



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Have you ever read the story of Hosea? Do you remember whom he married? He didn't "marry up," he married down! His would not have been voted "Family of the Year" by the local Chamber of Commerce. But his story is a recounting of the way in which the grace of God was extended to the ancient people living in the land of Israel, and will provide the text for Dr. Yonker's sermon, "The Seductive Savior." Scripture texts are found in Hosea 1:2-10 and 2:14-20.

Special music for the morning will include Pat Rybolt singing *Go Into the World* at the 8:30 service and at the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir singing *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*.

Also at the 10:30 service, we will have the special joy of witnessing the Service of Blessing and Dedication of Dietrich William Arnett, eight-month old son of Eric and Tammy Arnett.

**Final call for VOLUNTEERS!  
 Explaining the YELLOW SHEET!**

The "**Offering our Gifts and Sharing our Interests**" (Yellow Sheet) is that very thing...the offering and sharing of gifts/interests. It tells us:



(1) Who would like to serve in key areas of hospitality and organization during the church year. Examples: Flower Arranging, Flower Delivery, Van Driving, Ushering, Sunday Greeting, 10:30 Liturgist, providing college group snacks, etc. (places where a year long schedule of ministry volunteers is put into place running July-July).

(2) Areas of church life that you would participate in should activity in those areas be created. Ex: Banner making, partnering with youth groups, living nativity, helping with funeral dinners, handbell choir, etc. (places where a committee or member might call on you since you have an interest in sharing your gifts in a specific way in the ministry of the church).

**NOTE:** If you have signed up before or were on one of the above schedules in the past, you will need to sign up again. No one is carried over year to year. Please check what you are currently doing if you want to continue as well as what new things you would like to do in the future.

The Church Calendar year for leadership and serving is July – July.

**Deadline: August 1** Yellow sheets can be placed in boxes in the Narthex and church office.

Thanks to the hundreds of you who have turned one in! Thanks, also, to Joyce Stanley for doing the data entry of all our Gifts and Interests.

**Potluck Brunch in  
 Bethany Hall**

**First 4 Sundays in August!  
 9:30-10:15 a.m.**



**Bring Food, share Fellowship with  
 church Families and Friends.  
 Drinks provided.**



**It was a beautiful day on the river!**

The CYF canoed the Courtiois River on July 13. (L to R) Jordan Mills, Alec Wright, Lexie Ruffolo, Azure Stevens, Drew Nichols, Jake Nichols, Lindsey Chandler, Jimmy Spear and Sally Kessell. Thanks to Donna Kessell for taking the picture and partnering on the float trip.

## Heerrree's Johnny!

If you can get away from your routine for a few days at the end of October, I would invite you to join me for a trip back in time, to discover the roots of the Christian Church at the Cane Ridge Meeting House in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Located on a beautiful hill not far east of Lexington, the Cane Ridge Meeting House was the site of a revival meeting in the summer of 1801 which drew as many as 10 to 20,000 people from across the American frontier. Part of what historians call the "second great awakening" of religion in America, the Cane Ridge revival was organized by a Presbyterian minister named Barton Warren Stone in an effort to revitalize his church. Inviting other Presbyterian ministers, Stone also welcomed Methodist and Baptist ministers to stand on wagon beds, table tops and tree stumps to proclaim a message of salvation and church membership for anyone who wanted to unite with Christ. Little did Stone know that in just a few short years, he would not only bring new life into his little church, he would change the landscape of religion in America as thousands of people would be drawn into his movement for the reformation of the church, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) would come to life.

Following the Cane Ridge meeting, Stone and his followers severed their ties with the Presbyterian church authorities who tried to censure their preaching as being opposed to official church doctrine, and formed their own independent church body called the Springfield Presbytery. But in little more than a year, Stone and his friends had created a movement which was greater than themselves, and which could not be restricted to a single Christian denomination. In the summer of 1804 they wrote a little document called "The Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery" which outlined their ecumenical vision, saying,

"We will, that this body die, be dissolved, and sink into union with the Body of Christ at large; for there is but one Body, and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling."

Dropping the name Presbyterian, they began calling themselves "Christians only" and launched a movement which began to spread like wildfire across the American frontier. By 1832 Stone and his friends joined forces with the followers of Alexander Campbell who was leading another reformation movement in western Pennsylvania

which had adopted the name Disciples of Christ. Working together, these two groups spread westward with the American frontier and created a movement for Christian unity which became the largest native American born Christian denomination in the land.

What a great story! As members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), this is our history. And what a great heritage it is! Every member of the church ought to know it! And for that reason I want to take one more trip with our people to visit Cane Ridge and learn our history.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a Disciples Heritage Trip, October 25-29 to Cane Ridge Kentucky and the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Nashville, Tennessee.

*Thanks*  
for YOUR  
participation

On behalf of the Columbia Interfaith Council I want to thank you for your very generous donation of \$900.

During these difficult financial times there have been more individuals and even families accessing the Interfaith Day Center to seek temporary shelter during the day, meet their hygiene needs, use the facility as a mailing address, or to receive vital assistance in securing services. Your congregation's continued support for the Interfaith Day center and our Interfaith Jail Ministry will help us to continue to assist many who are in our community seeking and searching for help in improving the quality of their lives.

### Weekly Report

July 11, 2010

Received this week \$7,393  
Received to Date \$23,395  
Needed to Date \$16,906  
Attendance - 249  
(includes early worship - 70)

### Weekly Report

July 18, 2010

Received this week \$4,902  
Received to Date \$28,298  
Needed to Date \$25,359  
Attendance - 186  
(includes early worship - 47)

## News of the congregation

Thanks to **Nora Dietzel** for her lovely solo, *How Beautiful* which she presented as special music at the 8:30 service last Sunday morning.

Among the members of our congregation in our concern at this time are **Bonnie Backues** and **Don Seltsam** who continue to receive care at Boone Hospital. **Peggy Cline** was admitted to Boone Hospital late last week. **Molly Read** was re-admitted to University Hospital last weekend for follow-up care as she continues to recuperate from surgery last week.

## All Church Picnic



August 29

Evening Meal at  
Bethel Park

Calendar it!



Happy Birthday!

July 25-Jenny Hallan, Larry Dietzel,  
Julie LaHue

July 27-Jewell Dietzel, Bradley Volmert,  
Derrick Evers

July 28-Mark Martin

July 29-Betty Turner, Shane Bower,  
Peyton White

July 30-Nancy Grieme, Donna Heinen,  
Matthew Thomas, Anna  
Rorvig

July 31-Hayley Batterson

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**JYF (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**CHI-RHO (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**CYF (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

### **Chi-Rho Mission Trip:**

August 1-3, St. Louis, MO

Inner city mission work through Union Avenue CC's "Urban Mission Inn"

### **CYF Mission Trip Presentation**

Thursday, Aug. 5, 7pm

Wear the green trip shirts!

Come at 6pm to set up and practice.

### **JYF Pool & Pizza Event**

Sunday, August 15, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### **CYF Serving Loaves & Fishes**

Monday, July 26

See Jimmy for times



Above is a picture from the outdoor chapel during *Elementary Camp II* held several weeks ago. The whole group is pictured here in "Super-Hero" stance! Six Counselors and 11 children from our church attended and are in this picture. Can you pick them out?



With over 80  
kids at VBS this  
week the high seas  
IS an adventure exploring  
God's Love!

Look for VBS pictures  
next week!



## BOOK O R N E R

Thank you, Donna Houston, for the gift to the church library of the little book **The Sunroom**. It is a fictional story of a family facing the critical illness of the mother. The 12 year old daughter bargains with God, hoping her sacrifice will affect her mother's survival. Sometimes miracles do happen—and sometimes they do not as a result of a desperate pact. Read this book in a couple of hours and find out which way it went for the four people involved with a serious diagnosis. The book is written by well known author Beverly Lewis and is on the Book Cart.

## Church Life in August

### **All Church Ice Cream Social & CYF Mission Trip Presentation**

Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Desserts Welcome. Ice Cream & Toppings provided.

### **The First 4 Sundays in August:**

Sunday School for all children will be on summer break but families will be in fellowship together over potluck brunch in Bethany Hall. (Classes on break include: Pre-School, Elementary River of Life, New BackRoom Class, & Pathfinders)

**Music on these Sundays:** The Chancel Choir will be on summer break but the Drennan Singers, Soloists, and the Booneslick Chordbusters will be offering special music in worship services.

### **August 29: START Sunday**

A fresh start for all ages in Sunday School Classes. Children & youth welcomed into new grade-classes. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders receive Bibles. Chancel Choir bringing the music. The All Church Picnic.

### **September 1: CAFÉ Begins**

CAFÉ dinner by Laura Estes, 2 Children's Choirs, Adult Bible Study, CYF (9-12<sup>th</sup> youth group), Other program offerings.

## The Visitor

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## Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 25

*Van Driver:* Ben Micek  
*Office Receptionist:* Cindy Rose  
*Church School Greeter:* Gene Kirkham  
*Bethany Hall Greeter:* Sally Robinson  
*Flower Ministry:*  
*Arranged by -* Christy and Shawn Von Talge  
*Delivered by -* Ed Bright, Kerry Bramon

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assistants:* Tommy Gay Evans, Steve and Sharon Smith  
*Elder:* Sarah Yonker

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Russ and Linda Chandler, Molly Read  
*Liturgist:* Sarah Storm  
*Elders:* Sally Estes, Harlan Hackett, Debbie Batterson  
*Deacons:* The Stanley Team  
*Greeter North Door:* Sally Robinson  
*Greeter South Door:* Rich and Betty Montgomery  
*Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Jadie Arnett and Derrick Evers  
*Candlelighters:* Julie Bower and Will Bower

## This Week (July 25-31)

- Sun. - Lenoir Health Care Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon. - Emergency Preparedness Meeting, 5:30 p.m.,  
Dr. Yonker's Office  
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Wed. - Hannah Jones Group, 11:00 a.m., Honey Baked  
Ham & Cafe  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center



# Summer Weekly Schedule