



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday Morning Worship

On the 4th of July each year our attention turns to a celebration of the freedom and heritage of democracy which we share as citizens of this land. In our worship service on Sunday morning the readings of the scriptures and Dr. Yonker's sermon will call us to commit ourselves to living by the great principles by which our common life can be renewed. Scripture reading will include Luke 10:1-11, 17-20 and Galatians 5:1, 13-22.

Music for the day will include the hymns: *O Beautiful, This is My Song, I Come with Joy* and *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* and the Chancel Choir anthem, *Heal Our Land*.



Pavloviches Recognized

Dr. John Yonker presents a plaque recognizing the ministry of Amy Kay Pavlovich during the late worship service on June 27 as her husband, Dane, stands with her to receive the gratitude of the congregation for his participation in the life of our church. Coming to First Christian Church in July 2001, Amy Kay completed her work with us last Sunday and will be moving to Jacksonville, Illinois with her husband, Dane and two sons, Sebastian and Atticus, where Dane has already assumed the duties as Athletic Director and Women's Basketball Coach at McMurry College. Godspeed, friends!



Wednesday, July 7
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Inside and Outside
(depending on weather)

Variety of Italian Village Pizza & Beverages served

Join us for live music, fun activities and great fellowship with church friends young and old.

This fellowship event is sponsored by the Membership Committee.

Mid-Week Matinee
"The Blind Side"



Sponsored by STARS
Wed. July 7, 3 pm
3rd Floor Cinema

Church Dine-Out
Friday - July 2
5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!



Fair Trade Ministry and Olivet Christian

This Summer our World Outreach Department and Summer Ministry Intern are partnering to take our Fair Trade Ministry to Olivet Christian Church (DOC)'s Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market is open each Thursday evening from 4:00 – 6:00pm. There are meat, eggs, herbs, some veggies (more as the season goes on) and Fair Trade products available for purchase. Olivet (located on Route WW) invited us to participate in the market throughout the summer months and it is indeed our pleasure to do so. Stop by any week and be a part of the good works of Disciples together.

Beautiful Endings and Beginnings...

Last Sunday was my last with you at First Christian. It was an amazing day for me and my family and I hope that the church feels that it was a good day as well.

Our family felt blessed by you. Dane and I were both shocked and touched by your enthusiastic standing ovation. We appreciate very much your reception, gift of a clock and "love offering". Words really can't express our thanksgiving for not only the entirety of the day on Sunday, but for all of the years that we have been able to grow here with you. Thank you.

The most perfect part of Sunday for the church had to be the "joys and concerns" when we were able to all meet Cynthia Williams, the church's new Early Service Music Coordinator, and, at the same time, formally say goodbye to one another. It really was perfect. I laughingly quipped, "out with the old and in with the new" and it is true... and it is good. I have gotten to be here what I hope has been a good amount of time and now there is new life and spirit among you. You have a great staff to help facilitate your work in God's ministry that will be guided by the recently adopted Master Plan. You have energetically expressed your hope for the future of the church. It is a beautiful end and beginning.

The stories of our ancestors of the faith tell us that they knew God when they were in times of comfort, times of transition, times of uncertainty and times of resettlement. Their best times were when they had a healthy sense of God's way in the world and were a part of that work. This is our shared story and may it be our narrative into the future. w/great thanksgiving~ amy kay

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Your gift of \$250.00 to Personal Energy Transportation (PET) is received with much gratitude. This is a low time of the year for donations, and your caring and sharing will help us keep on building and shipping GIFTS OF MOBILITY AND HOPE. Right now we are building for three shipments - one to Swaziland, one to El Salvador and one to Nepal.
~Mel West, PET Director

We set sail in 3 weeks!



Vacation Bible School!

July 18 - 23
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(dinner at 5:30 p.m.)

Register children NOW online by going to www.firstchristian.org and clicking on the VBS link

Your Special Birthday!



Elwyn Ewer- 95
on July 6



July 4-Andrew Nichols
July 5-Stacia Schaefer
July 6-Elwyn Ewer, Jenny Patterson, Haley Evers
July 7-Jack Estes
July 8-Barbara Rothenberger, J.D. Estes, David Weber, Michael Wildman
July 9-Dorothy Porter, Erin Bower
July 10-Judith Creasy, Shawn Von Talge

News of the congregation

We extend our sympathy to **Carl and Norma Miles** and their family on the death of Carl's sister, **Margaret "Peggy" Mahoney Lovins**, age 74, who died on Friday, June 25 at University Hospital. In addition to Carl and Norma, she is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law, **Jack and Darlene Miles**, of Columbia, four children, eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Monday, June 28 in Shelbina, Missouri.

Muriel Leach is recuperating at home following surgery last week at Regional Hospital. **Freda Martz** has also returned home to continue recovering from surgery last week at Boone Hospital.

Thanks to **Jean Hall** and **Mary Bancroft** for their piano duets presented in worship at both early and late services last Sunday morning. Thanks to all the members of the church who planned and provided such a nice reception for **Amy Kay Pavlovich** and her family on her last Sunday serving as an Associate Minister of our congregation. In addition to her husband **Dane** and sons, **Sebastian** and **Atticus**, it was a joy to welcome Amy Kay's parents, **Wayne and Ruth Gfeller** for the special day.

A Special
THANK YOU

The reception we had Sunday to say good-bye to Amy Kay, Dane, Sebastian and Atticus was wonderful! As always there are many, many to thank for providing cookies, breads and sweets, helping organize and set-up and clean up. Thanks to all the following volunteers: **Sarah Storm, Nancy Watson, Sarah Yonker, Tom Crane, Judy Hall, Cherry Hinderberger, Tommy Gay Evans, Bettie Koelling, Brenda Mosby, Chris Creasy, Mary Tompson, Millie Carringer, Carol Slusher, Susan Gray, Vicki Johnson, Kim and Buddy Boger, Judy Cunningham, Molly Read, Candice Harris, Pat and Sue Wright, Eric Seaman, Bryant and Susan White, Brenda Martin, Mary Jane Anderson and Colleen Nilges.** You are great!
Thanks, Joyce Stanley

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

Summer Youth Events are Here!

Each youth group will have monthly events and gatherings. Email/Facebook/postcards and this box will keep you informed! Stay tuned!

Chi-Rho Pool Party:

July 11, 3:00 - 6:30
Swim and BBQ at Boger's

CYF Canoe Trip: Tues. July 13
\$20 Reserve a spot by July 6

Chi-Rho Mission Trip:

August 1-3, St. Louis, MO
Inner city mission work through Union Avenue CC's "Urban Mission Inn"

At Church Camp this Next Week:

Junior Camp 2
Julia Bower, Zac Ruffolo,
Makali Hawkins, Max Schaefer, Kim
Potthast, Allie Love, Jadie Arnett

STARS to K.C. American Heartland Theatre

It looks like tickets are going fast so we need to know ASAP if you can join us for this day. Tickets are not refundable so we want to order the right amount. If we purchase 12 or more the price is \$16 per ticket.

We will also be eating lunch together and possibly a light supper. The play, *Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a comedy, starts at 1 p.m. Date of the play is Wednesday, August 4, 2010. Contact the church office (449-7265) to make reservations **by July 11**.

Children's Worship Summer Break

July & August (Resumes Aug 29)

To honor the 10 months of dedication and leadership of our four Children's Worship leaders, we will again observe a much needed vacation period that they might rest. Thanks **Eric Arnett, Kim Boger, Holly Gieseke, and Jessica Humble** for your leadership!

Children's Worship Bulletins and Crayons are available in the narthex as well as a book cart with a great array of children's books to help the children manage the Sundays in sanctuary worship.



BOOK O R N E R

As a new church year begins, new elders and veteran leaders will find wisdom, biblical guidance and useful suggestions in a new book by Gary Straub, senior minister of First Christian Church in Frankfort, KY. After a suggested inventory of 20 items to be weighed in accepting this position, we may ask, "Why on Earth Did They Ask Me to be an Elder?" It is not because of a popularity contest or a political office; hopefully, it is because the congregation sees in you qualities of maturity and spiritual leadership needed for our church to survive and thrive.

This small book, on The Book Cart, less than 100 pages, entitled Your Calling as an Elder points up that faithful leadership is a beacon for congregations as elders' prayers become spiritual channels through which graces unfold in congregational life. In this connection it may be mentioned that in a small metal frame on the desk in the library are a number of books of devotional prayers for elders. You may find something there helpful to what you want to say.

Board Officers Recognized

With the beginning of a new church year on July 1, we say thanks to everyone for their support of the church over the past twelve months. While it takes many people to make the church what it is, we recognize the officers of the Administrative Board who have led the church in the past year:

Moderator - C.K. Hoenes
Vice-Moderator - Steve Smith
Treasurer - Holly Gieseke
Secretary - Jessica Humble.

New officers will begin their work at the July 14 board meeting.



Jewel Dietzel, one of the members of our congregation who is no longer able to attend worship services, continues to remain in the church through her participation in the Shawl Ministry. Here she displays one of her latest creations in the living room of her home.

Weekly Report

June 27, 2010

Received this week \$7,012
Received to Date \$450,019
Needed to Date \$454,398
Attendance - 275
(includes early worship - 45)

Stanley & Robinson go to Greensboro!



Joyce Stanley and Sally Robinson attended the **14th Quadrennial Assembly**, presented by the International Disciples Women's Ministries of the Christian Church in Greensboro, NC. this past week. [They will share their stories in a Visitor next month.]

The Visitor

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Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 4

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Debbie Potthast
Church School Greeter: Judy Hall
Bethany Hall Greeter: Pat Rainey
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Carol and Tom Hughey
Delivered by - Dr. Robert Swanson, Gene Taylor

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Anne Linn
Elder: Anne Campbell

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Frank and Erin Boster, Jeri Sheppard
Liturgist: Sally Robinson
Elders: Dan Backues, Mary Bancroft, Debbie Batterson
Deacons: The Campbell Team
Greeter North Door: Vicki and Jeff Johnson
Greeter South Door: Nina Oliver
Ushers: The Pavlovich Team
Banner Bearers: Coleman Rogers, Ben Creasy
Candlelighters: Hunter and Wyatt Rogers

This Week (July 4-10)



- Sun. - No Softball Game
- Mon. - Office closed for the holiday
- Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- STARS Movie Matinee, 3:00 p.m., 3rd Floor Cinema
- Mid-Summer Festival, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Inside & Outside of the church (depending on weather)