



## Sunday Worship - May 24

On the Sunday preceding Memorial Day our worship services will focus on the promise of eternal life, and celebrate the lives of the saints who have answered the call of Christ, and left their marks upon our lives. Scripture readings will be taken from Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, and 1 John 5:9-13.

At the 8:30 worship service special music will be brought to us by Linda Chandler. She will sing "Because He Lives" by William Gaither. Then, at 10:30 the Chancel Choir will sing "People Need The Lord", words and music by Greg Nelson and Phil McHugh, with music arranged by Phil Perkins.



## Friday Night Dine Out Group Honors Server

At the last Friday Night Church Dine Out the church members honored their regular server, Spencer, with a graduation and thank you gift. Spencer has been their regular server at Bob Evans Restaurant for several

months. He was so familiar with the group that he remembered what they normally ordered and had it ready for them. Spencer has graduated now and is moving to St. Louis. He will definitely be missed by this group!

## Pledge Progress Report

As of May 18, 2009, the total pledged for the 2009-2010 church year is \$301,482. There have been 148 pledge cards returned. As compared to last year these 148 pledges breakdown as follows: 15 new, 54 increased, 58 unchanged, and 21 decreased.

### Weekly Report

May 17, 2009

Received this week \$6,001  
Received to Date \$362,056  
Needed to Date \$395,411  
Attendance - 224  
(includes early worship - 59)

## Drennan Group Salad Luncheon-May 26

The Drennan Group will have a salad luncheon for their last regular meeting of the season Tuesday, May 26, 2009 starting at 12 noon in Bethany Hall. The hostesses will be Mary Jane Anderson, Judith Wildman and Carol Slusher. Bring your favorite salad—the drinks and eating utensils will be furnished.

Each person is invited to bring an item that can be shared with Coyote Hill Children's Home. The home can always use items like liquid laundry soap, non-perishable food items in larger quantities, canned meat, etc. We will be collecting these at our meeting to take to them as our service project. Monetary gifts are always acceptable too.

Mark your calendars for lunches at various restaurants during the summer. We will gather about 11:30 each fourth Tuesday so be watching for the choice of restaurant for June.

## Vacation Bible School 2009 June 14-18 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Get ready to get swampy at this year's Vacation Bible School - Crocodile Dock!



## Register your kids! Sign up to volunteer!

Do it all online! It is easy:

- Go to our church website, [www.firstchristian.org](http://www.firstchristian.org)
- Find "VBS Registration Link"
- Then sign up to attend and/or volunteer!



Recently we received a \$5,000 gift from a church family to support the world wide mission causes of the church supported through the World Outreach Department. It was not given as a challenge, to be withheld unless it was matched by gifts from other church members, but the gift was made to encourage other members of the congregation also to support the mission programs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) supported through our World Outreach and Church in Society Departments.

Today I am announcing a challenge of my own! I am planning to ride my bicycle from Columbia to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)! That's right! With the support of a friend in Kansas City, and the company of at least one other minister, I plan to leave Columbia bright and early on Saturday morning, July 25, and begin four days of riding to reach Indianapolis for the start of the assembly on Wed. evening, July 29.

The whole purpose of the ride is not just to have fun, and get some exercise, but to raise money for the Reconciliation program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Reconciliation is the special mission of the Disciples of Christ aimed at the elimination of the primary causes of racism in North America.

Funds given by individuals and congregations support education and other actions or programs, for example: to send African American youth in northeast Missouri to summer church camp at the Rickman Center, to assist burned black churches, to support a Boston teen training program, diversity training programs in Texas, and an after school program in Oklahoma City. For more information about the programs which our offerings support, go to the Disciples of Christ homepage ([www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)) and look for Reconciliation under General Ministries.

I have spoken to several people about riding, and would love to hear from other biking enthusiasts who are crazy enough to join in this adventure! Just give me a call at the church, or stop me in the hallway and ask for directions to Indianapolis!

Watch this space in the coming weeks to learn more about the Ride for Reconciliation!

