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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Sunday Services

This Sunday, August 2, Dr. Yonker's sermon will be entitled "For the Healing of the Nations". The scripture readings are Ephesians 4:1-16 and Revelation 22:1-5.

Special music at the 10:30 worship service will be brought to us by the Boonslick Chordbusters. Their music will include: "Hush", "When I Lift Up My Head", "I'll Fly Away" and "Irish Blessing".



Mid-Summer Festival



Clockwise from above: Bounce Houses, Cake Walk, Keith Picker entertainment, World Outreach Jeopardy, Molly Read Face Painting, and BINGO. Also enjoyed: Washers, Ladder Golf, Word Games, and an awesome bike track!

Summertime in the Garden

Last Sunday our church had its first Garden Club gathering at Mike and Lisa Snyder's house. They have a wonderful food garden and were gracious hosts to our group of interested green thumbs... and those of us who have six pepper plants, but hope to be more productive some day. The Garden Club will be meeting monthly through the growing season around different gardens. This is a nice, easy way for us to learn from one another and visit with folks we might not have been with otherwise.

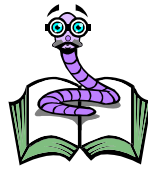
It seems there are opportunities like the garden club happening at our church more and more all year around. In the last week alone a group of fifteen highschoolers and adult sponsors went floating. Fifteen women gathered for the LIFE group which was fun and stimulating. The Drennan Singers practiced and then sang together as they helped us all celebrate Norma Miller's life. A group of friends prepared for and hosted all of those who were able to gather after Norma's service and it was perfectly fitting for the day. The Membership Department with Laura Estes' leadership hosted our first Summer Festival which 65-75 of us greatly enjoyed. Tables full of college students, and then later in the week, graduate students who attend our church gathered to meet one another and fellowship. Finally, the highschoolers prepared for, served and cleaned up a delicious looking supper at Loaves and Fishes. I'm sure there were more gatherings that I'm just not thinking of as well.

We have a lot happening at the church, and it feels good. We see and celebrate from the perch of the church office people actually doing things that they like to do. This is the way the church should be – connecting us all while we do things we feel compelled to do within and outside of the church community.

This summer I have had the opportunity to visit a handful of other churches. The saying, "the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence" doesn't apply to our church compared with other communities of faith. I feel like the grass is greener right here and I hope you feel the same.

Come along and jump into something of interest throughout the week at the church. There is a wide variety of opportunities and great people involved in them all. Thanks be to God.

~amy kay



Book Club

Summer will be over before we know it. Help the Ladies Book Club select their books for the coming year. We're meeting at the Columbia Country Club at noon on Wed., Aug. 12. The lunch (including gratuity) is \$11.60. Please let Linda Hutton know if you're planning on attending by contacting her at 442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com.



Thanks for awarding me the Miller Scholarship. It will help me greatly to pay for my education.

~Kyle Boger

I want to thank my church friends for the calls, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. I especially want to thank Rev. Yonker and Rev. Spear for their visits and the beautiful prayer shawl. It means a lot to be remembered. I am feeling much better now. ~Harlan Hackett

Many thanks to Dr. John Yonker for his visits during and after my recent knee surgery. It is such a comfort to have my church's presence near. I especially appreciated the prayer shawl that was brought me. Thank you also to Gary Unterschultz for bringing the flowers from the church, the church friends who visited me in the hospital, called and sent cards. It was so wonderful to know I was thought of. ~Barb Rothenberger



Aug. 3 – Frances Brown, Ryan Hughey, Lauren Hofmann, Brad Beary

Aug. 4 – Kayla Von Talge

Aug. 5 – Ava Shifley

Aug. 7 – Hartley Rogers

Aug. 8 – Don Mosby, Nathan Sapp

News of the congregation

This week we celebrate the following 50+ wedding anniversaries: **Nelson and Lorene Trickey**, 55 years; **Carl and Norma Miles**, 69 years; **Bettie and Charlie Koelling**, 63 years.

Our sympathies are extended to **Mike Randerson** and his wife **Carole** at the loss of his father, **Orville "Randy" Randerson**. Mr. Randerson passed away on Friday, July 24, and his service will be held in Rock Island, Illinois, at a later date.

In the 8:30 worship service we had the opportunity to share by voice our prayers this last Sunday. Celebration was offered for **Tom Hughey's** parents 66th wedding anniversary, **Tom Martz** shared a positive update on recent health concerns, **Anne Campbell celebrated Jim's** best year yet since the kidney transplant and **Andy Janssen** was back in a smart looking walking cast! In the 10:30 worship service we were glad to welcome a number of guests, hear from two young choir members, **Jordan Mills and Lindsey Chandler** as they offered our special music. We were also sad to say goodbye to the Hylen family. **Mitch & Angie Hylen and their daughters Annika & Korinna** are moving this week to Springfield, MO. This family has been active in the life of the church for some years and will be missed. We send them with blessings and peace.

