



**Morning Worship:
 The 5th Sunday In Lent**

As we travel with Jesus on his way to the cross through the Sundays of Lent, we come to the village of Bethany, not far from Jerusalem, to the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus. There we find Jesus at a table with his friends, being anointed with oil by a woman who wiped his feet dry with her hair. What a strange thing to do! How did Jesus and his friends react to this strange interruption of his supper? What do we make of it? The story, found in John 8:1-8 provides the text of Dr. Yonker's sermon and the theme for our worship services on the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 21st.

Special music will be by Jerry Daugherty at both services. He will sing *The Holy City*.



**FCC T-Shirt Design
 Contest**

We need some new church gear! You and/or your group in the church are invited to enter the all-church contest and create a design for us all to sport!

- Rules of the Contest** - Designs must:
- * Include some form of "First Christian Church (DOC)" and our location like "10th & Walnut"
 - * Fit on an 8 1/2" by 11" piece of paper
 - * Be limited to no more than three colors (shirt color will be either white or grey)

Submit your design to the church office with your \$10 entry fee by March 22nd. Voting will take place March 24—April 5 in the Narthex and church office with the winner announced on April 8th. Shirt orders will be taken on Easter through April 19th and will be ready for pick up by the end of April! (Funds raised will benefit the college mission trip.)

It's Here! It's Here! Youth Garage Sale

Friday, March 19, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 20, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday, March 21, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm



A huge variety of treasures and "unique – one of a kind items!" Here's hoping our youth garage sale is a HUGE SUCCESS. ALL proceeds are dedicated to sending the youth and college students on their 2010 Mission Trips.

Don't want to shop? No problem! We take monetary donations (cash or check)!

Contact Joyce Stanley for further information. Phone: 445-5058 or email: jbstanley@msn.com

Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting to approve the report of the Nominating Committee will be held after each worship service on **Sunday, March 21**.



The report of the Nominating Committee will be presented to the Administrative Board at their Wednesday evening, March 17 meeting. This report will recommend Administrative Board officers, one Trustee, six Elders, fourteen Deacons, and four Junior Deacons to represent their groups on the board, and the names of persons nominated to become new Elders, Deacons and Junior Deacons. All members of the congregation are urged to be present for this congregational election.

Weekly Report

March 14, 2010

Received this week \$6,802
 Received to Date \$324,623
 Needed to Date \$324,505
 Attendance - 280
 (includes early worship - 43)

**5th Street Christian
 (DOC) Choir Concert
 to benefit Haiti**

Location: Our FCC Sanctuary!
 Date: Sat., March 20th
 Time: starting at 5:00pm

If you would like to sing in the mass choir, see Amy Kay for details.

Heerrree's Johnny!

Picking up on the thoughts expressed by Jimmy in this column last week, I want to say how great it is to see the participation of our young people in our church life.

In recent weeks we have had high school youth serving as liturgists. There was Matthew Taylor, now an Eagle Scout, followed last Sunday by his younger brother, Mitchell. I don't know whether you were there to hear him lead the liturgy or read the scripture at 10:30, but after church I told him and his parents the next time I need someone to speak for God I will ask Mitchell. Don't get me wrong, I understand that God is not an old man. I know that God can very well speak to us through the voices of women and children, but what a magnificent, deep voice this young man has!

Also in recent weeks two of our college students, Emily Reinbott and Andy Vickers have joined Amy Kay on Wednesday teaching our elementary age children some songs in preparation for singing in worship services. But this is nothing new! For many years our high school students have been involved, volunteering in the nursery on Sunday mornings, working in Vacation Bible School, and helping with our children in the River of Life program.

Two weeks ago I visited the new young adult Sunday School class which has begun meeting in "The Back Room." There were about fifteen young adults, college students, single persons and couples, leading themselves in a challenging Lenten study. I arrived late and tried not to interrupt them, but it was exciting listening to their conversation and seeing their interest in developing their spiritual lives. I left with a renewed awareness of the importance of the support we give one another in our faith journey, and what a great thing it was to see these young adults so engaged with each other.

Signs of a vital and vibrant children's, youth and young adult ministries. Sometimes we hear people say, "The young people are the church of the future!" If you think that, think again! Take a look around the sanctuary at 10:30 on Sunday mornings, come to Wednesday CAFÉ supper, or follow some of the young people around for a while. It will make you smile and sing! Thanks be to God!

Free Healthy Lifestyle Gifts!

Wednesday, March 24th we are fortunate to have MedZou come to us for an evening of learning about breast cancer risk factors that we can change and healthy lifestyle tips. As I understand it, there will be professors here from MU's Medical School as well as Medical School students to lead us in this evening of learning. We will rotate through different stations from 6:00 – 7:30pm on Wednesday evening so that you can enjoy supper from 5:30 – 6pm and then take part in this event. Please share the information with friends as it is open to folks outside of our church community as well. If you have any questions, please ask Amy Kay. Thanks!

Drennan Group to Meet

Drennan group will meet on Tuesday, March 23 in the Drennan room at 1:15 p.m. Sharon Winner will present the program & worship.

Property Work Day Saturday, March 27th 8:00 a.m. - ?

Lunch will be Served (BBQ)

Work to be done includes: Grind out stumps, Plant trees/bushes, Mulching, Trimming and general spruce up.

We need your help to keep our church property looking good. Please call Mark Hunsaker at 443-6117 if you can attend.

**Blood Drive - March 28
Sign up this Sunday!**

Your Special Birthday!



Lois Ross - 91
on Mar. 19

Carl Miles - 92
on Mar. 22

Mable Smith - 92 on Mar. 23

News of the congregation

Betty Moon has returned home to continue recuperating from surgery last Friday, March 12 at Boone Hospital. **Tom Crane** is also recovering from surgery last week at Boone Hospital, and has gone to The Bluffs Nursing Home for physical therapy to aid in his recovery. **Jean Rossman** was re-admitted to the University Hospital last Saturday evening, but is back home as she recovers from recent surgery. **Judy Hall** is home and doing well after surgery last week. **Mary McRoberts** spent a few days in the hospital last week and has returned to the Lenoir Woods Health Care Center. **Dorsey Martin**, father of Kay Beissenherz, our church office Administrative Assistant, has returned home after spending a day in the hospital for testing last week. Our prayers are also with **Tom Hughey** as he travels to see his father, 90 year-old **Charles Hughey**, who was taken gravely ill last weekend and admitted to St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Missouri.

Our thoughts are with **Dale Richardson** and his family at the loss of his brother **Carl**. Carl was 78 years old and passed away on Saturday. His funeral will be held in Fayette this Thursday, March 18.

A special thanks to the members of the **Drennan Singers** for their special music which was presented at both early and late worship services last Sunday. Under the direction of **Gene Kirkham** and accompanied by **Mary Bancroft**, members of the group were: **Debbie Batterson, Becky Baumgartner, Nora Dietzel, Kelli Embry, Jean Hall, Micki McGuire Kirkham, Cheryl Lightner, Susan Ramsey, Pat Rybolt, Bette Scavone, Lisa Snyder, Lorene Trickey** and **Susan Woodbury**.

Happy Birthday!

Mar. 21-Wolfgang Schaefer,
Russ Palmer

Mar. 22-Carl Miles,
Evelyn Henry

Mar. 23-Mary Jane Rogers,
Jared Swope,
Mabel Glenn Smith

Mar. 24-Helen Stemmons,
Amy Bangs

Mar. 25-Joshua Ripley, Jonathan
LaHue, Natalie Barnard

Mar. 26-Libby Weber

Mar. 27-Kira Hoenes



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

Sunday, March 21

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

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

Future meeting dates: Apr. 11, 25

JYF Parents: On Mar 21 you will have a chance to sign up to be partners and snack providers through the end of the school year.

