



Sunday Morning Worship

"Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." With these words the prophet Jeremiah responded to a feeling that God was calling him to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. It took some convincing for him to discover his gift and respond to the call. Do you ever feel like that? "I know that I should be doing something, but I don't have any gifts! I don't know what I can do!"

Using two great passages of scripture, from Jeremiah 1:4-10 and 1 Corinthians 12, in worship on Sunday morning, January 31, Dr. Yonker will address the issue of identifying and using our gifts in service to Christ.

Special music will include the Chancel Choir's anthem, *I Love You, Lord*, at 10:30 worship. Great hymns for the morning will be: *Marching to Zion*; *The Gift of Love* and *Love Devine, All Loves Excelling*.

The Annual Planning Retreat previously scheduled for Sunday has been postponed.

Coffman-Watson CWF

Coffman-Watson CWF will meet at 7:00 pm, February 1 at Sarah Yonker's home: 3805 Woods Edge Road.

Weekly Report

January 24, 2009

Received this week \$4,275

Received to Date \$269,627

Needed to Date \$261,628

Attendance - 310

(includes early worship - 63)

Disciple Men's Breakfast

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



Bible Study by Rev. Jimmy Spear

Menu (prepared by Laura Estes):
Breakfast Casserole of biscuits,
gravy, sausage & eggs

Fresh Fruit
Coffee & Juice
\$6



Haiti Relief Note Cards

Children in grades kindergarten - fifth grade made note cards which were available to church members in the narthex for a donation to Haiti Relief through Week of Compassion. Members contributed \$248.93 - an amazing amount! The kids will be in the narthex next Sunday with their remaining notecards. Thanks to all for your generosity and kindness!



Loaves and Fishes



Many thanks to the PathFinders Sunday School class for serving at Loaves and Fishes last Monday evening. Pictured above are **JD Estes, Hartley and Kim Rogers, and Amy Kay** who served from the class with help from our

expert volunteer, **Chuck Scott**. Also, thanks to **Charise Garrett** and **Sara Klockow** who helped prepare our meal. It was a great evening!

A Heart Warming

Isn't it wonderful when something really good happens and your heart is touched? After a two week educational vacation, I returned to the church and needed a couple of volunteers to help me knock out a quick project. I texted Charise Garrett, our Campus Ministry Intern, and she was available. She then texted Sara Klockow who was also willing to pop over and help out... the most amazing thing is that neither Charise nor Sara apparently knew what project they were volunteering to complete! They knew the church needed something done and just came over to do it! Isn't that amazing? My heart is indeed warmed by their openness and generosity.

I am often amazed by the spirit of you all in our church. You are, in fact, the Spirit.

My two weeks of educational leave were put to good use at Eden Theological Seminary where I was able to learn from Dr. John Riggs about Process Theology. It was a rich class and formative. It has given me new ways to express God's work in the world... God's work with us in the world. I have a renewed sense of thankfulness for you who continue to try to be open to God's presence and respond to God's beckoning.

So it is when you jump into projects, when you respond to requests for prayer, when you participate in Sunday School, when you do any number of things in and out of the church that you make God real and personal in our world. I thank God for you - the God that you continue to help me to know through the very way you live your life.
~amy kay



Sara Klockow and Charise Garrett



Book Club

February's selection, *The Shack* by William P. Young, is about a man who connects with God after the death of his child. Please join the Ladies' Book Club, February 10, in their discussion of the book that has remained a top seller for over a year. The ladies meet in Bethany Hall at noon the second Wednesday of each month. You're welcome to bring your lunch.

February 14th Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

The World Outreach Department wants you to "have a heart for Yakama Christian Mission" from 9:00-10:30 am with a biscuits and gravy (or butter and jelly) and juice breakfast. With some great help from the College Group, this breakfast will benefit the Yakama Christian Mission, where many of our adults have participated in learning and serving mission trips 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 Yakama Christian Mission in the state of Washington. Located in the Yakama 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 Yakama 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!




Bill and I appreciated visits from Jimmy and John during his recent stay in the hospital. We have enjoyed the lovely flowers and the shawl is beautiful. Thanks, from both of us.
~Betty Moon

News of the congregation

Thanks to the **Chancel Choir**, directed by **Cheryl Nichols** and accompanied by **Mary Bancroft** for their lovely anthem presented at the 10:30 service last Sunday. Thanks to **Jean Hall** for playing the piano at the vesper service last Sunday afternoon at the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center. The ministers of First Christian Church lead vesper services there on the 4th Sunday of the month!

It was great to see **Fred Mottaz** back in the church office for a little while on Monday morning. He is continuing to regain strength after his recent heart surgery and is looking forward to getting back to work when the doctors gives him the OK.

Our prayers and best wishes are with **Kelly Holman**, as she recovers from surgery last week. **Bud Smith** is at home after some outpatient testing late last week. Our prayers are with **Daryl Klotz's mother** who has been hospitalized recently in Kansas City; and **Khons Volmert's mother, Thep Keopraseut**, who has been seriously ill recently.

I want to thank all the FCC family for all the  cards, calls, visits and most importantly prayers for me during my hospital stay and at home during convalescence. I would like to thank John, Jimmy and Amy Kay for their daily hospital visits. I would also like to thank Pam Hunsaker and Cora Riley for delivering the lovely arrangement from the Chancel Flowers. It is truly a joy to be a member of such a loving church.
~Fred Mottaz



Jan. 31-Adam Taylor
Feb. 1-Amy Marrero
Feb. 2-Millie Bolman, Itsel Updegraff
Feb. 3-Abe Creasy

(youth) @ first christian

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

JYF and CHI-RHO: Sunday, Feb. 7

JYF: 4:30 - 6 pm

Chi-Rho: 6 - 7:30 pm

(Other dates: Feb. 21 & Mar. 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)

TREE - Teen Relationship Education Empowerment

A faith-based response to healthy relationships and teen dating violence.

Participants Welcomed: 2 adults, 2 youth

TREE is a local faith-based initiative, funded by the Missouri Foundation for Health, to create a coalition of local religious communities to address youth relationship violence and healthy relationships in Boone County. Kim Ryan is the project coordinator. Jimmy Spear and Holly Gieseke will be attending a training/informative workshop and need one more adult and 2 youth (8-12 grade) to create a leadership team. The team will attend the workshop and then share a program in the coming months within the life of FCC.

Workshop in Columbia: Feb 21 & 22

(Sunday afternoon & Monday evening.)

See Jimmy Spear if you are interested or would like to nominate a youth to participate.

SOUPerbowl Sunday February 7



CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

Feb. 3rd

Menu: Stacked Burrito Pie, Southwest Salad, Salsa & Chips, Cinnamon Apple Burrito with Ice Cream

* **Program Choices:**

- **Lenten Prayer Candle Making**
Prayer Practices are an important part of Lent (which begins Feb 17), and so we will create special candles for this lenten journey. All ages welcome!
- **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

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

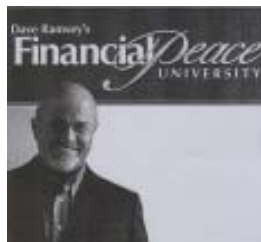
6:30-7:30 - Adult Programming

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**.

Financial Peace University

Looking for some financial peace? Come along and join the nine members of our community who are beginning a new Dave Ramsey class this very Wednesday evening, February 3, at 6:00pm in the Cinema. Please call Amy Kay or the church office as soon as possible if you would like to take the 13 week course.



The fee for the class series is \$100 and includes a lifetime membership to the Financial Peace University web materials as well as many tools for financial management. Your own set of CDs of the course is also included. If you would like to talk with a member of the first class that we offered last semester to hear a personal account of the experience, please check with Amy Kay for references. Thanks!

31 at the Heart of Christianity

Thirty-one people met in Morris Parlor for the first session of the study of The Heart of Christianity led by Dr. John Yonker and Dr. Ken Watson. Sessions



will be held every Wednesday night following the CAFÉ supper. To join the class or learn more about the study group, call John Yonker in the church office at 449-7265.

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Jan. 31

Van Driver: Matt Batterson
Office Receptionist: Laura Crane
Church School Greeter: Lorene and Nelson Trickey
Bethany Hall Greeter: Tom and Susan Gray
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Pat Ritchie and David Heise
Delivered by - Paul and Vickie Rorvig

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Andy Janssen, Steve and Sharon Smith
Elder: Mary Bancroft

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Rebekah Hart, Robert & Cathy Seltsam
Liturgist: Kim Reardon
Elders: Harlan Hackett, Dan Backues and Fred Mottaz
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeter North Door: Kent and Paula Kurtz
Greeter South Door: David Polach
Ushers: The Nichols Team
Banner Bearers: Wolf Schaefer and Erich Unterschütz
Candlelighters: Max Schaefer and Emily Unterschütz
Children's Worship Leader: Eric Arnett
C.W. Helper: Tom Rose

This Week (Jan. 31 - Feb. 6)

- Mon. - Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Sarah Yonker's home
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- CYF Bible Study (grades 9-12), 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Programs:
- Lenten Prayer Candle Making
- 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
- Fri. - Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
(Everyone Welcome!)