Our prayers in the coming days are extended to the following friends and family: **Justine "Gus" Picker**, mother of staff member **Keith Picker**, as she has been in the hospital and has on going health concerns. Prayers of sympathy are extended to **John and Julie Hickey** in the death of John's mother, **Margaret Devanney**. Prayers of healing are extended to **Tyler Lay**, infant grandson of **Chuck and Emily Scott** as he and his family contend with a cyst behind his eye.

Thanks to **Susan Gray** for the much needed weeding around the church yard. It does look so much better!

Weekly Report

July 26, 2009

Received this week \$6,239

Received to Date \$32,667

Needed to Date \$30,036

Attendance - 245

(includes early worship - 60)

Summer Lovin

Tom Crane has a condition that looks to me to be a case of the green thumb. This thumb color became evident on Monday of this week when the **CYF** took advantage of a 4th Monday off from school to serve dinner at Loaves and Fishes, our local “soup kitchen.” About 10 of them showed up to prepare a meal for about 70 people to be served at dinner time down at 7th and Park. The group met at 1 pm and finished up about 7:30 p.m. It was a full day and a whole lot of fun being together. Grandmother Spear’s goulash recipe expanded X 20 was actually pretty tasty—eaten down to the last noodle and as for the green beans, they were gone!



But the real treat was a church member who wanted to partner with us. Farmer Tom called and said “I have a few tomatoes, could you use them?” The CYF boys hauled in about 40 lbs of fresh ripe red tomatoes, green peppers and onions from Tom’s truck and he set in to slicing. To say the folks at Loaves and Fishes loved them would be an understatement! I wonder when was the last time they had just picked, fresh, just sliced, good tomatoes with a summer meal. We had a good time serving them up and they ate them up! It was kind of like dessert.



As he was slicing tomatoes, Tom was telling me his excitement about our church’s new Garden Club, and I was excited to have his help making good gardening become a source for feeding some important friends on Monday of this week. It was good to have Tom and our CYF working together on the project too. Well, friends, these are just some observations of how good stuff is being grown around the place this summer... are you in?
~Jimmy Spear

Along with all Disciples we celebrate John Yonker’s bike ride for Reconciliation.

Read the full article: DisciplesWorld.com. (picture taken from *DisciplesWorld* article)



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CYF (9-12 grade)

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 and CYF bringing in new 9th graders.

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.

Youth Groups Start in 4 Weeks!

Disciple Kids Day Camp:

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

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.

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



Sat., Aug. 8th – Peace Gathering, Hiroshima Commemoration, at Stephens Lake, Gordon Shelter. This event will include a potluck dinner (bring table service if possible) at 6 p.m., followed by music and lantern making. Speakers at 8 p.m. will include Rev. Maureen Dickmann of Rock Bridge Christian Church and Andy Heasiet, Coordinator of the Peace Economy Project. The Lantern float will take place at dark.

Sun., Aug. 9th – Members of Second Missionary Baptist Church cordially invite you to fellowship with them at 3:00 p.m. as they celebrate their **Annual Deacon and Deaconess Day** with Rev. Dr. Carlton R. Caldwell of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO as their guest speaker. Their theme will be “Carrying God’s Message for Soul Winning”.

Fri., Aug. 28th – Boone County Council on Aging Mature Living Festival, celebrating life after 55. Admission is free to the festival held from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select Expo Center, 2200 I-70 Drive SW. There will be 50 exhibits, entertainment and live music.

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, August 2

Van Driver: Frank Boster
Office Receptionist: Bobbi McCormack
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Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Pat and Sue Wright
Delivered by - Linda and Bob Hutton

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Will and Donna Houston, Betty Moon
Elder: Joyce Stanley

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Frank and Erin Boster, Mark Mills
and Jordan Mills
Liturgist: Mary Jane Anderson
Elders: Ken Watson, Marilyn Schappert, Lorene Trickey
Deacons: The Campbell Team
Greeter North Door: Chuck Scott
Greeter South Door: Charlie Koelling
Ushers: The Pavlovich Team
Banner Bearers: Makali Hawkins and Will Bower
Candlelighters: Kim Potthast and Julia Bower

This Week (August 2 - 8)

- Sun. - Boonslick Chordbusters perform, 10:30 worship service
- Terrace Vespers, 3:00 p.m.
- Wed. - College Group, 7:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thur. - World Outreach, 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Membership meeting, 6:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri. - Church Dine Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant

