



**Sunday Morning Worship:
 Palm Sunday!!**

Palms waving and big processional hymns will create a space for worship on this triumphant day. From 10:30 to 10:45 we will have a hymn sing in our sanctuary. The children will be invited to gather in the narthex at the start of worship (about 10:45) that with palms they may lead our great processional. Great hymns for the day will include, *All Glory Laud and Honor*, the inviting *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* and the moving *Of the Father's Love Begotten*. In the 10:30 service, the Chancel Choir will sing *The Pathway of a King* and the Chancel Bells will play two Lenten hymns for the offertory, *The Tear* and *Near the Cross*.


Scripture readings for Palm Sunday will include the wonderful hymn to Christ quoted by the Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:5-11, and the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as recorded in Luke 19:28-40. Dr. Yonker will deliver the Palm Sunday message!

**Ecumenical Blessing of
 the Palms: Downtown!**

Members of our congregation are invited to join the other downtown congregations in the Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms Service on Palm Sunday morning. We will gather in the Narthex to get orders of worship and palm branches at 10:20 and then process together out through the Bell Tower entrance, west on Walnut and down 9th street to Broadway for the 10:30 service. Bring a friend and join us for this event which witnesses to the unity in Christ shared with our brothers and sisters in other churches!

Weekly Report
March 21, 2010

Received this week \$7,181
 Received to Date \$331,804
 Needed to Date \$333,347
 Attendance - 198
 (includes early worship - 40)



**HOLY WEEK
 WORSHIP
 SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday – Please note the articles to the left. Also, we will look forward to a Hymn Sing in our sanctuary during the time of the downtown Blessing of the Palms.

Maundy Thursday – Come on Thursday evening at 7:00pm for a worship service focused on Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. A series of scriptures, hymns, special music, the extinguishing of lights and communion will help us journey through the stories of the end of Jesus' life. Child care for pre-school children will be provided.

Good Friday Community Service – We are invited to join in with Christians from all over town for a community Good Friday service which will be held this year at Russell Chapel CME Church at 108 E. Ash Street. Come at noon for worship that will be led by many clergy persons from varied Christian traditions.

Easter – The bell will ring, the Brass will play and our voices will proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection on this Easter morn! Come at 8:30 or 10:30am to celebrate with all of the music and vibrancy that Easter morning brings.



The Chancel Choir will be meeting this Sunday, March 28, at 9:45 a.m. in the choir room. Easter Sunday, April 4, the choir will rehearse in the sanctuary with the brass players at 7:45 a.m.

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

**Lunch will be Served
 (BBQ)**



Work to be done includes: Grinding out stumps, Planting 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.



**American
 Red Cross**

**Blood Drive - March 28
 8:30 - 12:30
 Fellowship Hall**

Heerrree's Johnny!

I hope you are planning to come to church on Palm Sunday! More specifically, even if you attend the early worship service, I hope you plan to join us as we march down to the corner of 9th and Broadway for the annual Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms at the beginning of the 10:30 service.

What a great tradition this has become in the last two decades! Actually I don't know when it was started; it was already in full swing when I came to Columbia in 1992. Members of the downtown churches grab their palms and banners and converge from their separate buildings in a single spot to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Disciples and Baptists, Roman Catholics and Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians and Lutherans! And who knows else! Everyone is welcome as we come together into one body, celebrating the coming of Christ to the ancient city of God. It is truly an ecumenical celebration!

And what great fun it is seeing our friends from the other churches. In those moments of singing and scripture reading and palm blessing we are truly one. Our differences are set aside for a little while as the separate parts of the body of Christ come together, and we see each other as God must surely see us, members of the same family, re-enacting the same story, claiming the same Christ together. Sometimes I wish all of you could climb up on the platform, to look out and see the crowd as we can who stand there to lead the service. What a great sight it is!

I hope you plan to join us for worship on Palm Sunday, and join in the blessing of the palms! But more than that, I hope are planning to bring someone to church with you on Sunday. As Palm Sunday leads us to Holy Week, to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, we come to that season when many people are looking for a church home, when many are looking to hear and celebrate some good news. This is one of the times of the year when many people will darken the doors of a church. Often times we laugh about Christmas and Easter church members! But rather than doing so, let us take the opportunity this year to welcome people we have not seen in a while. Let us take the opportunity to extend a friendly invitation to a friend or neighbor or family member who has been away for a while. Let us look for the ways we can extend a welcome to a newcomer or a stranger, and help them experience the welcoming spirit of Christ in our midst. See you Sunday!

