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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR



The Great Communion
Sunday, October 4
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Join us this Sunday as we worship in the style of early Disciples (1800s) celebrating of the 200th Anniversary of "The Declaration and Address" by Thomas Campbell. The liturgy, hymns and morning message will recall back to the roots of our denomination and our connection to the body of Christ at large. As we share in the communion meal we will note others in the Stone-Campbell tradition doing the same in their places of worship that day. For more on The Great Communion, see the article inside this Visitor and check out www.greatcommunion.org for more information.

Also, this Sunday we look forward to hearing "Gifts of Life" by Brad Printz sung by the Chancel Choir with Becky Baumgartner on flute.

12th Annual Election Day Luncheon

Mark your calendar! November 3rd is the annual Election Day Luncheon! This is a wonderful event for our congregation to work together on a fund raising project which reaches out into the community and benefits the outreach goals of our Women's Ministries. It takes a lot of work to serve soup, sandwiches, pie, and beverages to 400 people and raise over \$2000, but many hands make light work, so please volunteer! It's a lot of fun, and a fantastic way to get to know your church family. Tickets for the luncheon go on sale this week...BUY and SELL, and sign up for a shift! See you in the narthex, or call Brenda Mosby 442-7507.

Mid-Month Matinee



Wednesday, October 14
3:30 p.m. – 3rd Floor Cinema

"Citizen Kane"

Free Hot Popcorn!

(watch the *Visitor* for movie details)

Charrette

Sunday, October 25, 3:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

The Master Planning Committee invites you to a **Charrette** — a listening and sharing between the committee, the architect consultants and the congregation. Come learn and share in the process of Master Planning. Hear the findings of the committee and the conclusions of the consultants in regard to the church building and property as we plan for the future of our ministry and mission.

Disciples History and Membership Class

Sunday Mornings
in October (4 weeks)

9:40 - 10:15 a.m.

Back Room

(behind the Sanctuary)

Everyone Wel come
any or all sessions!

Weekly Report

Sept. 27, 2009

Received this week \$6,455
Received to Date \$106,606
Needed to Date \$111,145
Attendance - 391
(includes early worship - 64)



NE AREA Women's Fall Assembly

The Northeast Area Christian Women's Ministry Fall Assembly was held in Centralia September 28. Officers for the coming year include Shirley Park - Treasurer, Muriel Leach - Service and Social Action Coordinator and Joyce Stanley - Secretary. Officers were installed by Rev. Kris. FCC - Columbia turned in \$237.50 in donations from Blessing Boxes. (More information about Blessing Box donations in weeks to come!)

The Great Communion The 200th Anniversary of the "Declaration and Address."

In celebration of our heritage, we lift up the Stone-Campbell movement and the important publication of Thomas Campbell's "Declaration and Address." In this document, he gave form and shape to Disciples identity. It is from this publication, more than any other one event, that we became a distinct religious movement in the history of Christianity.

Today, there are three streams that descend from the original movements of Barton W. Stone and the Campbells, father-Thomas and son-Alexander. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Churches of Christ, Christian Churches and Churches of Christ all trace their lineage to the same beginnings.

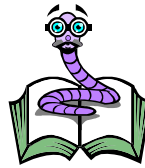
This Bi-Centennial Celebration invites congregations from all three streams of the Stone-Campbell movement to recall again their heritage and shared story, recalling the Centennial celebration in Pittsburgh (October 1909), at which over 50,000 Christians and Disciples gathered for a giant outdoor communion service. While we won't expect 50k this Sunday at our church, we will experience worship a little differently.

Worship on the early 19th century frontier was suited to the times in which the faith lived. It was spare, fiercely independent, and sometimes downright enthusiastic. Within the ranks of the newly formed churches of the Restoration Movement that we celebrate today, distinctions between clergy and laity were sternly rejected along with the use of titles such as "Doctor" or "Reverend." Campbell's dress even showed of this commonality as he often wore jeans in the pulpit. Equality before God was as important as equality before the law. Their worship services were straight to the point and we follow a more simple order of worship today as a part of our celebration.

By connecting with our joint heritage, congregations from all three branches of the Stone-Campbell movement hope to be reminded of the heritage found in the frontier church we now call home. Join us as Disciples of Christ on this coming Sunday morning as we will join in The Great Communion and celebrate our faith.
Thanks be to God.

Book Club

Don't miss the Oct. 14th discussion of Kathryn Stockett's, The Help. One 5 starred review raves, "What perfect timing for this optimistic, uplifting debut novel." A story "...full of heart and history, this one has bestseller written all over it." Grab a copy of this book and join us in Bethany Hall on Oct. 14 at noon. The conversation is sure to be fun! Questions? Contact Linda Hutton at 442-5423 or lhutton50@hotmail.com



Coffman-Watson CWF

Coffman-Watson CWF will meet Monday, October 5 at 7:00 at the home of Sally Robinson, 3402 Wakefield Dr. Nancy Watson is co-hostess.

Festival of Sharing

Festival of Sharing is just 2 1/2 weeks away! Please mail or turn in your monetary donations to the church office. Or, if you still have items to turn in for kits and packs, please bring those to the elevator alcove ASAP! It looks like we'll be able to assemble over 40 kits to take to Sedalia; it would be wonderful to have a generous financial contribution to take as well!

Sally Robinson has volunteered to drive the church van to Sedalia October 17. A sign up sheet is in the church office! Festival of Sharing is an event you will really enjoy!

Church Dine-Out
Friday - October 2
5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

Your Special Birthday!



Elsie Hughes
- 101 on Oct. 2
Mary Richardson
- 91 on Oct. 4

News of the congregation

Our thoughts are with **Tom Gray** who is recovering from surgery, little **Sam Boster** who is home from the hospital after an illness, and **Marceline Shamberger** who is recovering from shoulder troubles.

If you need to email **Amy Kay**, please use amykayp@gmail.com because her desktop computer is no longer. Until she gets something else set up, she will be using this gmail account.

The Disciple Heritage Tour is going well this week for **Beth and Ben Nelms**, **Carol Slusher** and **Genie Rogers**. Also on the trip are **David and Kay Hartley** who now live in Colorado but were once a part of this congregation. **John Yonker** and **Jimmy Spear** are leading the group and they report good travels at the time of this printing.



Moray Kiehl celebrated her 90th birthday with friends & family at church last Sunday.



- Oct. 4-**Mary Richardson, Laurel Creasy, Jack Bower
- Oct. 5-**Anne Linn
- Oct. 6-**Kathleen Shreves, Maigan Shifley, Mary Taylor
- Oct. 7-**Pamela Hoepfner
- Oct. 8-**Cheryl Lightner, Marcy Douglas, Sara Klockow, Michael Snyder
- Oct. 9-**Lynn Klotz, Jeff Ripley, Mona Stevenson, Carol Perry
- Oct. 10-**Julie Nichols, Alexander Johnson

Weekly College Group

Each and every Wednesday evening our college group gathers from 8:45 - 10:00pm in the Bethany Hall. We always begin our time with scrumptious goodies and then at 9:00pm have a Bible Study/discussion and end with joys and concerns of the group and prayer. This year we have had around fifteen students each and every week and we are from all four institutions of higher education in Columbia. It is a wonderful group and **you** are invited to join us any time you are able to do so! Please chat with Amy Kay or Charise if you have any questions, or just show up this Wednesday evening!

**Celebration in
Christian Music**

- Ecumenical
- Uplifting
- Christian Unity
- A heritage of song

Please join us:
6pm
Missouri United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 11, 2009
Refreshments & fellowship immediately following!

Please bring a donation of canned goods for the
food pantry



BOOK O R N E R

From Harold S. Kushner, author of When Bad Things Happen to Good People, we have another helpful book Overcoming Life's Disappointments, showing us how to be our best selves even when things don't turn out as we had hoped—that is, how we can overcome life's disappointments.

Using the life of Moses with his mountaintop experiences and valley disappointments and burdens, Kushner glean principles that can help us deal with problems we encounter. How to weather the disillusionment of unfulfilled dreams, the pain of a lost job or promotion, divorce, abandonment, illness. How to have faith in ourselves and our future, how to carry on with understanding rather than bitterness and despair. A book as practical as it is inspiring. Large print, fast reading.

Thank You!

The family of Moray Loring Kiehl thanks Joyce Stanley, the members of the Coffman-Watson Circle, and their spouse-helpers, whose hard work and good cheer made the reception in honor of Moray's 90th birthday so successful.

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JYF (3-5th grade)
CHI-RHO (6-8th grade)
CYF (9-12th grade)

Sunday, Oct. 11

JYF & Chi-Rho: Trip to Corn Maze
Meet at church at 1:30 p.m.
Back to church at 4:30 p.m.
(no other meetings this day)
Cost: \$6.00

JYF and CHI-RHO in the Fall 2009

These are the dates for the fall season:
Both groups will meet twice a month on
Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8, 22

CYF – Wednesday Nights
6:30-8:00 p.m.
(Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. \$5)



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

Oct. 7th CAFÉ

Menu: Parmesan Chicken
Italian Salad
Dinner Roll
Apple 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**.

Benefit 5K Race/Walk

Columbia - Oct. 10, 8 a.m.

This is a benefit for Coyote Hill Children's Home sponsored by VA Mortgage Center. Registration fee: \$25/adult, \$15/child 12-under before race day; \$30/adult, \$20/child on race day. Visit www.coyotehill5k.com to register online.

Interfaith Family Picnic October 11, 4:00 p.m. Stephens Lake Park

(Entrance on E. Broadway)
Beverage and tableware provided. Bring one or two traditional dishes to share and non-perishable food items for the Columbia Food Pantry. Affirm Columbia's faith diversity and gain appreciation and understanding of different faith expressions. Event sponsored by the Faith and Education Collaborative, Friends of UM-C Peace Studies.

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Oct. 4

Van Driver: Frank Boster
Office Receptionist: Carole Randerson
Church School Greeter: Judy Hall
Bethany Hall Greeter: Judy Cunningham
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Mark and Kelli Embry
Delivered by - Pam and Rich Hoepfner

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Donna and Will Houston, Betty Moon
Elder: Will Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Amy LaHue and Emmy Croll
Liturgist: Sarah Read
Elders: Eldon Drennan, Robert Swanson, Mary Daugherty
Deacons: The Campbell Team
Greeter North Door: Joyce Stanley
Greeter South Door: Colleen Nilges
Ushers: The Pavlovich Team
Banner Bearers: Julia Bower and Emma Hawkins
Candlelighters: Will Bower and Elayna Mottaz

This Week (Oct. 4 - 10)

- Sun. - World Communion Sunday
- CROP Walk, 2:00 p.m.
- Church Softball Game, 5:00 p.m., Red field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Mon. - Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Sally Robinson's home
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ, dinner: 5:30 p.m., programs: 6:00 & 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall and Cinema
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall

