August 16th in the late afternoon.



# The Visitor

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## Return Service Requested

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 26

*Van Driver:* Russ Chandler  
*Office Receptionist:* Debbie Potthast  
*Church School Greeter:* Doris Neidhardt  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Jessica and Justin Bright  
*Delivered by -* Brad Beary and Jason Bent

#### **Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

*Worship Assistants:* Will and Donna Houston  
*Elder:* Barbara Rothenberger

#### **Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

*Communion Preparation:* Russ, Linda and Lindsey Chandler  
*Liturgist:* Rick Wells  
*Elders:* Pam and Richard Hoepfner, Sally Robinson  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Sally Robinson  
*Greeter South Door:* Betty and Rich Montgomery  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Emily Unterschut and Zac Ruffolo  
*Candlelighters:* Alexandra Estes and Wolf Schaefer

### This Week (July 26 - August 1)

- Sun. - Fair Trade Training, 11:45 a.m., Bethany Hall  
- Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.  
- Garden Club, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mike & Lisa Snyder's  
- Church Softball Game, 6:00 p.m., Orange Field  
at Rainbow Softball Center  
- Graduate Student Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Flat Branch
- Mon. - CYF serving at Loaves and Fishes (see youth box)
- Wed. - General Assembly of the Christian Church,  
Indianapolis, IN (July 29-Aug. 2)  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- College Group, 7:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

