



Pentecost Sunday

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they are sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

With these words the Acts of the Apostles records the founding of the church with the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus. In remembering Pentecost, our worship services will celebrate the presence of the spirit in the life of the church, and include great hymns and the Chancel Choir anthem at 10:30, "All People That On Earth Do Dwell".

The 10:30 service will celebrate the blessing and dedication of Itsel Hayden Updegraff, daughter of Derek and Elizabeth Updegraff.

May 31 is Pentecost Sunday, the day celebrating the founding of the church according to the Acts of the Apostles. Hymns, the liturgy and Dr. Yonker's sermon will be based upon scripture readings from Acts 2:1-21 and Romans 8:22-27. We wear red this Sunday as we remember Pentecost.

MISSION BUILDING

The Master Planning Committee invites you to take the
Online Building Survey!

1. Go to www.groups.google.com
2. Search groups for "First Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri"
3. Click on the "survey" link just above the Discussion section

(Paper copies of the survey are available in the church office.)

BUILDING MISSION

Weekly Report

May 24, 2009

Received this week \$4,676
Received to Date \$366,732
Needed to Date \$404,700
Attendance - 270
(includes early worship -55)

Pledge Progress Report

The following is a report on the pledges received through Sunday, May 24. The total amount pledged is \$324,042. This is 91.59% of the total amount pledged last year. 159 cards have been returned. This is 81.54% of the 195 cards returned last year. Of the 159 received cards 16 are new pledges, 60 have increased, 61 are the same and 22 have decreased over last year.

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
- Find "VBS Registration Link"
 - Then sign up to attend and/or volunteer!
- Forms available online and in the church office.

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 June 1, 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 leave at 8:30 and will be back to Columbia by 5:30 p.m.

Faces of the Yakama Christian Mission



Last week ten college students from our church journeyed to White Swan, Washington, where we learned and served at the Yakama Christian Mission. YCM is a historic Disciple mission in the Yakama Nation. The initial conversations for the mission began in 1919 and construction was completed on the initial buildings in 1921. There are currently many vibrant ministries at YCM and we were fortunate to get to be involved in many of them during our week on the Reservation. If you would like to read about our week, visit www.firstchristian.org and follow the link to our journal. There are pictures included from each day's work. Our group looks forward to preaching this summer so that we can share the Good News about our calling as Disciples amongst this unique population of people. w/thanksgiving for Yakama and our week~amy kay



News of the congregation

Larry Dietzel and **Debbie Potthast** are both doing well as they recuperate from recent surgery, and **James Taylor** returned home on Monday to continue recovering from surgery last week. **Andrea Smith** had surgery on Tuesday morning at Boone Hospital. **Mary McRoberts** is, also, a patient at Boone Hospital.

We extend our love and sympathy to **Mary Bess Green** and her family on the death of her sister and brother-in-law, **Margee and Gerald Hays** who died in a motorcycle/automobile accident near Hardy, Arkansas on Sunday, May 17. Funeral services were held at the Landess Funeral Home in Campbell, Missouri, their hometown.

Thanks to **Linda Chandler** for her special music provided at the 8:30 service last Sunday, and to the members of the **Chancel Choir** for their anthem at the late service.

Thanks to **Joyce Stanley, Sarah Yonker** and **Jimmy Spear** for excellent work on the third floor. They cleaned years of junk and clutter to get the Children's Education space organized and ready for summer programs.

Thanks to **Tom Hughey** for having a van to use the last two Sundays while our church van was being used for the mission trip to Yakama.



My thanks to the church for remembering me while I was in the hospital. Thanks to Dr. Yonker for his visits.

The bouquet from the church was beautiful. All kindnesses were deeply appreciated. ~Martha Niday

Many thanks for the flowers, lovely shawl, calls and prayers sent to me while I was having out-patient treatment at Boone Hospital. How nice to belong to First Christian Church. ~Dorothy Allen



Bible Study will continue for the month of June - Tuesdays at 10:30 in Morris Parlor

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CYF (9-12 grade)

Wednesday Night June 3 & 10

6:30 CYF ---- EAT OUT!

Meet in Church Parking Lot.

***All Mission Team Members must be at both June 3 & 10 EAT OUTS!

CYF Bible Study in Bethany Hall
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 -- No gathering on May 31.

Join us on the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL,
Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00. We will eat fun
dinner and go to a movie or bowling!
Bring \$10.

Sunday Mornings on The River of Life:

A new story begins on May 31!

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 Trips:

#1-Tulsa OK, June 19-26

#2- TBA, August 9-11

Chancel Choir Notes



The Chancel Choir will meet to practice Sunday's 10:30 service anthems each week at 10:00 a.m.-10:25 a.m. and will continue to meet briefly after the 10:30 service. The choir will remain in the chancel providing anthems for 10:30 services May 31 through July 19th. The choir will take a much deserved vacation 4 Sundays (July 26, Aug. 2, 9 and 16).

Prayer Partners NEEDED!

We would like to add more people to our list who will pray for requests as they are received. There are no meetings, just include them in your prayers. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to: Barb Rothenberger, br972@centurytel.net and you will be added. ALSO, If you have been asked by someone for prayers or have a request for yourself, you may e-mail, go to the website, or call 573-446-3262. Prayer is a POWERFUL force and the more of us that are involved the better!

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 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.

Dear Friends,

Pastor Erin Gae (Crouch) Curtis will celebrate her 40th birthday on May 29, 2009. We are sending this information to church families and friends that have nurtured her over the years in case anyone would like to send her a card. Erin's address is: Erin G. Curtis, 1287 Juniper St., Junction City, OR., 97448-1939. Thanks,
Michael and Janet Crouch



May 31-Tim McCarty
June 2-Paul Seigel, Katie Stanley
June 3-Sarah Hoffman, Kyle Sheppard, Maury Ellis
June 4-Ron Hall, Emily Ragland
June 5-Joni Cupp

Ladies' Book Club

For their last meeting, The Ladies' Book Club enjoyed swapping summer reads on Amy La Hue's deck. Many thanks to Amy for providing a delicious lunch and warm hospitality. In August the Ladies meet to determine the next 8 books for the '09-'10 reading year. This gathering is an important one for anyone who feels they know the perfect book for our reading list. Meanwhile, we're reading John Steinbeck's classic, *The Grapes of Wrath*.

Art Show at Lenoir

Nancy Kirtley has an art show of twelve paintings currently at Lenoir Woods. It is along the attractive corridor between the Community Center lobby and the Manor daily until 9:00 p.m. until July 18. Subjects include nature, activity, and still life.

"People are enjoying the show a lot," says Frances Brown, arts committee chair. "She has a very good show. I recommend it." Also showing is art by Nancy Springer.

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, May 31

Van Driver: Russ Chandler
Office Receptionist: Laura Crane
Church School Greeter: Tommie Ross
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Becky Baumgartner
Delivered by - Richard and Sue Underwood

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tom and Carol Hughey, Jeri Sheppard
Elder: Millie Carringer

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Frank and Erin Boster, Jennifer and Jacob Alexander
Liturgist: Daryl Klotz
Elders: Tommy Tomlin, Shirley Park, Barb Rothenberger
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeter North Door: Dan Gieseke
Greeter South Door: Betty and Rich Montgomery
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Sam Creasy and Ryan Boger
Candlelighters: Wolf Schaefer and Ben Creasy

This Week (May 31-June 6)



- Sun. - Graduation Sunday, graduates honored during the 10:30 worship service
- Church softball game, 5:00 p.m., Purple Field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Lenoir Vespers, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue. - Chi Rho Event, 6:00 p.m.
- Wed. - STARS Trip to Herman, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- CYF Eat Out, 6:30 p.m.
- Thr. - World Outreach Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Master Planning Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room