



Easter Sunday!

Great singing, great special music, scripture readings and the proclamation of the word will fill the sanctuary at 8:30 and 10:30 as we celebrate the message of Easter!

Scripture readings for Easter will be taken from the gospel, Luke 24:1-12, and the Apostle Paul's famous testimony to resurrection faith found in 1 Corinthians 15:19-26. Dr. Yonker will deliver the Easter Sunday morning sermon.

A brass choir will accompany congregational singing of Easter hymns, *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*, *The Day of Resurrection!*, *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* and *He Lives!*. The brass will also accompany the Chancel Choir anthem, *Worthy Is the Lamb*.



Easter Sunday - Chancel Choir will meet in the Sanctuary at 7:45 a.m. There is no Chancel Bell Rehearsal on Easter Sunday.



Maundy Thursday – Come on Thursday evening at 7:00pm for a worship service focused on Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. A series of scriptures, hymns, special music, the extinguishing of lights and communion will help us journey through the stories of the end of Jesus' life. Child care for pre-school children will be provided.

Good Friday Community Service – We are invited to join in with Christians from all over town for a community Good Friday service which will be held this year at Russell Chapel CME Church at 108 E. Ash Street. Come at noon for worship that will be led by many clergy persons from varied Christian traditions.

Easter – The bell will ring, the Brass will play and our voices will proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection on this Easter morn! Come at 8:30 or 10:30am to celebrate with all of the music and vibrancy that Easter morning brings.

Disciple Men's Breakfast
 Sat., April 10
 8:30-9:45 a.m.
 Fellowship Hall



Bible Study by
 Rev. Jimmy Spear

Call the church office for reservations or sign up on Sunday pew pad.

Church T-Shirt Designs

Ten great designs for our church t-shirt will be on display this Sunday and we encourage you to come by and vote for your favorite! Designs will be located in the Narthex. Voting will take place this Sunday only, so be sure to see what our great artists in the church have submitted for your selection!

Weekly Report

March 28, 2010

Received this week \$7,889
 Received to Date \$339,717
 Needed to Date \$342,869
 Attendance - 316
 (includes early worship - 45)



CYF Spring Break Mission Day

Seven members of the CYF took the Monday of Spring Break to do mission work in Kansas City. The group worked from 12-7 p.m. at the Micah Ministry, a Monday night food and clothing outreach ministry of Independence Blvd Christian Church. The afternoon was spent sorting and organizing clothing donations along with assisting regular volunteers in cooking, setting up, and serving the evening meal which fed 460 people. Pictured are **Eric Arnett, Drew Gieseke, Lindsey Chandler, Jordan Mills, Jimmy Spear, Azure Stevens, Drew Nichols**.

Remembering the Week...

Centuries before anyone thought of celebrating Advent and Christmas, followers of Jesus remembered the end of his life and celebrated it in a variety of ways. This is the most holy of weeks for us. It started last Sunday, "Palm Sunday" when we remembered Jesus coming into Jerusalem triumphantly with a crowd going crazy. The people were excited for this one who had a passion for God's way in the world as opposed to the parade on the other side of town where they were excited about the Roman's rule. Jesus rode in to make a different statement than that across the city – that the Roman imperial power was not God's way. The church was conforming to the ways of the world and Jesus rode in to say and do some things about it.

Throughout holy week, our stories tell us that Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers in the temple, he engaged in a series of conflicts with the temple authorities, he caused a near riot day after day as the people rallied around him to support what he was saying and doing. On Thursday (as we will remember at our Maundy Thursday service) Jesus got to eat with his disciples for the last time. Our story tells us that Judas left in the middle of it and sold him out to the authorities. Jesus was arrested and then brought before the rulers for a speedy hearing. He was condemned to death because of the waves he was making against the politics of the city and the church's conformation to it. Jesus was killed. We will remember this in worship on Friday at noon. Saturday our stories tell us that no one did anything because it was the Sabbath. We can imagine that the crowds of people who had celebrated Jesus that week were at home and were crushed. Their man, their indescribably amazing man who was the only one who got it right, had been killed.

