




**The 4th Sunday in Lent
 Worship for March 22**

**"Word to challenge;
 Word of comfort"**

During our Lenten journey we come to a Sunday to celebrate the word of God. In the Scripture, several times the people of God are called to recite the words of the commandments to their children and to allow the word of God to guide and instruct them. Our worship service on March 15 will celebrate the word of God with readings from Nehemiah 8:1-12, Deuteronomy 5:4-9, and John 1:1-4, 14, 16.

A special act of faith will be included this Sunday in the 8:30 service. Brad and Khons Volmert will bring their young daughters Kate and Ann to be dedicated and blessed. What a celebration in the life of the church family!

The Chancel Choir anthem at the 10:30 worship service will be "Lord, Make Thy Word a Lantern" by Jean Pasquet. All worship this day will begin with the great hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," join us as we do so!

 **Blood Drive**
American Red Cross
March 22
 8:30am – 12:30pm
 Fellowship Hall

Weekly Report
March 15, 2009
 Received this week \$9,099
 Received to Date \$296,860
 Needed to Date \$315,218
 Attendance - 259
 (includes early worship - 45)

Church In Society Mission Fair a Success!

We are thankful for the following groups who participated in our Church in Society Mission Fair held this past Sunday morning: Community Nursery School, Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home, Woodhaven Learning Center, Organ Donation Options, Loaves and Fishes, Voluntary Action Center, and The Shelter. The representatives from each group were very willing to answer any questions and share the things their organizations do best to meet the needs of our community. Our church budget for these organizations and additional agencies that were unable to attend our event are listed below. We hope that we are able to give our donations to these helping agencies, but are waiting to see if we have enough funds to be able to do so.



Carol Slusher, Church in Society Chairperson

Thank you to Amy Kay and Beth Nelms for the delicious refreshments served at the fair, photographer Joyce Stanley (see the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for more pictures of this event), and Beth Nelms for the informational poster.

Church in Society Committee: Tammy Arnett, Teena Gater, Nancy Grieme, Paula Hoenes, Beth Nelms, Colleen Nilges, Paul Ritchie, Stacia Schaefer, Brianna Shepard and Carol Slusher. Amy Kay is our Department's member minister.

Church in Society Budget 2008-2009

Voluntary Action Center	\$1,300
designated for dental fund	\$ 500
designated for prescription medicine	\$ 500
Fun City Youth Academies	\$ 500
Interfaith Council (Loaves & Fishes)	\$ 300
Central Missouri Food Bank	\$ 750
Interfaith Council (Adult Day Center)	\$ 400
Meals on Wheels	\$ 350
Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home	\$ 700
Welcome Home	\$ 250
Columbia Jail Ministry (for Bibles)	\$ 200
Discretionary	\$1,800
Woodhaven Learning Center	\$1,000
Habitat for Humanity (local)	\$ 550
Community Nursery Schools	\$ 425
Columbia Interfaith Council (support)	\$ 500
Intersection After School Program	\$ 300
The Shelter	\$ 250
Total	\$10,575

WANTED: YOUR STUFF!

Load up those boxes; fill up those trucks and vans! We want what you no longer need! (Clean and in good condition) Knick-knacks, jewelry, holiday items, decorative items, toys, camping gear, tools, clothing, furniture, small appliances, "Items too numerous to mention!"



Letters acknowledging receipt of donated items for tax purposes will be available at the door to Fellowship Hall.

Donations for the Annual Youth Garage Sale may be brought to the church: Sunday, March 22 – Wednesday March 25.

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

STARS Go to KC



A spring trip to Kansas City is the STARS plan for April 1. It's not too late to sign-up to tour the World War I Memorial and the Frank Lloyd Wright designed *Community Christian Church* near the Plaza. Lunch will be on the Plaza at *Tomfooleries*. Departure time will be at 8:30 a.m. from the church parking lot. We should be home by 5:30 p.m.

STARS is the 50+ fellowship group of FCC. Please sign up in the church office (449-7265) by March 26.



Never content with space/time, the Book Club moved in March to Bethany Hall for one of our most spirited discussions. *Blood of Flowers* proved the most engaging of this year's books. April's pick, *Tasting the Sky* by Columbia resident Ibtisam Barakat, continues this year's cultural diversity theme. Please consider joining us Wednesday, April 8, at noon in Bethany Hall. Contact Linda Hutton with questions, 442-5423.

Wanted: Landscape Visionaries & Yard Workers

First Christian is an attractive, historic church. Currently, the exterior landscaping is not living up to its potential as a setting for our church building. The Property Committee is willing to do the "heavy lifting" - however, a group focused on maintaining and improving the landscape is really needed!

The Property Committee would like to establish a Landscape Sub-Committee. The goals of this committee would be to:

- 1) Develop a regular schedule for landscape maintenance.
- 2) Plan and carry out regular maintenance.
- 3) Develop a list of future landscaping needs for church property.
- 4) Determine specific costs for maintenance and improvements.

Please contact Joyce Stanley (Property Committee Secretary) jbstanley@msn.com 445-5058 if you would like to chair or serve on this committee.

News of A Caring Family 5B Gathers

Twelve members of Family 5B recently met for the second time, enjoying dessert and fellowship in the home of Jack and Nancy Kirtley Thursday evening, February 26. They are enjoying the chance to get to know one another and are making plans for caring within their new family.

Thank You!

