



Sunday Worship

Along with good music and good fellowship, this Sunday we will be focused on our lectionary text from Mark 9 in morning worship. We are also excited for the baptism of Scott M. Stamper during the 10:30am worship service. The Chancel Choir's anthem at this service will be "If You Search With All Your Heart" by Craig Courtney.

Fair Trade Bazaar

This Saturday, September 19, we will join with the Community United Methodist Church and the "Mustard Seed" Fair Trade Store for a first-time-ever Columbia Fair Trade Bazaar! Come to the Mustard Seed which is located at 25 South Ninth Street, about two blocks south of our church, any time between 10:00am and 8:00pm to browse at this ecumenical, social justice effort. Our church will be uplifting coffee, tea and jewelry from Mexico. We hope for this to be a wonderful, collaborative event!

Fall Women's Dinner - Monday, September 21 - 6:00 pm

Join us for good food, great fellowship and an inspirational speaker. Carol Oliver will share information and stories about Heifer International and the impact this organization has on the lives of women and families.

Our donations this year will be taken to the Festival of Sharing - hand towels, washcloths, bars of soap, sturdy combs, toothbrushes, metal file or nailclipper with file, monetary gifts.

Sign up in the church office, or call 449-7265. We're looking forward to a wonderful evening! (Transportation and childcare available.)



Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, September 13 it was a joy to welcome four people into membership of First Christian Church!

Angela Alexander and **Patrick Shay** united with us at the 8:30 service as Angela transferred her membership from a Baptist church in St. Louis, and Patrick made a confession of faith. Angela is in charge of employee training for Premier Bank and Patrick works as the International Sales Manager for Midway USA. They reside at 2903 Yukon, Columbia, 65202, home phone 573-864-1026. A baptismal service for Patrick will be scheduled in the near future.

Russ Palmer and **Monica Senecal** responded to the invitation at the 10:30 service. Coming from a United Church of Christ congregation in Billingsville, Russ works as sales advisor at Downtown Appliance, his family-owned business. And Monica, the mother of two year-old **Gabriel**, is the "Monica in the Morning" personality on a weekday morning radio program on KPLA 101.5 FM. Russ and Monica are engaged to be married in September 2010. Russ resides at 4709 Fenimore Drive, Columbia 65202, phone 573-864-9578, and Monica lives at 1708 Amelia St., Apt. C, Columbia, 65201, phone 573-673-1422.



**"Stop Over Lunch" &
CYF Mission Trip Presentation
This Sunday, Sept. 20
Noon in Fellowship Hall**

**Menu: Baked Potato &
all the fixings, drink & dessert**

Stop over in Fellowship Hall on Sept. 20th for a good hot lunch and stay for a program by the CYF. The program of the day will be the CYF's (high school youth group) presentation on their summer mission trips to Tulsa, OK and Kansas City, MO. Baked Potato bar served by CYF. Donations will go toward CYF outreach work.

Noticing How It Is Done

Our kids are really funny when you observe them without them knowing. During our different aged youth group gatherings I so enjoy listening to them talk to one another. The JYF group (grade 3-5) is especially interesting.

On a recent Sunday afternoon one girl brought a friend to JYF. The friend was most delightful and just fit right in to the events and camaraderie of the group. When it was all over I was tromping down the staircase behind the train of 15 kids as they were headed to meet their parents in fellowship hall and overheard the following conversation. In front of me were our Anna and her friend. It was as they hit a landing that I heard Anna say, "...yeah, you should come on Sunday someday with me too!" I began to assume that the two were talking about this place being a good place and our group being a good group. I assumed that Anna had no agenda but to note to her friend something like, "If you think this was good, you should check it out on a Sunday!" or "Can I invite you to something else that can be good for your living?"

When we know something to be good for our living and care enough about our friends that we want them to have good living too, it sure seems like these would be the words to share. Not as big orations on the benefits of Christian living or the high marks of First Christian Church, but rather words to a friend in passing—in the midst of the day's excitement "...yeah, you should come to church someday with me too!"

Could our words in the staircases of this week echo what was said among our youngest folks this last Sunday on the way out of JYF? It surely would be a good thing.

~Jimmy Spear

Sundays in Bethany Hall

Join us for free
Fairly Traded Coffee & fellowship
(Bethany Hall is the red brick building in the church parking lot)

September 20th & 27th
Menu: **Fruited Oatmeal Muffins**

No lunch available these two Sundays

Christian Women's Ministries

Fall changeover at the Wardrobe occurs Sept. 29th, 30th and Oct. 1st. Time 9:00-4:00. Please help us. Thank you. ~Pat Rainey

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

Sept. 23rd CAFÉ

Menu: Cranberry Chicken, Rice Pilaf,
Roasted Vegetables,
Apple Crisp

* **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.**

Your Special Birthday!



