



## Sunday Worship

At first sight they seem to be the most confusing and ridiculous verses of scripture in the entire New Testament, but the words found in Mark 9:38-50 are some of the most important words of Jesus. Setting before us the challenges of Christian discipleship, these sayings of Jesus put together by the gospel writer will provide the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon on Sunday, September 27.

Special music for the day will include the Chancel Choir's anthem, "O Worship the Lord" by Robert Clatterbuck at the 10:30 service.

Join us on this first Sunday of autumn for inspiration, prayer and fellowship.

## 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 am on Sunday mornings, Oct. 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!

## Women's Fall Dinner

An enthusiastic crowd of women and guests gathered in Fellowship Hall Monday evening to hear Carol Oliver share stories about the positive impact Heifer International has on the lives of women and children worldwide. Special thanks to: our two new event planners - Colleen Nilges and Cindy Rose - the food and decorations were wonderful; Rev. Jimmy Spear for setting up the media equipment, and to members of the Brummett-Harrah CWF group for taking care of the hospitality and name tag table.

Heifer International will be represented at the Festival of Sharing October 17 in Sedalia. Sally Robinson will drive the church van for any members who would like to attend.



*Pictured above: Dr. John Yonker, Carol Oliver and Joyce Stanley*



*Members of the Brummett-Harrah group staff the name tag table at the Fall Dinner*



We welcome to the church staff **Charise Garrett** as our new Campus Ministry Intern! You will see Charise on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and at random times throughout the week in the church office. We are looking forward to a great year together!

## Book Club

The Ladies' Book Club was reticent in commending the Library's One Read, **The Air We Breathe**, in our last meeting. But rumor has it that October's pick, **The Help**, by first time author Kathryn Stockett will be a best seller. Reviews are outstanding. We still meet the second Wednesday of each month but in keeping with our tradition of change, we're moving the time to noon. So, see you in Bethany Hall on Oct 14 at noon. Questions? Contact Linda Hutton, 442-5423.



### Weekly Report

Sept. 20, 2009

Received this week \$7,940

Received to Date \$100,151

Needed to Date \$103,116

Attendance - 231

(includes early worship - 59)

## Heaven on Earth

Perhaps holiday negotiating isn't part of your regular fall happenings, but you can imagine how it is for some who dread the challenge of the logistics. When January rolls around it can seem like a major accomplishment to simply have worked out the schedules, let alone have a great time through all of the maneuvering!

You can imagine that the same can be true for collaborative church efforts. Last week-end Community United Methodist Church and our church tied in with the Mustard Seed Fair Trade store on ninth street for the first ever 100% Fair Traders Bazaar. It was a major accomplishment to find a date that worked for us all and negotiate our own pieces of the Bazaar, let alone the actual event! Think of it... how often do churches and a business collaborate on much of anything at all? It was a great event simply for the fact that it happened.

We prepped, moved, opened, sold good things, educated folks about how buying fairly traded products is an act of social justice, cleaned up and moved out. Plus, and this is no small thing, we had a great time together through it all! It was a slice of heaven on earth, actually.

There is a book called God's Dream by Archbishop Tutu that the college students are working with this Wednesday evening and I can't help but think that our collaborative Bazaar and Fair Trade in general is a part of what God would dream of for our world today. It is God's way in the world - fair prices for farmers and artisans and good products for the buyer. It is simple. It is good.

Thanks be to God for the opportunity to join with others who are passionate about this ministry that extends around the world. Thanks be to God for the opportunity to grow in our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus through it all. Amen. ~amy kay



The children and grandchildren of

### Moray Loring Kiehl

invite her church friends to an informal reception in honor of her **90th Birthday**

It will be held in the church Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 27** immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

*The family requests no gifts, just your presence!*



The flowers were lovely. Thank you so much for remembering me while I was in the hospital. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

~Elwyn Ewer

Heartfelt thanks to all who called to check up on Yvonne and me during my incapacitation because of a problem with my leg and knee. Therapy seems to be slowly working, and we hope to be back in church soon. Special thanks to Lorene and Nelson Trickey for delivering the flower ministry and for Lorene's delicious zucchini bread. We are truly blessed by our church and its programs.

~Larry Clark

### Your Special Birthday!



**Moray Kiehl**  
- 90 on Sept. 24  
**Rena Moore**  
- 93 on Sept. 30

## News of the congregation

Congratulations to **Anna and Jimmy Walters** on the birth of their baby girl, **Kinsley May**, born Sept. 18. The proud grandparents are **Mary and Mike Bancroft**. Cards may be sent to the Walters at 905 S. Jefferson St., Kearney, Missouri 64060-8519.