Sunday morning a new story is told. We will wait for it as we live through these days leading up to the highest holy day of our Christian tradition.

Our Christian faith is not based only on Palm Sunday and Easter, but on the stories of the whole week. Jesus saves because of what he said and did. He was about God's way in a world that was off the mark. Come meet our Savior this week and celebrate the life that we have to live and share because of the life that he lived and lost.

~amy kay

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

April 7th

Menu: Tuscan Herbed Pork Loin
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine
Dessert

Programs (6:30 p.m.):

- **Marcus Borg Study Group**
Morris Parlor
- **Elementary aged Children's Choir**
with Amy Kay, Emily Reinbott
and Andy Vickers
- **CYF (grades 9-12)** with Jimmy Spear

Wednesday Evenings

Opportunities for the church family to share in fellowship, while learning and growing in spirit and faith.

5:30-6:15 – Dinner
\$6 adults
\$3 kids 5-12 years
\$17 cap for a family
Under 5 free

Child Care Available

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**.



A huge thanks goes out to the following members who helped on the Property Work Day. We ground out several stumps, planted a couple trees, cleaned up the premises, spread mulch, hung a bulletin board and started scraping the Baptistery for painting. It was a very successful day. We are blessed to have such a talented and dedicated group.

Eric Arnett, Buddy Boger, Kerry Bramon, Jay Creasy, Jack Creasy, Dabney Doty, Dan Gieseke, Susan Gray, Steve Humble, Ryan Hunsaker, Mark Mills, Colleen Nilges, Mike Korman, Kelsey Korman, Hailey Korman, Tom Rose, Roy Rogers, Chuck Scott and Jeri Sheppard.

~Mark Hunsaker

News of the congregation

Thanks to our talented friends who provided special music at our worship services last Sunday: **Harlan Hackett** for his solo, *Open the Gates of the Temple* presented at both services, and for leading the congregational hymn sing enjoyed by members of the congregation who did not participate in the Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms at 9th and Broadway, and to the **Handbell Choir** for their offertory and the **Chancel Choir**, for their anthem, presented at the 10:30 service. It was a day of great music!

Thank you to the **11 people** who came to try to donate blood last Sunday! We had one new donor and eight were successful in their giving. We will look forward to another drive in June.

Jean Rossman who has been a patient at University Hospital for the last several days hopes to be released and go to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center early this week. **Tom Martz** was admitted to University Hospital on Monday afternoon for testing. **Bonnie Backues** is doing well recuperating from surgery on Thursday, March 25, at Regional Hospital.

Our prayers are also with **Beth Martz**, wife of **Matthew Martz**, and daughter-in-law of **Tom and Frieda Martz** who was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City last week; **Angelo Provenzano**, son-in-law of **Tommy Gay Evans**, who was admitted to Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina on Monday for testing; and **Odette Schaefer** who is under hospice care at Candlelight Lodge.

Congratulations to **Bob and Muriel Leach** who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on April 8th.



April 4-Carol Thomas, Laura DeVenney,
Christy Von Talge

April 6-Bryan Leath, Brian Peavler

April 8- Charles Scott

April 9-Yvonne Clark, Troy Sisson

April 10-Laura Daugherty, Erich
Unterschütz

(youth) @ first christian

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

Sunday, April 11

JYF: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

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

Future meeting dates: Apr. 25,
May 9, 23, June 6

JYF/Chi-Rho Parents: Make sure your kids always wear tied running-type shoes to youth group for the rest of the season. No sandals/flip flops! We could always take the option to be outside/at the park.

Summer Church Camp Forms

All children and youth grades 2-12 have now received information and forms for summer church camp. Please return them ASAP to Jimmy Spear.

The church will again pay half of the registration fee and assist in transportation to camp.

CYF Weekly Events

Bible Study on Tuesday Nights

6:30-7:30 p.m. in Bethany Hall

Youth Group - Wednesday Nights

6:30-8:00 p.m. (Dinner at 5:30 p.m. \$5)

CYF Mission Trip: Whitesburg, KY

June 20-27

Adult Partners needed.

Vacation Bible School

(preschool- 5th grade)

June 18-22, evenings

Civility in Faith and Family Conference

Enabling peaceful conversations between individuals and in families

2:30-5:00 p.m., April 18, 2010

First Baptist Church

1112 E. Broadway, Columbia

Cost - \$5 (payable to MUMC)

Mail registration and fee by April 12 to Rev. Otto Steinhaus, 904 Red Oak Ln., Columbia 65203. Sponsored by The Faith and Education Collaborative - Friends of Peace Studies - UM

Summer Internship

We are once again excited for the opportunity to collaborate with one college student this summer in ministry. The job description and application are available for all college students who are interested in working at our church during a ten week period this summer. Please connect with Amy Kay if you would like the full description and app.

Ring Found

A small class ring "HS of Science" was found in the children's clothing at the garage sale tied with a pink ribbon. Please reclaim from the church office by identifying either the year on the ring or the initials etched on the inside of the band.

Book Club



Please join the FCC Ladies' Book Club at noon on Wed., April 14, in Bethany Hall, to discuss *The Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. The Washington Post wrote the book uses "its humor and optimism..." to "affirm the power of books to nourish people during hard times." Join us to see if you agree. Although May's FCC book selection is a mystery by Columbia's Dr. Robert McDavid entitled *Only Daughters*, please feel free to read a book of your choice to share with the group on May 12.

Slate of Officers for CWF

The CWF nominating committee members: Mary Tompson, Connie Guy, Donna Houston and Sharon Winner presented the following slate of officers for CWF for the year 2010-2011.

President - Joyce Stanley

First Vice-President - Sally Robinson

Events Planners - Colleen Nilges and Cindy Rose

Corresponding Secretary - Lisa Snyder

Treasurer/Secretary - Carol Slusher

Social Action - Pam Hunsaker

Liaison for CWU - Shirley Park

Wardrobe Coordinator - Pat Rainey

Historian - Linda Chandler

Yearbook chairperson - Elizabeth Mottaz

CWF Groups will vote on the proposed slate of officers at their next meetings.



Above: The college group was fortunate to have Tony Alioto, Religion and Ethics professor at Columbia College, come speak to us about the roots of the problems in the Middle East the past two weeks. A dozen of our students were able to come and learn from this wise and generous professor.

Below: Fourteen women from our church were able to take part in MedZou's B Cup program which educates about Breast Cancer and healthy lifestyles. Five of the Medical School's key professors and six students came to lead our CAFÉ experience last week.



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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 4

Van Driver: Ben Micek

Office Receptionist: Becky Bramon

Church School Greeter: Judy Hall

Bethany Hall Greeter: Tom and Susan Gray

Flower Ministry:

Arranged by - Easter Lily Sunday

Delivered by - Jean Hall, Judy Hall, Cherry & Ed Hinderberger

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Tom and Carol Hughey, Eric Seaman

Elders: Will Houston, Donna Houston, Sarah Yonker

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Ushers: The Pavlovich Team

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Jeff and Susan Ripley, Colleen Nilges

Liturgist: Shane Bower

Elders: Brenda Martin, Nancy Watson, Carol Slusher

Deacons: The Campbell Team

Greeter North Door: Cindy Rose

Greeter South Door: Judy Creasy

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Jonathan LaHue, Julia La Hue

Candlelighters: Elayna Mottaz, Kim Potthast

This Week (April 4 - 10)

Mon. - Coffman-Watson
Group, 7:00 p.m.,
Moray Kiehl's home

Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30
a.m., Morris Parlor
- CYF Bible Study, 6:30-
7:30 p.m., Bethany
Hall

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30
a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
* Marcus Borg Study Group, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
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Sat. - Disciples Men's Breakfast, 8:30-9:45 a.m.,
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