



**The 3rd Sunday in Lent
 Worship for March 15**

**“Cup to recall;
 Cup to sustain”**

We continue our Lenten journey on March 15 with the theme, “Cup: cup to recall - cup to sustain.” Scripture lessons for the day include the famous story of Jesus turning water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee, found in John 2:1-15, and the apostle Paul’s words commemorating the institution of the Lord’s supper recorded in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

At the 8:30 worship service, Nora Dietzel will provide special music singing “O redeeming One” by Dan Adler. During the 10:30 worship, the Chancel Bell Choir will play “Morning Canticle” for the prelude. Jean Hall and Mary Bancroft will play piano duets and communion music will be provided by a quartet (Harlan Hackett, David Read, Kelli Embry and Debbie Batterson) singing “Remember Him” by Price/Besig. The Chancel Choir’s anthem will be “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arranged by Mack Wilberg.



helper at Loaves and Fishes when it is our turn. By trade he is a machinist and has his family origins in Ottawa, Ill. David is a MU fan and lives in central Columbia. **Welcome David!**

We are pleased to officially welcome **Jamie Burlison and Emily Reinbolt** who became associate members of our church on March 1. Jamie is a sophomore in the school of Journalism at Mizzou and is from the Disciple church in Troy, Mo. Emily is a freshman in the school of Engineering at Mizzou and is from the Red Top Christian Church in Hallsville, Mo. Both are active members of the college group and are involved in the life of the church. Welcome, Emily and Jamie! It is good to be church with you!



**Welcome
 New Members!**

New member **David Polach** is not a new face to friends at First Christian. David moved to Columbia more than a year and a half ago and shortly thereafter began attending the 10:30 worship service. Since that time he has found a place among friends in the pews, shared in the Tuesday morning bible study, Wed. Café and is a regular

Weekly Report

March 1, 2009

Received this week \$10,909
 Received to Date \$278,515
 Needed to Date \$298,962
 Attendance - 323
 (includes early worship - 60)

March 8, 2009

Received this week \$9,246
 Received to Date \$287,761
 Needed to Date \$307,089
 Attendance - 288
 (includes early worship - 45)


Loaves and Fishes

Special thanks to the Straw, Wright and Pavlovich families and again to Chuck Scott and David Polach for serving at Loaves and Fishes last month. We don’t have anyone signed up for March 23 and need a small group to take on the preparations for supper, serving and cleaning up at our local soup kitchen. Please talk with Amy Kay or Carol Slusher for more information. Thanks for responding to the needs of our immediate community!

Spring Cleaning Time!

Yes, it’s true! Spring is just around the corner! It’s time to “cast off the old and put on the new”.

Please save all unwanted, unnecessary (but still useable) treasures for the Youth Garage Sale. All items may be brought to Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 22 – Wednesday, March 25. Support Youth Mission Trips through your garage sale donations and contributions.



Blood Drive
March 22
 8:30am – 12:30pm
 Fellowship Hall

Volunteers are NEEDED to set up, sell and clean up! Contact Joyce Stanley for further information: phone 445-5058 or email jbstanley@msn.com

Heerrree's Johnny!

Thanks to everyone for their words of cheer and congratulations on the birth of our grandson! Samuel Joseph Yonker was born to Dave and Liz on Saturday morning, February 28 at the hospital in Sterling, Illinois, the city where Dave serves as minister of First Christian Church. After spending a couple of days in the hospital, he came home on Monday afternoon, and is doing very well. Following the worship services on March 1, I drove to Sterling to spend a few days with my grandson, and Sarah had the pleasure to spend the first week of his life with him, helping Dave and Liz with him and all the things around the house which needed to be done. His uncle, Tom, also had the chance to be with him last weekend. We are all very excited and can't wait to tell you all about him, and we even might have some pictures to share! But we promise not to deluge you with too many pictures or stories of how cute and smart he is!

Thinking about sharing good news, I am reminded of an article which our friend, Rabbi Yossi Feintuch, shared with the members of the Congregation Beth Shalom about how a Jewish congregation shared the news of its congregational life. In Dothan, Alabama, the financially well-off and very generous President of the city's only Jewish synagogue, Temple Emanu-El, fearing that the congregation would dwindle and die without an infusion of new blood, is paying up to fifty thousand dollars to any Jewish family willing to move to Dothan and affiliate with the Temple for at least five years. The first family, a young family, has just relocated, but the stimulus of a financial reward would not in and by itself have convinced them to relocate from North Carolina without the genuine friendliness of the Temple folks that was the final clincher in their decision. According to the local Rabbi, "People are welcoming them with open arms. We've had more phone calls with people saying, 'What can we do for them? Can I take them out to dinner, can I bring them something?' They're really, really excited."

Rabbi Feintuch says that friendship is an important Jewish value and the future of their congregation depends on creating friendships among the members. So it is true for every congregation, Jewish, Christian or otherwise. The church growth experts tell us that the most important factor in growing the church is the attitudes of the church mem-

bers, whether people are excited about what's happening in their churches, whether that excitement comes through in conversations with friends and neighbors, whether their excitement for their church causes others to want to share the life of their churches.

It's like having a new grandchild! It's something so exciting that you can't help talking about it. Have you talked to anyone about First Christian Church lately?



It's not too late to join the Chancel Choir for their preparation of "Forsaken", the Palm Sunday cantata. Rehearsals

are in the sanctuary on Mondays (March 16th, 23rd and 30th) from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Email Cheryl Nichols with questions: Cnichols@stephens.edu

Drennan Group

Drennan group will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 9:00 in the Drennan Room. Carol Slusher will present the program and Sharon Winner is hostess.

Your Special Birthday!



Lois Ross
- 90 on March 19

Thank you for the flowers that the Lightners brought to me in the hospital. Also, thanks to Jimmy and John for coming to see me at the hospital.



Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, as that helped me.

~Tom Martz

News of the congregation

In our prayers at this time are **Ken Bright**, recuperating from surgery at Boone Hospital, and **Amy Kay Pavlovich's father, Wayne Gfeller** who has returned home from the hospital to recuperate from surgery last week. **Angelo Provenzano**, son-in-law of **Tommy Gay Evans**, had surgery on Tuesday and will start chemotherapy in a few days. Cards really lift his spirits and can be sent to: 2612 Belfair Ct., Columbia 65203.

We also keep **Linda Roseman** in our prayers. Our former Administrative Secretary, Linda has just returned home after spending two weeks with her daughter in Kansas City, and after finishing chemotherapy and radiation treatment for lung cancer. For those who remember her and would like to send cards, her address is: 4801 Brandon Woods Street, Columbia 65203-7179.

The **Jen and Ben Micek** family were honored as Volunteers of the Month by the City of Columbia. They have been involved with the TreeKeepers program since 2006, each donating about 20 hours per year. Jen also is involved in Meals-on-Wheels and donates time for events like the Columbia Festival of the Arts and the Kids Duathlon. The Miceks are the parents of **Madeline, Laura and Abigail**.

Thanks to **Larry Burnam** for fixing the broken radiator pipe in the Drennan Room and replacing water lines to the boiler. Also, thanks to **Mark Hunsaker** for all the work on Bethany Hall and in the Fellowship Hall.

For those who have asked for Dave and Liz Yonker's address: 3402 Sixth Ave., Sterling IL 61081.

Happy Birthday!

James Carter-Mar. 15
Kim Williams-Mar. 15
Rob Ridgway-Mar. 15
Ed Bright-Mar. 16
Jordan Mills-Mar. 16
Amy Foster-Mar. 18
Katherine Richardson-Mar. 18
Jack Wells-Mar. 18
Lois Ross-Mar. 19
Cari Sapp-Mar. 19
Wolfgang Schaefer-Mar. 21



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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

CYF will participate in Columbia's Youth Service Day, April 18, 9:00-12:00
CHI-RHO Northeast Area Retreat, March 20-21: 10 youth attending

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>

Sunday, April 5

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 5, 19 and May 3, 17
Parent Partners Needed

Van Drivers Wanted

We are in search of someone to drive our van on a few Sunday mornings in the coming months. There is also a need for transportation for a few events on Wednesday evenings. Feel called to drive? Call Amy Kay for more information. Thanks!

Discipleship Class!

Do you know how we got the name Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Did you know that one of our early church leaders was a man called Racoon? Can you imagine 10,000 to 20,000 people gathered on a Cane Ridge for a great big revival meeting? Do you know who a Campbellite is?

If you would like to get the answers to these questions, and learn more about the history of our denomination, you are invited to share in the Discipleship Class on Sunday, March 15. The class meets in the Green Room on the west end of the 3rd floor of the Education Building, and is open to everyone!

On March 22, Dr. Yonker will present information about our views of baptism, communion and ecumenical work. On March 29, the class will focus on the history, structure and programs of our congregation.

STARS (50 + Group) Reports



Twenty-six friends gathered at Lenoir Woods Center for a delightful lunch hosted by Frances and Harsh Brown Wednesday, March 4, 2009. After the lunch we adjourned to the center's new theatre and viewed a great movie, Young @ Heart.

Our next event is the trip to Kansas City to tour the World War I Memorial and the Community Christian Church near the Plaza. We will have lunch at Tomfooleries on the Plaza. Departure time will be at 8:30 a.m. from the church parking lot. We should be home by 6 p.m.

Please sign up in the church office (449-7265) by March 26 so we can make appropriate transportation arrangements. Cost will be lunch, transportation and a memorial tour fee of \$7 for the museum or \$8 for the museum + the tower (the tower includes an elevator, but also 45 steps).

We are always glad to include guests on our outings, and please make reservations for them too.

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 18th CAFÉ

Menu: Irish Stew
Biscuits
Dessert

- * **Administrative Board Meeting**
- * **No Bible Study this week**
- * **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**.

African American Convocation

The Christian Church of Mid-America is sponsoring the "African American Convocation" at the Rickman Center in Jefferson City, Missouri on April 3rd and 4th. This event is open to all disciples.

The event begins with registration at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3rd. It will include workshops, speakers and lunch on Saturday before departure. For registration forms and information on fees contact the church office at 449-7265.

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Sunday's Schedule-March 15, 2009

Van Driver: Eric Seaman *Telephone:* Carole Randerson

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Charles and Bettie Koelling, Joni Cupp

Elder for 8:30 Service: Joyce Stanley

Communion Preparation:

Sue Fink, Thomas and Cindy Rose

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Sarah Read

10:30 Elders: Donna and Will Houston, Linda Ridgeway

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters:

Chuck Scott, *North Door*

Carol Slusher, *South Door*

Ushers: The Nichols Team

Banner Bearers: Anna Poole and Matthew Hoepfner

Candlelighters: Sam Poole and Derrick Evers

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Millie Bolman and Cari Sapp

Delivered: Harsh Brown

This Week (March 15-21)

- Sun. - Discipleship Class, 9:30 a.m., Green Room
(3rd Floor, Educational Building)
- Church In Society Mission Fair, 9:15-12:15,
Fellowship Hall
- Mon. - Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
- CYF Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Panera's
- Tue. - Drennan Group, 9:00 a.m., Drennan Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Missouri United
Methodist Church, 209 South 9th Street
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m. Dinner
No Bible Study this week
- Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Thr. - Master Planning Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Sarah Read's office