We would like to thank Nancy Watson for giving us the prayer shawls and Helen Grahl and Jewell Dietzel for knitting them. They will be a constant reminder of the love of the family of First Christian Church.
~Anne & Tommy Tomlin

Your Special Birthday!



Carl Miles
- 91 on March 22
Mable Smith
- 91 on March 23

News of the congregation

Parker Rossman was released from University Hospital on Saturday, March 14, after spending a few days there recuperating from a fall at home last week. **Ken Bright** is recuperating from surgery last Friday at Boone Hospital. **Abby Holman**, daughter of **Kelley and Mike Holman**, is recuperating from surgery on Monday morning, March 16, at Regional Hospital.

Thanks to **Nora Dietzel** who provided special music at the 8:30 worship service last Sunday. At the 10:30 worship service special music was provided by the **Chancel Bells, Chancel Choir** and a quartet (**Harlan Hackett, David Read, Jean Hall and Debbie Batterson**) accompanied by instrumentalists (**Mark Mills, Jimmy Spear and Debbie Taylor**). Thanks to all of those groups.

Congratulations to **Andy Janssen** who won the Missouri Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Yes I Can! Community Service Award on Saturday, March 14th. Check the website for photos & more on this event: <http://www.ksw1.50megs.com/photo3.html>

Perry and Helen Ewing send their greetings to all their friends in Columbia at First Christian Church. Perry returned to his St. Louis home on March 11 after spending a week at the Rehabilitation Unit at Missouri Baptist Hospital. We wish him well as he continues to regain his strength in the days to come.

Birthdays!



Evelyn Henry-Mar. 22
Mary Jane Rogers-Mar. 23
Jared Swope-Mar. 23
Helen Stemmons-Mar. 24
Amy Bangs-Mar. 24
Joshua Ripley-Mar. 25
Jonathan LaHue-Mar. 25
Libby Weber-Mar. 26
Kira Hoenes-Mar. 27
Marjorie Hook-Mar. 28
Robert Dewey-Mar. 28
Mark Merkel-Mar. 28

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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 in Bethany Hall.
Present study: The Gospel of Luke

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

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 25th CAFÉ

Menu: Baked Potato Bar
Garden Salad
Dirt Pie

* **Program:** "Composting for the Environment and Good Eats!" with David Read

* **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**.

O to be a Summer Church Camp Counselor!

Adults, the college aged, and high school youth are needed as volunteer summer church camp counselors this summer! Camps are from 3 to 5 days and held at The Rickman Center in Jefferson City. What a rewarding experience to share the love of God with our kids. About 30 kids from FCC will be attending camp this summer which means we need to also send about 5 counselors to camp. No experience necessary! Check out the camp dates on the NEA website www.nearea.org and talk to Jimmy Spear for more information. (Camp Staffs are being formed ASAP.) If you have time this summer and want a really rewarding experience we have it for you!

Crafts for Kids at CAFÉ

Eight school age kids joined Joyce Stanley to make Easter crafts during the 6:30-7:30 programming time at Wednesday night CAFÉ. Crafts included making chick and bunny Easter eggs and decorating foam Easter eggs. After enjoying the craft



room, everyone moved over to the game room for free play time with Legoes, two antique electric typewriters and the chalkboard. Join us for more good times next Wednesday night. (Childcare is provided for preschoolers in the nursery.) Special thanks to Joyce Stanley for providing this children's option.

Mid-America Spring Women's Retreat March 27th and 28th

The Women's Retreat to be held at the Rickman Center in Jefferson City begins with dinner Friday night, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. The theme is "Balanced Diet" and module topics are titled: "Spiritual", "Our Journeys", "Weathering the Storm" and "Under Construction". The retreat concludes on Saturday afternoon, March 28, at 3:30 p.m. Contact Shirley Park (815-9126) with questions.

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Sunday's Schedule-March 22, 2009

Van Driver: Carol Slusher *Telephone:* Nina Oliver

8:30 Early Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Asst: Ann Linn and Betty Moon

Elder for 8:30 Service: Frances Brown

Communion Preparation:

Joe and Kim Reardon, Kurt and Stacia Schaefer

9:30 Church School

Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt

10:30 Worship in Sanctuary

Sermon: Dr. John J. Yonker *Liturgist:* Dan Gieseke

10:30 Elders: Debbie Batterson, Eldon Drennan and Sally Estes

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters:

Paula Hoenes, *North Door*

Joyce Stanley, *South Door*

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Derrick Evers and Julia Bower

Candlelighters: Ryan Boger and Megan Potthast

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by: Nancy Grieme and Bryan Grieme-Verslues

Delivered: Cherry and Ed Hinderberger

This Week (March 22-28)

- Sun. - Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Discipleship Class, 9:30 a.m., Green Room
(3rd floor, Educational Building)
- Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m., Lenoir
- Baptism/Pastor's Class, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Green Room
(3rd floor, Educational Building)
- Mon. - Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- CYF Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Community United
Methodist Church, 3301 West Broadway
- Hannah Jones Group, Lenoir 2nd floor apts.
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Royanne Tracy's
home
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m., Dinner
6:30, Program: David Read, "Composting for
the Environment and Good Eats!"
6:30, Bible Study
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Fri. - Parker-Scott Group, 1:30 p.m., Lenoir Community Ctr.
- Fri.-Sun - Garage Sale: Friday, 3:00-6:00; Sat., 8:00-1:00 and
Sun., 8:30 to Noon