**David Schappert** is currently serving on active duty with the U.S. Navy as the commanding officer of the USS Houston, a U.S. submarine based in Guam. His wife, son and daughter are residing with him there for this 2-3 year assignment. David is the son of **Marilyn Schappert**, and the grandson of **Ralph and Sherry Dobbs** of our congregation.

The Columbia Public School Foundation will induct **Dr. Bragg Stanley** into its Hall of Leaders next week during its annual Night of Stars on Oct. 1. Also to be so honored are four others, including former FCC member **Phil Driscoll**, four outstanding alumni and four outstanding volunteers.

Our thoughts are with **Susan Gray** in the loss of a beloved Aunt. Prayers of healing are extended to **Paul Ritchie** as he is home recuperating from surgery. Gladness for **Larry Clark's** recuperation as we look for him back around the place soon. Prayers of celebration are shared with **Scott M. Stamper** in light of his baptism this past Sunday in the 10:30 worship service. It was a good day!

Thank you from the CYF to the 100+ people who stopped over in fellowship hall for a hot potato and the program on summer mission work. **Great job CYF** for feeding us all so well and sharing your story of service and fellowship!

Our CYF do other things too...This fall school season if you go to local high school games you will note in the Rockbridge High School marching band, **Josh Garton**, drum major, and band members **Matt and Mitchell Taylor**. At Hickman H.S. **Bryan Grieme-Verslues** on the JV team; **Steve Gieseke**, freshman team at Oakland; **Jake Alexander**, freshman team at West Jr. At Fulton H.S. **Brian and Jenny McCarty** are playing soccer and at Boonville H.S., **Lexie Ruffolo** is the President of the Junior Class.

*S*eniors  
*T*ogether

*A*ffirming our faith in God

*R*eaching out to others

*S*erving Christ



The 55+ Fellowship Group of  
First Christian Church

The "Brush Up On Your Technology" program previously scheduled for Sept. 23rd is being re-scheduled. There will be more details on the program at that time.

**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*

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first christian**

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

Sunday, Sept 27

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

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)

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)

## 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. 30th CAFÉ

*Menu:* Beef Enchiladas  
Refried Beans  
Apple Bars

\* **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.**

**Happy Birthday**

**Sept. 25**-Ray Lansford  
**Sept. 27**-Kaela Rorvig, Becky Beary  
**Sept. 29**-Ralph Dobbs, Moray Kiehl  
**Sept. 30**-Emmy Croll, Azure Stevens  
**Oct. 1**-Jake Nichols, George Harris,  
Aaron Brown  
**Oct. 2**-Elsie Hughes

## We are Cookin!

It is so great to have a well equipped and well-used church kitchen. Some weeks the kitchen is used every day by a variety of people and groups. This last week, it was reorganized to better accommodate the cooking and serving needs of the staff and volunteers. As we all share the church kitchen, the following are questions and answers that might be helpful to us all:

*How will I find anything?* You will find everything you need in the church kitchen because all the cupboards and drawers are labeled. You will find things if you look for them. If you need coolers and roasters they are now stored in a closet under the stairs next to the drinking fountain.



*How can I help in the kitchen?* If you or your group use the church kitchen it is your responsibility to leave it the way you found it. If everything is put back away where it was stored and the counters remain clean the kitchen will remain a user-friendly place for all. This is kind of a covenant we have with each other.

Thanks to **Joyce Stanley, Laura Estes** and **Jimmy Spear** for 5 hours of work last week getting the kitchen ready for this season of food ministry.

# The Visitor

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## Return Service Requested

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, Sept. 27

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke  
*Office Receptionist:* Debbie Potthast  
*Church School Greeter:* Doris Neidhardt  
*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Perry and Helen Stemmons  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Daryl and Lynn Klotz  
*Delivered by -* Sharon Winner, Amy LaHue

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

*Worship Assistants:* Tom and Freda Martz, Mary Dewey  
*Elder:* Frances Brown

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

*Communion Preparation:* Kurt and Stacia Schaefer, Steve and Sharon Smith  
*Liturgist:* Jacki Davidson  
*Elders:* Jacki Davidson, Tom and Marsha Sisson, Debbie Batterson  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Colleen Nilges  
*Greeter South Door:* Nina Oliver  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Zac Ruffolo and Erich Unterschutz  
*Candlelighters:* Jadie Arnett and Derrick Evers

### This Week (Sept. 27 - Oct. 3)

- Sun. - Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.  
- JYF, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- Chi-Rho, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
- Church Softball Game, 6:00 p.m., Yellow field at Rainbow Softball Center
- Mon. - Disciples Heritage Tour begins (Sept. 28-Oct. 2)
- 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

