



## Worship this Sunday

Toe tapping music, a familiar story of giving and a room full of disciples... join us this Sunday morning for worship early or late!

Although it is not time for the annual stewardship campaign, our gospel lesson for Sunday, November 8 presents us with the familiar story of “the widow’s mite,” and reminds us of the continual need to consider the offering of our lives to God. Not only focusing on the amount of her gift, the story also prompts us to consider the motivation for giving, hers and ours! The text found in Mark 12:38-44 will serve as the basis for Dr. Yonker’s sermon.

Quartet members Mike and Lisa Snyder, Brenda Mosby and Jimmy Spear will sing “*From the Day You Were Born*” at the 8:30 and the 10:30 service. Also, Sally Estes will be playing a clarinet solo at the 10:30 service.

This coming Sunday, Nov. 8, the Chancel Choir has prepared a “special” anthem featuring a set of drums donated to FCC and Russ Chandler will be performing on that drum set with the Chancel Choir. The choir will sing the “*Old Time Religion Medley*” including tunes that most of you will recognize such as... “*Standin’ in the Need of Prayer*”, “*Down by the Riverside*”, “*Do, Lord*” and “*Old Time Religion*”. Come tap your toes as the choir presents this energetic spiritual Medley!



Special thanks to **Emily Reinbott**, Sophomore Mizzou student, for hosting our college group at the Bradford Research Farm. Emily’s dad, a member of Red Top Christian (DOC), is the manager of the farm and invited our group to enjoy last Sunday afternoon at the facility’s corn maze and pumpkin patch. S’mores were a tasty addition to an

afternoon in the country as well... it was a great event that thirteen of us were able to enjoy. In the midst of lots of projects and tests, it is wonderful that so many of us are able to worship and fellowship on Sundays and Wednesday evenings!

## Fair Trade Store

You are invited to shop at our church’s Fair Trade Store any Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, or during additional times when there are special events downtown or in the life of our church. Come by and see the good jewelry, beverages, snacks, gift and kid items from around the world that provide a fair income for all of God’s people involved with this trade. It has been and continues to be our practice to order more good products in for the holiday season and this year is no exception. This is a lovely ministry that benefits everyone involved – come and check it out soon. Our store is run by volunteers and is sponsored by our World Outreach Department.



### The Shawl Group

The Shawl Group will meet Wednesday, **Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m.** in Bethany Hall. Please note this is a change from the usual date.

## Mid Month Movie Fri, Nov. 13, 7:00pm “Millions”



One of our graduate students picked our 2004 movie for this month and says it is well worth a Friday evening. The plot: “The UK is about to switch its currency from Pounds to Euros, giving a gang a chance to rob the poorly-secured train loaded with money on its way to incineration. But, during the robbery, one of the big bags falls literally from the sky on Damian’s playhouse, a 5-year old given to talking to saints. The boy then starts seeing what the world and the people around him are made of. Ethics, being human and the soul all come to the forefront in this film.”

Child care for pre-schoolers and awesome popcorn will be provided.



## Voluntary Action Center Christmas Project Begins

**Sunday, November 8th**, marks the beginning of our family sponsor project through the Voluntary Action Center. There are over 1200 families signed up for the program, and the need is greater than ever. We have adopted several families totaling 50 people to which church members will supply Christmas gifts and grocery vouchers to make a holiday meal. The families cover a broad range: single elderly adults, disabled adults, and families with children.

This year, we are asking church members to adopt an entire family ranging in size from one to four people. We will provide you with information on each person in the family for which you can buy a gift. Gift wishes for children are usually toys or clothes. Adults usually ask for needed household goods like kitchenware, sheets, or cleaning supplies. VAC requests that gifts for each person should cost about \$50, and each person should also be supplied with \$10 for their holiday meal. If you are unable to shop, VAC offers options to provide gift certificates or cash so the family can do their own shopping.

To make the project more fun and affordable, consider adopting a family with your church group or Sunday school class, or with other church members. If you are interested in this option but need help finding other members to work with, just let us know and we will match you up with another church family.

Gifts are due to VAC on Monday, December 7. Directions to the drop-off location are provided. We can drop off your gifts for you if you return them to the church by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, but you must let us know in advance if you will be choosing this option.

Last year, over 1229 families were assisted through VAC! To sign up, stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, or call Stacia Schaefer at 817-3201. Thank you in advance for your dedication to helping local families this holiday season.



Thank you for your loving calls, cards, words and support during the passing of our mother, Norma Miller. We now understand why she treasured her church family so very much. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

~The Miller Family

I wish to thank all of those responsible for the gift of beautiful flowers on Sunday. A special "thank you" to the lady delivering the flowers. At my age many of my friends I grew up with are gone. I have been blessed to live to age 91. I thank the Lord every day for my life. Thanks to all who are doing the Lord's work.

~Mack Brushwood

Thank you First Christian Church for your prayers and concern during my recent illness. Your calls, cards, gifts are greatly appreciated. The cheerful flower arrangement delivered by Sharon and Steve Smith is quite lovely. You are all a wonderful support team. I hope to be back with you soon.

~Dorothy Allen

Thank you for the prayers, cards and prayer shawl during Will's recent hospital stay. It was certainly a very stressful time for our entire family. All of the support from our church family made dealing with Will's hospitalization easier. We also truly appreciate the visits and prayers from Amy Kay, Jimmy and John. Will is doing much better now and is back to being his fun-loving seven year old self!

~Shane, Erin, Will, Julia & Jack Bower

## Your Special Birthday!



**Dabney Doty**

- 91 on Nov. 5

**Eunice Smith**

- 99 on Nov. 8

**Helen Ewing**

- 93 on Nov. 8

**Helen Polly**

- 90 on Nov. 11

## News of the congregation

Our sympathy goes to the family of **Sylvia Dowdy** who passed away in Mansfield, TX on Wednesday, Oct 28th. She was the sister of **Marjorie Carey** and aunt of **Julie Hickey**. Services are being held in Texas on Wednesday, Nov 4th.

We are glad to report that **Will Bower** and **Gavin Rose**, two of our elementary age boys, are feeling better now after being treated for pneumonia last week. Will returned home from the hospital late last week.

Thanks to **Becky Baumgartner** for her flute solos in presenting the Prelude and Offertory during the 10:30 service last Sunday. Also, thanks to all the members of the **Chancel Choir**, with **Harlan Hackett**, soloist, for their anthem presented at the late service last Sunday.

**Pat Wright** has returned home after an outpatient surgical procedure on Monday morning at Boone Hospital. Among the several members of our congregation who have been in concern in recent days, we continue to keep **Jim and Marge Carter** in our prayers at this time.

Special thanks to **Eric and Tammy Arnett** for providing our Sunday morning donuts and to **Dane Pavlovich** for hosting coffee hour. Thanks also to **Sara Klockow** for her donation of a microwave for Bethany Hall.

**Madison Maxine Elliff** was born October 29th in St Louis to **Jessica and Kurt Elliff**. **John and Julie Hickey** are the proud grandparents. Madison was 6 lb. 15 oz. & 19 1/2".



**Nov. 8-**Eunice Smith, Susan Pingelton, Robert Swanson, Mary Ann Niedergerke

**Nov. 9-**Peggy Leach

**Nov. 10-**Angie Alexander

**Nov. 11-**Genie Rogers, Helen Polly

**Nov. 12-**Stephanie Mottaz, Dan Gieseke

**Nov. 13-**Fred List

**Nov. 14-**Daniel Backues, Pat Wright

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JYF (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
CHI-RHO (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
CYF (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Sunday, Nov. 8

JYF: 4:30- 6:00 p.m.  
Chi-Rho: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

## JYF and CHI-RHO in the Fall 2009

These are the dates for the fall season:

**Nov. 22:** Bring canned food item for scavenger hunt  
Both groups meet twice a month.

CYF - Wednesday Nights  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

(Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. \$5)

## Children's Sunday School - The River of Life on Sunday mornings is on break November 8 & 15.

We will resume with Christmas pageant preparation on Nov. 22.

## Culver-Stockton College Reception next Thursday

A gathering of alumni and friends of CSC. Come meet Culver-Stockton's new President, Dick Valentine while renewing connection to others in the area who love CSC!

**Thursday, November 12, 2009  
6:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Bethany Hall of First Christian Church  
Hors d'oeuvres & refreshments served**

Hosted by alumni and friends Mark '84 & Pam '83 Hunsaker, Sally Robinson '83, Tom Shrout, and Jimmy Spear '97. **Please RSVP to the church office if you would attend.**

### **Weekly Report**

Nov. 1, 2009

Received this week \$10,974  
Received to Date \$158,618  
Needed to Date \$150,757  
Attendance - 309  
(includes early worship - 55)

## CALLING ALL ELDERS:

### Elder Breakfast

Saturday Nov. 21  
8:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall  
RSVP to church office



The P.A.C.E. production of the "The Diary of Anne Frank" show was last weekend. **Andy Janssen** played Mr. Kraler. He had eight lines in Act 1 and seven lines in Act 2 for a total of fifteen lines. Andy put a lot of hard work into this play. His parents are very proud of him for the determination and effort he has put into it.

## Thanks for Fall Spruce Up

The following members helped plant 100 daffodil bulbs (provided by **Tom Shrout's family** in observance of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday), remove two Ginkgo trees responsible for the unpleasant odors we've been experiencing and performed general cleanup of the premises. It was a successful and enjoyable morning thanks to all who were present:

**Eric Arnett, Dabney Doty, Dan Gieseke, Ryan Hunsaker, Mike and Kelsey Korman, Drew Nichols, Tom Rose, Barb Rothenberger and Jimmy Spear**

If you would like to be part of the Property Committee, please notify the church office or call **Mark Hunsaker** at 443-6117. ~Mark

## Book Club



Next **Wednesday, Nov. 11**, the Ladies' Book Club discusses Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol*. Wondering why it remains on the best seller list? Is it just media hype or a genuinely good book? Come and join the Book Club at noon in Bethany Hall to find out! We'll be taking a break in December but in January we'll pick up with *Skeletons at the Feast* by Chris Bohjalian. Questions? Contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or [lhutton50@hotmail.com](mailto:lhutton50@hotmail.com)

# 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  
\$6 adults  
\$3 kids 5-12 years  
\$17 cap for a family  
Under 5 free

6:20 - Devotion  
6:30-7:30 - Adult Programming  
Child Care Available

## Nov. 11th CAFÉ

**Menu:** Chicken Pot Pie  
Spinach Salad  
Italian Wedding Cake

### \* Program Choices:

- Financial Peace University, 3rd Floor Cinema
- Bible Study, Keystone Class Room

\* **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.**

# The Visitor

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Keith Picker, Custodian

## Return Service Requested

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, Nov. 8

*Van Driver:* Jeff Ripley  
*Office Receptionist:* Marguerite Smith  
*Church School Greeter:* Colleen Nilges  
*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Tom and Susan Gray  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Barbara Rothenberger  
*Delivered by -* Anne and Jim Campbell

#### **Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

*Worship Assistants:* Will and Donna Houston  
*Elder:* Sally Robinson

#### **Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

*Communion Preparation:* David Heise, Kim Williams, George and Willie Harris  
*Liturgist:* Rich Montgomery  
*Elders:* TBA, Judy Cunningham, Nancy Watson  
*Deacons:* The Creasy Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Lottie Creasy  
*Greeter South Door:* Cindy Rose  
*Ushers:* The Burnam Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Jacob Ripley and Kim Potthast  
*Candlelighters:* Gavin Rose and Zac Ruffolo

### This Week (Nov. 8 - 14)

- Sun. - World Community Day Event, 2:30 p.m., Missouri United Methodist Church (presented by Church Women United of Columbia)  
- JYF, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- Chi-Rho, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 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, Bethany Hall  
- CAFÉ: dinner, 5:30 p.m.; Dave Ramsey class, 6:00 p.m., Cinema; Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
- College Group, 8:45 pm, Bethany Hall
- Thr. - Culver-Stockton College Reception, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri. - Mid-Month Movie ("Millions"), 7:00 p.m., Cinema

