



Worship This Sunday

The theme of “*All Things in Common*” continues this Sunday, May 10, as the focus word is **TEMPLE**. How is our church home, our place a worship, an integral part of our living? The lesson from Acts 2:46 will begin our look at what it means to have a Temple in our lives and the ways it connects and intersects with our faith journey.

The big opening hymn of the day is the old favorite “*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*”. The 8:30 service will welcome Brenda Mosby back as soloist, with the Chancel Choir offering music in the 10:30. It promises to be a good Sunday so bring a friend when you join us!

Bethany Hall Hospitality

Bethany Hall will be open from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on Sunday, May 10th and May 17th as usual, but we will be hosted by the college students the first week and then the high schoolers the second. There will be juice, coffee, bagels and donuts available for our enjoyment. Come and fellowship with friends!

Fair Trade Store

If you need gifts for upcoming holidays or events, please consider shopping in our Fair Trade Store. We have many options including coffee, teas, jewelry, purses, religious and family oriented handicrafts. The store is open on Sundays in Bethany Hall from 9 am – 1pm and by appointment. Gift Certificates are available.

Weekly Report

May 3, 2009

Received this week \$11,136

Received to Date \$351,022

Needed to Date \$379,155

Attendance - 295

(includes early worship - 55)



David Polach, Joyce Stanley, Sue Underwood, Chuck Scott, Bragg Stanley and Brenda Martin volunteering at Loaves and Fishes on April 27.

The next Loaves and Fishes volunteer opportunity will be Memorial Day, May 25th. Call Carol Slusher at 819-3984 or Amy Kay in the church office 449-7265.

Summer Ministry Internship

In recent years our church has benefited from a college student serving in the children, youth and campus arenas of ministry. The position spans a 10 week duration. If you or someone you know are interested in our Summer Ministry Internship position, please contact Amy Kay or Jimmy before May 15th for the job description and application. Thanks!

Warm Up Columbia

Our congregation will be participating in a summertime project, **Warm Up Columbia**, to collect clean, gently used coats/blankets, gently used bath towels, and/or new winter hats, gloves, scarves or socks for the needy of our community. If you would like to donate any of these items to this project, please place them in the bin provided in the narthex of the church anytime throughout the summer. *Please wash all donated items.*

College Mission Trip

After much conversation and deliberation, we have decided to change this year’s college learning and serving mission trip. We were planning to travel to the “Inman” historical Disciple Mission Center in the San Antonio Housing Authority area. Although we feel that our health care would keep us perfectly safe, our final decision was to refrain from taking a “non-essential” trip to the area. Instead, we are being flexible and are looking into other good Disciple learning and serving trips. Please keep our group in your thoughts as we go about this process... quickly. We leave on Sunday, May 17th.

Stewardship Moment May 3



The focus in the worship service this last Sunday was **NEED**. In these especially tough times we tend to think about meeting our own basic needs—for food, for shelter, for keeping our households intact. There are also the needs of the groups and institutions around us in society, and maybe here our perspective shifts a bit. How can we meet those needs when we have so many of our own? Among these needs are those of First Christian Church: to make salary for the staff, to keep a big old building running, to perform all the services that the church performs every day of the week. We confront the same hard question: how can we meet those needs when we have so many of our own? But I want to suggest that the church’s needs are also *our* needs—to be fed, to be sheltered, to be together as a family and a community in the sight of God. This week all church members will have received the church’s stewardship letter and pledge card. We hope that everyone will return the card to the church, and will give thoughtfully and generously, knowing that in meeting the church’s needs, WE are meeting our own. ~David Read

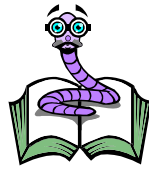
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Word has come from one of our church families that they want to make a gift of \$5,000 to help us reach our World Outreach goal for the year. Like many others, they have been affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for many years and have come to believe that the ministry of the church is not only about paying the staff, keeping the lights burning, cooling the building, and providing materials for the Sunday School, but reaching out across the city and the world with the message and ministry of Christ. And so, they have called the church office to let us know they want to add \$5,000 to the church's world outreach contributions.

As you may remember, when we approved our church budget last year, we had hoped to fulfill our mission goals, but with the economic recession effecting so many people, financial resources have been tight. To the present time we have received and contributed special day offerings: For Reconciliation, the special Disciples of Christ program aimed at eliminating the root causes of racism in North America, \$1,125.40. And for the Week of Compassion, our humanitarian and relief, refugee assistance and self-help development, we have contributed \$2,311.37 Through other special day offerings we have contributed to the world-wide work of the church through the Disciples Mission Fund: Thanksgiving \$1,235.00, Christmas \$1,760.00 and Easter \$2,207.00. On June 7 we will receive our Pentecost offering which will also support Disciples of Christ world outreach ministries.

In the coming week we are prepared to make a financial contribution to support causes listed in both the World Outreach and the Church in Society budgets. But this will not enable us to complete our budget goals. There are others areas of World Outreach and local ministries which we have supported for many years, and which we want to support in this church year. If you are not aware of these, I ask you to call the church office for a copy of the excellent handbook, "Outreach Ministries," published in 2007, which lists all the local and world missions supported by our giving.

A challenge has been issued! If you would respond to help us reach our mission goals for the year, we encourage you to make gifts beyond your regular financial contributions. Call the church office today, or simply write a check and note it for the World Outreach or Church in Society ministries of the church.



Ladies Book Club

It's almost here! After eight months of reading thoughtful, challenging books, it's time to party! Please bring a book or two to share with other members at the First Annual Book Swap of the Ladies' Book Club. Be ready to explain why your book is a good summer read. Yes, you can thank Amy La Hue for opening her home & providing us lunch. See you May 13, at noon. Be there, or be square! Contact Linda Hutton with questions at 442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com.



A BIG THANK YOU to Marsha Rawlings for using her time, talent, and materials to refinish the piano and bench in the Drennan room. The piano was damaged by water that leaked from pipes above the piano. The members of Drennan will enjoy seeing and using the piano restored to beauty. Marsha, we appreciate you.

~Drennan Group

College Care Package Thank You

Thanks to all of those who delivered college care packages for us this year! We have already received thank yous from students. We appreciate your help with this outreach from our church.



May 10 - Harlan Hackett, Laura Hutton, Sharon Winner, Wayne Meyer
May 11 - Mary Bancroft, Amy Kay Pavlovich, Makali Hawkins
May 12 - Jacy Alexander, Ben Nelms
May 14 - Linda Hutton
May 15 - Vaughan Dietzel

News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Bryan Hickey** and **Kenley Barrett** on the birth of their daughter, **Ila Rose Hickey** who was born at 10:41 a.m. Monday morning, May 4 at Boone Hospital. She weighed 8 lb 2 oz and was 21 3/4" at birth. Proud grandparents are John and Julie Hickey. All the family members are doing well and hoped to go home on Tuesday!

In our concern are the following people: **Parker Rossman** spent several days at University Hospital but returned to the Lenoir Health Care Center on Monday afternoon, May 4. **Mike Randerson's** father, **Orville (Randy) Randerson** was admitted to Boone Hospital on April 26 and continues receiving treatment at this time. **Larry Dietzel's** sister, **Judy Imsland** is at home to continue recovering from a recent heart attack.

Good Music! Thanks to **Pat Rybolt** for her solo presented at the early service last Sunday. Thanks to the members of the **Chancel Handbell Choir** for their prelude. It was the last Sunday for bell choir to play in worship before their summer break. Thanks to **Susan Woodbury** and **Jean Hall** for their inspiring offertory, "Down to the River to Pray" at the 10:30 service last Sunday. We appreciate all our musicians offering their special gifts in our services of worship.

Congratulations to **Dr. Bryan Garton** who has been appointed Associate Dean of Academic Programs for the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. For the last year he has served as Assistant and Interim Dean, and will begin his new duties immediately. Since coming to Mizzou in 1993, Bryan has been teaching agricultural education and looks forward to working in this new capacity.

Thanks to **Larry Burnam** for working on the church's air conditioning last week. Thanks, also, to **Anne Linn** for helping with the stewardship mailing last Friday.



Thanks to Lorene Trickey for the beautiful flowers she brought us from the church as we celebrated our 66th anniversary. We really enjoyed them

~Bill and Mary Ann Niedergerke

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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.

CYF Bible Study in Bethany Hall
Every Monday Night, 7:30 p.m.
Present study: The Gospel of Luke

JYF & CHI-RHO will meet on Sunday, May 17 - Holly Wheatley is JYF Parent Partner & snack provider. Thanks to Lottie Creasy for partnering with JYF and Donna Kessell as a sub with Chi-Rho last week!

Sunday, May 17

JYF (grades 3-5) 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
**Wear running/outdoor shoes!
Chi-Rho (grades 6-8) 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Sunday Mornings on The River of Life:

Zacchaeus May 3 - May 24.
Sunday School for all children grades K-5 begins on the 3rd floor at 9:30 a.m.

Summertime ----- Calendar it!

Vacation Bible School

June 14-18

Disciple Kids Day Camp

July 15 & Aug. 12

33 of our kids are signed up for Summer Church Camp! See Jimmy if you would like to join the fun--there is still time!

Counselors are still needed at several age levels. See Jimmy Spear for details. Based on the number of kids we send to camp, we are asked to bring at least 5-6 counselors this year!

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

May 13th CAFÉ

Menu: Baked Lemon Chicken
Dilled Carrots and Peas
Strawberry Shortcake

* **Program: Health care video and discussion** - recommended by Bill Bondeson, professor of medical ethics

* **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**.



Ready for you to volunteer!

Vacation Bible School will be held from June 14 – 18 in the evening from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Plans are underway and your help is needed as a workshop leader or a small group guide. It is easy to Volunteer for VBS! Everything is supplied for you and requires little preparation. A joyful heart and willing attitude are all you need! Please call Jessica Humble at 441-8021 or see Jimmy Spear for more information. It promises to be a GREAT time!

Vote on Twitter for Kids

It's in your power to help give away one million dollars to our church-related Tennyson Center for Children in Denver. Tennyson is a finalist in a nationwide charity campaign sponsored by TwittaCause of Twitter. We just learned of it. Our church Outreach Ministries chair, Sally Robinson, hopes everyone of us who can will help.

To cast your votes once a day every day, click on this link:

<https://dnbweb1.blackbaud.com/OPXREPHIL/Link.asp?link=351908>

Tennyson Center is currently in a close second place among 25,404 votes. You can vote every day through May 10.

Tennyson is especially for abused and neglected children and is part of our church's Colorado Christian Home, explains the director, Bob Cooper. It is highly regarded throughout Colorado. To help more kids it needs more facilities and counselors. If you know Denver, it fills a block or so at 2950 Tennyson St. adjacent on the northeast to Sloan's Lake park.

**It's Your Vision
Columbia Awareness Day
May 12, 2009
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Lenoir Woods
2710 S. Lenoir Street
Columbia, MO**

Discover the benefits of low vision video magnifiers, screen magnification software, products that read your books, bills, and mail - This event is hosted by Lenoir Woods and sponsored by Freedom Scientific. A complimentary lunch will be served. Seating is limited, so call 1-800-336-5658 for reservations.

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, May 10

Van Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Valerie Freed
Church School Greeter: Coleen Nilges
Flower Ministry:

Arranged by - Hayley Batterson and Bud Batterson
Delivered by - Kelly and Mark Embry

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Charles & Bettie Koelling, Tom & Susan Gray
Elder: Anne Campbell

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Mary Jane Anderson, David Heise,
Mark Martin

Liturgist: Brenda Martin
Elders: Julie and John Hickey, Cliff Tompson
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeter North Door: Charles Koelling
Greeter South Door: Pat & Sue Wright
Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: William Bower and Matthew Hoepfner
Candlelighters: Jacob Ripley and Megan Potthast

This Week (May 10 - 16)

- Sun. - Mother's Day
- Church Softball Games, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., both games on Blue Field, Rainbow Softball Ctr.
- Mon. - CYF Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ladies Book Club, 12:00 noon, Amy LaHue's home
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m., Dinner
6:30, Program: Health care video and discussion, recommended by Bill Bondeson, medical ethics prof.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Back Room (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.