# 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 27th CAFÉ

*Menu:* BBQ Burgers  
Corn on the Cob  
Asian Slaw  
Brownies

\* **Program:** "Jewelry Making" with  
Melissa Straw

\* **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**.



Thank you for sharing your church with us. It was truly appreciated.  
~Puppet group from Garden City, KS

### Your Special Birthday!

**Harold Rosebaum**  
- 95 on May 20th



**Parker Rossman**  
- 90 on May 20th

## News of the congregation

**Clarice Estes'** surgery was postponed and will be scheduled at a later time. **Martha Niday** has returned home after spending a few days in the hospital last week. **Sandra Powell** has moved to Veterans Hospital to continue evaluation after tests last week at University Hospital. **Larry Dietzel** is recovering from surgery on Monday afternoon at Columbia Orthopedic Group. **Debbie Potthast** is scheduled for surgery on Thursday morning, at Boone Hospital.

Thanks to the members of the **Chancel Choir** for their anthem, "How Beautiful" presented at the 10:30 service, and to **Nora Dietzel** who also sang, "How Beautiful" at the 8:30 service, and "Share Your Faith" at the 10:30 service last Sunday.

Thanks to **Larry Burnam** for his early morning response to a call for assistance with the sanctuary air conditioner.

Graduates, please let the church office know of your accomplishments for Graduate Sunday, May 31, during 10:30 worship.

*Wedding Anniversaries:* For many years we have recognized church members' wedding anniversaries of fifty years or more in worship services. Recently it has been suggested that these also be listed in the church newsletter for those people who are not able to attend worship services. Henceforth we will mention those wedding anniversaries each week as they occur through the year. Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated anniversaries in 2009: **Tommy Gay and David Evans**, 50 years on January 25; **Bob and Sue Haynes**, 52 years on March 9; **Harsh and Frances Brown**, 61 years on March 13, **Bob and Muriel Leach**, 54 years on April 8; **Bill and Mary Ann Niedergerke**, 66 years on April 23. Congratulations to **Ray and Buena Lansford** who will celebrate their 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on May 25!

## Happy Birthday

**May 25**-Evan Holliday, Dottie Galbraith

**May 26**-Mary Banken, Genny Brown

**May 27**-Bud Batterson

**May 28**-Bruce Woodbury, Isabella Arnett

**May 29**-Jeanne Tolch, Mary Dewey, Abigail Reardon

**May 30**-Amanda Holman, Kameron Freed

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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  
(Will NOT meet May 25)  
Every Monday Night, 7:30 p.m.  
Present study: The Gospel of Luke

## Sunday, May 31

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

JYF will meet on Sunday, May 31 for the last time this school year.

**CHI-RHO** thanks Donna Kessell for the great healthy snack last week and Holly Gieseke for being our parent partner all year!

## 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**  
**Register & volunteer online!**  
**See the front page of Visitor.**

**Disciple Kids Day Camp**  
**July 15 & Aug. 12**

**Chi-Rho Mission Trip: August 16-18**

**CYF Mission Trip: Tulsa, OK**  
**June 19-26**  
**When school is out, CYF will EAT OUT!**  
**Wed. Nights, June 6 & 13**

## STARS 50+ Group Travels to Hermann June 3

The STARS next outing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2009 which will be a trip to Hermann. This outing will require reservations turned in by May 28, 2009. We will go by van and cars to Hermann and tour the town and its outskirts. The cost will be about \$15 per person for transportation and then money for a meal. We would be back to Columbia by 5:30 p.m.

## Organ Dedication & Recital -- Free

The public is invited to the dedication of the new Quimby Pipe Organ and free recital featuring Ken Cowan at First Christian Church, 327 E. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO on Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Cowan is currently Professor of Organ at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, and has performed to rave reviews throughout North America. Quimby Pipe Organs is located in Warrensburg, MO. The firm has built instruments throughout the United States and restored such notable instruments as the one in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City.

## Johnny Wray is Honored

Johnny Wray, the long-time director of our denomination's acclaimed "Week of Compassion," was the recipient of an honorary doctoral degree this past Saturday, May 16. It was conferred by Phillips Theological Seminary at Tulsa, Okla., and presented by President William Tabbernee of PTS.