Tom Shrout
- 90 on Sept. 24

News of the congregation

We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Linda Roseman** after her long battle with cancer who died on Wednesday, September 9 at University Hospital. Funeral services were held at New Horizons United Methodist Church by the Rev. Tom Adams. She worked in our church office as our Administrative Secretary from 1989 to 1999. She is survived by three daughters and their families. Sympathy cards may be sent to **Susan Kleiboeker**, 1632 NE Woodland Shores Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64086, and memorial contributions may be sent in Linda's name to Hendrix College, 1600 Washington Avenue, Conway, Arkansas, 72032.

Our sympathy is extended to **Dubby Muir** on the death on her 85 year-old brother, **Robert Derr** who died on Sunday, September 13 in his hometown of Kewanee, Illinois. Services were held in that community.

Perry and Helen Stemmon's grandson, **Kevin Mercer** has been released from intensive care following surgery last week at the Children's Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia. We continue to keep him and his parents and his sister, **Rex and Vicki**, and **Lisa**, and their whole family in our prayers.

Congratulations to **Betty and Bill Moon** who will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on September 21.

Thanks to **Sally Estes** for playing the piano and to **Brenda Mosby** for the vocal solo at the early service last Sunday.



Sept. 20-Kyle Boger, Carleigh Snow
Sept. 21-Bob Hutton, Lisa Zimmer,
Justin Sheppard
Sept. 22-Elijah Brummett, Taylor
Humble, Sam Boster
Sept. 23-Dottie Dierking
Sept. 24-Steve Lightner, Andrew
Thomas, Ashley Chandler,
Rachell Oliver
Sept. 25-David Nichols
Sept. 26-Mimi McRoberts

(youth) @ first christian

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

Sunday, Sept 27

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:
Both groups will meet twice a month on
Sept. 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8, 22

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

CYF visit to Culver-Stockton College:

Friday, September 25

Depart from church at 8:00 a.m.

Taking advantage of the school day off,
members of the CYF will road trip to
Canton MO to check out/tour/visit the
Disciples-related school.

Books missing - search is on!

"Illustrated Pilgrim's Progress" "1,000 Faces of God"

Last seen in Chi-Rho
Sunday School Room
or loaned out to
parents... Needed
back! Return to
church office.
Thanks.



Drennan CWM

The Drennan CWM group will meet in the Drennan room at the new time of 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22. Marsha Sisson will present the study/worship.

A big THANK YOU to Marsha Rawlings for painting the walls in the Drennan Room. The room looks great.

Church History and Membership Class!!

Question: Do you know what was born in America with roots in Pennsylvania and West Virginia and Kentucky and became the largest organization of its kind in this country?

Question: Do you know who were led by a Stone and a Raccoon, and who were sometimes called "Campbellites," but who didn't like any of those names?

Question: Do you know of anyone "possessed by bread"?

If you don't know the answers to those questions, or are the least bit curious to find out, then you are invited to attend a "Disciples History and Membership Class" during the Sundays of October. Led by John Yonker and Ken Watson, the class will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, October 4, 11, 18 & 25.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions: young person or older adult! New or long-time members! Or anyone considering joining our congregation. Pre-registration is not required. Watch the Visitor for more information for class meeting location!

Festival of Sharing

Saturday, October 17 is the scheduled date for the **Festival of Sharing**. Sally Robinson has volunteered to drive the church van to Sedalia - sign up sheets are ready for your name in the church office - or call 449-7265.

Penny Planks - found in the narthex every Sunday morning - have received many donations including a \$20.00 bill! Please keep bringing your coins and donations to fill up the Penny Planks to overflowing!

Weekly Report

Sept. 13, 2009

Received this week \$8,082

Received to Date \$92,211

Needed to Date \$95,086

Attendance - 302

(includes early worship - 45)



Dear friends,

I want to give a great big thank you for all the love and support I received during my recent surgery and recovery. The cards and calls meant so much. My days were particularly brightened by visits from Amy Kay, the beautiful bouquet from the flower ministry, and the most cozy prayer shawl. Once again I am reminded how wonderful it is to be part of our church family!

~Molly Read



SURPRISE Card Shower-Tom Shroud will celebrate his 90th birthday on September 24th. His family is asking that we shower him with cards. Please mail them to him by September 24 at 1922 W Broadway, Columbia MO 65203.



September 14-20: Hemingway's Donation Week, purchase an entree, mention **Coyote Hill**, and Hemingway's will donate \$3.

September 27: The Wicks Organ Recital, 4:00 p.m., Linn Memorial United Methodist Church, 409 N. Church Street, Fayette, MO. Performers are members of the Central-Missouri Chapter of AGO: Michael Bancroft, Craig Datz, Rochelle Parker and Schuyler Wheeler of Columbia and Barb Hamel, William McIntosh and Ruth Spayde of Fayette. Music will range from classical organ literature to "Broadway". Admission is free to all.

September 29: Healthy Aging: What's Normal & What's Not, Family Caregiver Class, 6-8 p.m., 1701 E. Broadway, Broadway Medical Plaza 3. Free. Registration is not required. More information (573-815-3646).

October 11: FCC Blood Drive, 8:30-12:30, Fellowship Hall

S.T.A.R.S. – AUTUMN ITINERARY

Seniors Together Affirming our faith in God Reaching out to others Serving Christ
The 55+ Fellowship Group of First Christian Church

Please join us for a varied, entertaining and helpful list of activities for 2009. The committee is looking for input, ideas and suggestions to make the STARS group an important part of your schedule.



Here are the Fall plans, but we are working on Winter and Spring plans also. Please call or e-mail your thoughts to Carol Slusher 874-4902 or jcslush@earthlink.net

September 23, 2009 – Ken Watson has agreed to do a program “**Brush Up On Your Technology**”. We’ll meet in the computer room on the 3rd floor at 11 a.m. and then have a soup and salad lunch at 12:15. Please make reservations for lunch by September 21, 2009 by calling the church 449-7265, Carol Slusher at 874-4902 or 819-3984.

October 21, 2009 – Fall Foliage Tour – Hwy 94 east along the Missouri River and to a tasty restaurant for lunch. There will be fun things to do along the way. Watch for additional information in the Visitor.

November 18, 2009 – Program with Mel West from the Pet Program, subject “**Seeing Mobility Happen**”. We will be leaving the church around 10 a.m., tour the place where items are made and then return to the church for lunch.

November 23, 2009 – Broadway Christian Church is having their **Thanksgiving Luncheon at Broadway Christian** and they have invited folks from Olivet Christian “Out And About” and our “STARS” to share their spread. They will be ordering the main meal from Hy-Vee and then all the trimmings will be brought in. Hopefully they will allow us to share with the serving, etc.

December 3, 2009 – A combination service and fun time has been scheduled with Lenoir for a **brunch** and then help **decorate the halls of Lenoir for Christmas**. Final arrangements will be shared closer to the date, but the plans are for a brunch at Lenoir Center around 9:30 a.m. They have several big wreaths and trees to be set up, so we need guys and gals both to help them get ready for the holiday season.

Additional information and details will be forthcoming, but get these dates on your calendars. Do remember to call us by September 21 for the first event.

We’re looking forward to seeing you for fun times together.

Paula Kurtz and Carol Slusher

The Visitor

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Sept. 20

Van Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Nina Oliver
Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family
Bethany Hall Greeter: Holly Wheatley
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - J.D. and Laura Estes
Delivered by - Dan and Holly Gieseke

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tom and Carol Hughey and
Cherry Hinderberger
Elder: Mary Bancroft

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Richard and Sue Underwood, Vicki
Johnson

Liturgist: College Students
Elders: Jacki Davidson, Brenda Martin, Eldon Drennan
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeter North Door: Charlie Koelling
Greeter South Door: Carol Slusher
Ushers: The Nichols Team
Banner Bearers: Jonathan LaHue and Kim Potthast
Candlelighters: Jacob Ripley and Anna Poole

This Week (Sept. 20 - 26)



- Sun. - Baptism of Scott M. Stamper, during 10:30 worship
- All-Church Lunch, noon, Fellowship Hall
(CYF serving)
- Church Softball Game, 7:00 p.m., Red field at
Rainbow Softball Center
- Mon. - Fall Women's Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group, 1:00 p.m., Drennan Room
- Wed. - Hannah Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd floor
apartments
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Royanne Tracy's
home
- 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
- Fri. - CYF trip to Culver-Stockton College, 8:00 a.m.
- Parker-Scott Group, 1:30 p.m., Lenoir Community
Center