Summer Church Camp Forms:

Informational brochures and forms have not arrived yet... but when they do, we will mail them to all youth eligible for camp this summer. The church will again pay half of the registration fee and assist in transportation to camp.

See Jimmy Spear if you still need the dates to calendar.

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 Spring Break Mission Day: Mar. 29
to Micah Ministry, Kansas City, MO

CYF Mission Trip: Whitesburg, KY
June 20-27

Adults Partners needed.

Vacation Bible School:

(preschool- 5th grade)

June 18-22, evenings

Ladies Book Club



The Ladies Book Club shared memories and photos of girl friends when they met to discuss *The Girl from Ames*. The discussion also prompted interesting comparisons of generational changes for girls through the decades. On Wednesday, April 14, the women gather to discuss Mary Ann Shaffer's *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. Please join us for this discussion at noon in Bethany Hall.



Love those Big Kids!

Six nimble and sturdy Big Kids Lindsey Chandler, Ryan Hunsaker, Jake Nichols, Drew Nichols, Drew Gieseke, and Alec Wright (plus Eric Arnett and Dan Gieseke) arrived promptly at noon on Saturday to set up ALL the tables for the Garage Sale! Jack Creasy, Kyle Boger, Jenny McCarty, Mom Susan and Rev. Jimmy carried in and sorted out donations. It's going to be AMAZING!

"Civility in Faith and Family" Conference – April 18

A conference on "Civility in Faith and Family" will be convened by the Faith and Education Collaborative, Friends of Peace Studies-UM, on April 18, 2010 at the First Baptist Church, 1112 E. Broadway. The focus of the conference will be on how to have open and honest personal communication with persons of other faiths and beliefs, as well as within one's own family and faith community, without being judgmental. Sarah Read, J.D. President of the Communications Center in Columbia will be the keynote speaker. Her topic is "Civility in Our Relationships." After the keynote address small groups will be formed to practice communication using the RQP technique from The Right Question Project, Inc. All interested persons are welcome.

The conference on Sunday, April 18, will be from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available. There is a registration fee of \$5.00 per person or a block reservation fee of \$25.00 for six persons. The registration deadline is April 12. Checks are payable to MUMC and mailed to Otto Steinhaus, 904 Oak Lane, Columbia, MO 65203.

For further information and bulletin material about the conference please contact Otto Steinhaus, Co-Chair at 442-6886 (osteinhaus@gmail.com), Uel Blank, Co-Chair at 442-0456, or Fran Reynolds at 443-4336 (freynolds@centurytel.net).

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

Mar. 24th

Menu: King Ranch Chicken
Tossed Salad
Chips & Salsa
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.**

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Mar. 21

Van Driver: Frank Boster
Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher
Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family
Bethany Hall Greeter: Pat and Sue Wright
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Richard and Sue Underwood
Delivered by - Mary Bancroft and Colleen Nilges

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tom and Carol Hughey, Tommy Gay Evans
Elder: Sally Robinson

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Thomas and Cindy Rose
Liturgist: Brad Beary
Elders: Donna and Will Houston, Linda Ridgeway
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeter North Door: Roy Rogers
Greeter South Door: Tom & Laura Crane
Ushers: The Nichols Team
Banner Bearers: Abe and Ben Creasy
Candlelighters: Emily and Erich Unterschut
Children's Worship Leader: Holly Gieseke

This Week (Mar. 21 - 27)

- Sun. - Blood Drive Sign Up, 9:15 a.m.-Noon, Narthex
- Youth Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-Noon, Fellowship Hall
- Congregational Meeting, after each worship service (Election)
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon. - Loaves & Fishes prepared by Tues. Bible Study Group
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group, 1:15 p.m., Drennan Room
- CYF Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Second Missionary Baptist Church, 407 East Broadway
- 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., Donna Houston's home
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
* Marcus Borg Study Group, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
* Elementary aged Children's Choir with Amy Kay, Emily Reinbott and Andy Vickers, 6:30 p.m.
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- College Group, 8:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Sat. - Property Work Day, 8:00 a.m.- ?