We know Johnny! In recent years he has come here twice to give us firsthand and pictorial reports of the ongoing Christian humanitarian aid work we help provide.

The Week of Compassion predates, and is now allied with, the ecumenical "One Great Hour of Sharing" and Church World Service. Now we all pool \$2 million annually to its work. Johnny became its director in 1992 and recently retired. He continues to be known as a congenial, earnest, cooperative, and effective advocate and has often been at disaster scenes to help out. Let us join PTS and others in gratitude to Johnny.

## VBS Volunteers -- YOU!

Volunteers needed in the following areas of Vacation Bible School Leadership:

Elementary Dockside Drive-In  
(Chadder-**Video**) Leader  
Elementary Gator **Games** Leader  
Elementary Bayou **Crew** Leaders  
Preschool Chadder's  
(Video) Adventures Leader  
**Preschool Games** Leader  
**Preschool Crew** Leaders

**What is a Crew Leader?** Crew Leaders are older youth and adults who lead the same small group of children throughout the evening between workshop/lesson areas.

**Will it be you? Perhaps find someone to partner with?** With VBS coming in less than a month, all our leadership spots need people!

Thanks to all who took all the "supplies needed bags" from the Narthex Sunday! Return them to the stage when filled! There might be more supply bags this Sunday.

Remember to register your kids and sign up to volunteer on our website, [www.firstchristian.org](http://www.firstchristian.org) and link to Vacation Bible School. Paper copies for registration are in the church office and in the Narthex on Sunday morning if one is needed.

## College Mission Trip

Members of our campus ministry group had planned to go to the Inman Center in San Antonio, Texas for their mission trip this year, but because of the Swine Flu decided instead to go to the Yakama Christian Mission in southeastern Washington. Ten people loaded the church van and departed at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening, May 16 for the drive to Yakama. Amy Kay called the church office Sunday morning at 8 a.m. to report a good night on the road had taken them to Laramie, Wyoming, and they arrived in Yakama on Sunday evening. Updates of their work can be found on the church's website! Members of the group making this trip are: Charise Garrett, Julie Hartung, Sara Klockow, Jenny Patterson, Amy Kay and Dane Pavlovich, Chloe Pointer, Emily Reinbott, Emily Smith and Andy Vickers.

## Chancel Choir News

The Chancel Choir will be singing 10:30 anthems May 24 through July 19. Then the choir will take 4 weeks of vacation on Sundays, July 26, August 2, 9 and 16th. The Chancel Choir will also rehearse in the choir room from 9:55-10:25 Sunday, instead of after conclusion of the 10:30 service through the summer months.

# The Visitor

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**Mother's Day Out:** Tracy Westhoff, Director

### Support Staff:

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Keith Picker, Custodian

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, May 24

*Van Driver:* Eric Seaman  
*Office Receptionist:* Debbie Potthast  
*Church School Greeter:* Doris Neidhardt  
*Flower Ministry:*

*Arranged by -* Elizabeth Mottaz and Stephanie Mottaz  
*Delivered by -* Linda Ridgeway, Frank and Erin Boster

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assistants:* Larry and Millie Caringer  
*Elder:* Harsh Brown

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Daryl and Lynn Klotz, Brianna Shepard

*Liturgist:* Erin Boster  
*Elders:* Don and Brenda Mosby, Cherry Hinderberger  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Paula Hoenes  
*Greeter South Door:* Joyce Stanley  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Korinna Hylen and Derrick Evers  
*Candlelighters:* Annika Hylen and Alexandra Estes

## This Week (May 24-30)

Sun. - Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.

Mon. - Memorial Day - office closed



Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- Drennan Group, 12 noon, Bethany Hall

Wed. - Hannah Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd Floor Apts.  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Brummett Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Bethany Hall  
(Coyotte Hills speaker and Betty Moon, hostess)  
- CAFÉ: 5:30 p.m., Dinner  
6:30, Program: "Jewelry Making" with  
Melissa Straw  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thr. - Church in Society, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor