



4 Ways to Help Haiti

Kids bring Band-Aids for Kids

Last Sunday Jimmy Spear talked with FCC children at the Children's Moment about Band-Aids. He challenged them to think about helping the children of Haiti by bringing in Band-Aids. The children of FCC are encouraged to bring new unopened packages of Band-Aids in any size in the coming weeks. We will collect them during the Children's Moment each Sunday and send them to our relief partners working in Haiti.



Donate to Haiti Directly



Donating to Week of Compassion is a great way to assist in the relief efforts in the earthquake torn Haiti.

Week of Compassion, the compassion service arm of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is able to connect our gifts to partners in great need in that region. Through the largest global alliance of Christian humanitarian agencies, *Action by Churches Together* (ACT), Week of Compassion is already on the ground in Haiti. In the chaos of aid distribution, ACT Alliance members, including Church World Service (CWS), are managing to get food, temporary shelter, water cleaning materials and expertise to the Haitian capital. The need is greater than any could imagine.

For more of the story of ACT and WOC and to donate directly please log onto the WOC website. You can make a donation directly on the website or by sending your check to the church office and we will send it to WOC.

www.weekofcompassion.org

Hygiene & Baby Kits for Haiti via Church World Service

Hygiene Kits and Baby Care Kits are needed by Church World Service to replace the kits that were sent to Haiti. These are the types of kits that we assembled for the Festival of Sharing - and were immediately available to be taken to Haiti as part of the relief effort (thanks to FCC members who so generously supported the Festival of Sharing this past fall.)

There are 3 ways to help:

1. Donate money to purchase items for the kits.
2. Put together a complete kit and bring it to church (boxes for kits will be in the Narthex).
3. Bring individual items to church - volunteers will assemble kits.

Hygiene Kit:

1 hand towel - approx. 16"x28"
1 washcloth
1 wide-tooth comb
1 nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
1 tooth brush (in original packaging)
6 band-aids
Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

Baby Care Kit:

6 cloth diapers
2 T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
2 washcloths
2 gowns or sleepers
2 diaper pins
1 sweater or sweatshirt
2 receiving blankets (one can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)
ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.



Children Sell Creation Cards

A Project of The River of Life Sunday School

Children in the River of Life Sunday School are planning a fund raising campaign for Week of Compassion donations for Haiti. The kids are making greeting cards which will be available to church members before and after the 10:30 church service for a free will offering.

The River of Life this month is learning the story of Creation from Genesis and gleaned from it how God created humankind to be responsible for one another and to be caretakers for all people and living things. These cards depict the creation and would be great to send greetings to friends, while at the same time providing funds to WOC-Haiti. Find us in the Narthex this Sunday!

Sunday Morning Worship

"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." With those words Jesus concluded a reading from the 61st chapter of Isaiah proclaiming good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of the sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the year of the Lord's favor. With the reading of those words from the Bible, Jesus began teaching in the synagogue in Nazareth where he had been brought up, and outlined the course of his ministry. These verses found in Luke 4:16-21, coupled with the words of the apostle Paul found in 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a will set the tone for our worship service on Jan. 24 and provide the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon, "Fulfilling the Promise!"

Hymns for the day will include: *O Worship the King, It is Well With My Soul*, and *Eat This Bread*. The Chancel Choir's anthem will be *Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me*.

Weekly Report

January 17, 2010

Received this week \$9,934

Attendance-232 (incl. 57 at 8:30)

Heeerrree's Johnny!

As you heard Jimmy Spear announce in worship last Sunday morning, at a January 13 special meeting the Administrative Board voted to retain Bethany Hall for church purposes for the coming year. Following my presentation outlining continued use by church members, proposed sources of income from outside groups totaling more than \$20,000, there was a period of discussion and an affirmative vote.

Among the sources of income to support our use of Bethany Hall are the following:

- Anonymous: \$5,000
- Fair Trade Store: \$7,000
- Dialogue Groups: \$1,500
- Wedding rehearsals & other groups: \$2,400
- Artists display space: \$1,000
- Grants and other programs: \$1,000
- Columbia Charismatic Episcopal Church: \$6,000

"Who is the Columbia Charismatic Episcopal Church?" you are probably asking. Let me respond: Some of you have known the Rev. John Prenger of the Charismatic Episcopal Church for several years, and many of us have become well acquainted with him through his participation in the Lenten Breakfasts, the Community Thanksgiving Service, and leadership of the Columbia Interfaith Council. Information about them can be found on their website: www.cechome.com.

In recent months this small religious community rented a small meeting space on Walnut Street across from our church, and were looking for a place to hold their meetings in a downtown location when they learned of our space located in Bethany Hall. In the next two weeks we will draw up a lease allowing their use of Bethany Hall for up to three years, with annual re-evaluation of the agreement. They will use it at the following times each week: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 4 - 9 p.m., and occasional other times.

With this agreement, we will retain control of Bethany Hall for church uses and groups on Sunday mornings and other times such as the Pathfinder's Adult Sunday School Class, the Back Room college group, CYF Bible study, Shawl Ministry, Book Group, the Fair Trade Store and others. We will realize an income in partnership with a Christian group which is in need of a space for its ministry. We can now begin creating new ways of doing ministry in this unique space.

Save the Date - Feb. 14th Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

The World Outreach Department wants you to "have a heart for Yakima Christian Mission" from 9:00 till 10:30 am with a biscuits and gravy (or butter and jelly) and juice breakfast. With some great help from the College Youth Group, this breakfast will benefit the Yakima Christian Mission, where many of our youth participated in work camps in the past several years.

Last year, our church income did not allow us to send money we had budgeted to help several agencies, including Yakima Christian Mission in the state of Washington. Located in the Yakima Indian Reservation with primarily low-income families, their statement of mission is "to enhance the wellbeing of children and youth through advocacy and education."

There will be no charge for the breakfast, with a free-will offering asked. All the money collected in excess of costs will go directly to the Yakima Christian Mission.

Come and join us for a great meal and, of course, great fellowship with others in the church. And, if you can't attend, we will still welcome your contribution!

VAC Thank-you

This week, an envelope of thank-you cards was delivered to the church office from all the families and individuals First Christian sponsored for the VAC Christmas project. Through your generosity, 16 families (50 individuals) in our community had a brighter Christmas. In the words of one mother, "I have been having the worst luck and just needed a little help. So thank you so much, this really means a lot!" You can see the thank-you cards for yourself in the church office. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Happy Birthday

Jan. 24-James Silvey, Marion Storm

Jan. 25-Carroll St. John

Jan. 26-Jan Keithley, Kara Zimmer,
Samuel Creasy, Glenda Clark

Jan. 28-Jim Baumgartner, Jim Ross

Jan. 29-Matthew Hickey, Anita
Dresser, Annika Hysten, Bryan
Freed

Jan. 30-Ronald Sheppard

News of the congregation

We extend sympathy to **Mary Bancroft** and the members of her family on the death of her mother, **Edith Douglas**, age 95, who died on Thursday afternoon, January 14. A native of Topeka, Kansas, she was a graduate of the University of Missouri and noted horticulturalist and genealogist who collaborated on several books of genealogy. She lived most of her life in Marshall, Missouri where she was involved in many community activities and was an active member of First Baptist Church. Members of the family will gather in Bonner Springs, Kansas for internment in February.

J.W. "Stan" Stafford has returned to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center after spending several days at Boone Hospital last week. **Geri Coon** spent a few days at University Hospital last week and has now gone to the Lenoir Health Care Center to continue recuperating from a recent fall. We are glad to report that **Muriel Leach** has returned to her home in the Lenoir Village after spending several days in the hospital and at Lenoir Health Care Center. **Bill Moon** returned home last weekend after spending a few days at Boone Hospital Center.

Congratulations to **Tommy Gay and David Evans** on their 51st wedding anniversary, January 25th.

We extend our sympathy to **Russ Palmer** and his family on the death of his aunt, **Carla Helmreich** who died after a brief illness while visiting family members on South Padre Island, Texas. She was 57 years old. A visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m., Friday, January 22 at the Columbia United Church of Christ, a funeral service to follow on Saturday at 10 a.m., also at the church. Burial will be at the St John's United Church of Christ at Billingsville in Cooper County.

Amy Kay Pavlovich continues her second week studying process theology at Eden Theological Seminary in pursuit of her Master of Divinity degree. She plans to graduate in the spring and be ordained early in June.

Your Special Birthday!



Millie Bolman

- 91 on Feb. 2

College notes...

Our semester has started well with a Sunday lunch and first Back Room gathering of ten students even before Stephens and Mizouou began classes! We certainly hope that you will schedule in time to come to the church's college group any Wednesday evening from 8:45 – 10:00pm. We meet in Bethany Hall and are open to any and all college students regardless of faith background or church affiliation. Feel free to tell the students who you know about our offering; this is a really great group of bright, accepting students. w/ thanksgiving for the opportunity to be with the students – amy kay



Those ladies who missed the discussion of *Skeletons at the Feast* on Jan. 13 missed one of the most animated Book Club discussions over the past

4 years! It may be difficult to maintain the interest and excitement for February's pick, *The Shack* by William P. Young. Now in paperback many critics are calling it the "buzz" book for 2009. Why not join us in Bethany Hall at noon on February 10 to see exactly what the buzz is all about?

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

JYF and CHI-RHO: Sunday, Jan. 24

JYF: 4:30 - 6 pm

Chi-Rho: 6 - 7:30 pm

(Other dates: Feb. 7 & 21)

Feb. 7 will be a trip to swim at the ARC.

Pizza Lunch after worship then to ARC, back to church for pickup by 2:30 pm.

Chi-Rho (Area) Retreat March 12-13

CYF in 2010

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



CYF at Regional Youth Gathering – Jan 15-16

The church van was full with 6 CYF youth (Lindsey Chandler, Drew Nichols, Sally Kessel, Nichole Lyons, Christian Hulen, and Jimmy Spear) joined by 3 friends from Broadway CC, 2 from Mexico FCC, 1 from Madison CC, and 1 from Moberly CCC. Along with a van containing 6 youth and Rev. Paula Ritchie from Fayette FCC traveled together and attended the youth retreat held at Union Ave. Christian Church in St. Louis. Worship, reflection, fun and service projects centered around a Romans 12 theme and provided a great landscape for youth on retreat.

Drennan Group to Meet

Drennan Group will meet Tuesday, January 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the Drennan Room. Sarah Yonker will present the study/worship.

Be a Ringer!

The **Chancel Bells** will reconvene from 8:45-9:30 a.m. beginning Sunday, January 24th. The bell choir meets in the level below the sanctuary. New bell ringer positions are available. All interested in playing bells are most welcome! More information: contact Cheryl Nichols (ph. 823-5094).

Disciple Men's Breakfast

Sat., Jan. 30
8:30-9:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

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

6:20 - Devotion

6:30-7:30 - Adult Programming

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**.

Jan. 27th CAFÉ

Menu: Smothered Pork Chops
Green Bean Salad
Squash and Apples
Buttermilk Chocolate Cake

* Program Choices:

- Rev. James Kimbro is going to be with us to talk about the new Phoenix House facilities and their mission.
- Study of *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith* by Marcus Borg, led by John Yonker and Ken Watson, Morris Parlor

* CYF (grades 9-12) with Jimmy Spear

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Jan. 24

Van Driver: Frank Boster
Office Receptionist: Becky Bramon
Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt
Bethany Hall Greeter: Holly Wheatley
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Joe and Kim Reardon
Delivered by - Robert and Cathy Seltsam


Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tommy Gay Evans, Will and Donna Houston
Elder: Joyce Stanley

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Bryant, Susan and Erik White
Liturgist: Joe Reardon
Elders: Steve and Cheryl Lightner, Carol Slusher
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeter North Door: Moray Kiehl
Greeter South Door: Vicki and Jeff Johnson
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Coleman and Wyatt Rogers
Candlelighters: Makali Hawkins and Abe Creasy
Children's Worship Leader: Kim Boger
C.W. Helper: Debbie Taylor

This Week (Jan. 24 - 30)

- Sun. - Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon. - Loaves and Fishes, Pathfinders Group 
- Nominating Committee Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Tue. - Drennan Group, 1:00 p.m., Drennan Room
- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- CYF Bible Study (grades 9-12), 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Hannah Jones Group, 9:30 a.m., Lenoir 2nd Floor Apts.
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Tommy Gay Evans
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Programs:
- Phoenix House by Rev. Kimbro
- Study of Marcus Borg's book, led by John Yonker and Ken Watson, Morris Parlor
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr. - Master Planning Mtg., 4:30-8:00 p.m., Keystone Room