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

Mar. 31st

Menu: Extravagant Pizza
from Italian Village
Salad
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.**



Once again, many kindnesses have been expressed to Bill, Sue and me by FCC friends during my recent hospitalization. Special thanks to John for being with us during surgery and to Cheryl Unterschultz for her visit and delivering the beautiful flowers. We are blessed! ~Betty Moon

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers delivered by the nice young man on Sunday, March 14th, from the First Christian Church. I am enjoying them and appreciate your thinking of me. I feel blessed to be a member of this church.

~Lois Ross

News of the congregation

Thanks to **Jerry Daugherty** for providing special music at both early and late worship services last Sunday. His solo, "The Holy City", was a fitting piece to help us remember Jesus' journey to Jerusalem in these days of Lent!

Jean Rossman was admitted to University Hospital late last week and is a patient there at this time. Our prayers are with **Bonnie Backues** as she prepares to enter Regional Hospital for surgery on Thursday morning, March 25.

We extend our sympathy to **Tom Hughey** and the members of the his family on the death of his father, **Charles Hughey**, age 90, who died following a brief illness on Thursday, March 18. Funeral services were held at his home church, the First Christian Church in Greenfield, Missouri on Sunday afternoon, March 21.

Serve at The Wardrobe

Christian Women's Fellowship invites church friends to serve at The Wardrobe. Volunteers are needed to help on the second Friday of each month. The Wardrobe is open from 11 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sign-up in the narthex.



- Mar. 28-**Marjorie Hook, Robert Dewey, Mark Merkel, Monica Senecal
- Mar. 29-**Ferd Lightner, Bradley Snyder, Dorothy Hatfield
- Mar. 30-**Kathryn Burlison, Dortheda Leath, Sarah Storm, Russell DeVenney
- Mar. 31-**Chad Holliday
- Apr. 1-**Jessica Eliff, Samuel Poole, Tyler Montgomery
- Apr. 2-**Liz Allen Restrepo
- Apr. 3-**Paul Ritchie, Callie Chance, Eric Arnett, Kerry Bramon

Snowy Garage Sale

*No rain, no snow, no sleet, or hail...
Will stop us from going to the church garage sale!*

Thanks to all our wonderful shoppers and community members who came out to shop and support the annual Garage Sale to Support Youth Mission Trips! Rain (snow) or sunshine - the donations flowed in — and the merchandise flew out! Quite literally, dozens of church members hauled in truck loads, car loads and boxes of good quality items to make the garage sale a major success. Total amount sold.....\$4,830.78! An astonishing amount raised for our kids. Thank you, Thank you from the bottom of my heart! ~Joyce Stanley



A Champion

It is noted in *Webster's* that the definition of a “*champion*” includes the one who is an advocate or defender. The annual Youth Garage Sale has as its champion church member **Joyce Stanley**. Her devotion to raising funds for youth mission trips along with her enthusiasm, planning, expertise, leadership and countless hours in the realm of the garage sale are beyond measure. The thanks of the entire church and its youth is extended to Joyce for making it all happen.



As a church member was noting that she would surely be in trouble for bringing home more stuff from the garage sale it was overheard, “*We want you to stay out of trouble, but we want you to have a good time as well.*” (Joyce Stanley, 18 March 2010)
~Jimmy Spear & FCC Youth

Thank You!!!

FCC – we have done it again! The “spring” garage sale (that found us battling sleet and snow!) was once again a rousing success! Thanks are due to all the wonderful people who cleaned out their garages, attics and storage rooms and hauled the treasures to Fellowship Hall! Of course the list of volunteers who stepped in to sort, fold, hang up, mark and arrange is long! Thanks to all the following (if I left off your name – let me know and we’ll write it up in next week’s Visitor!)

Adults: Carol Hyde, Mary Kay Mueller, Sarah Storm, Bragg Stanley, Mary Tompson, Connie Guy, Kim and Buddy Boger, Mark Hunsaker, Sarah Yonker, Mary Daugherty, Colleen Nilges, Debbie Potthast, Susan Gray, Tracy Evers, Nannie Lou Mallett, Donna Kessell, Tami and Eric Arnett, Sue Haynes, Susan McCarty, Sue Wright, Rachel Fullington, Judy Creasy, Vicki Johnson, Nancy Watson, Susan Ramsey, Dan Gieseke, John Yonker, and Brenda Martin, Jessica Humble, and Holly Gieseke. Special Thanks to Jimmy Spear and Amy Kay Pavlovich - leaders of the youth and college groups.

College Students: Ryan Hunsaker, Jenny Patterson, Ann Oldenburg, Tim Opfer, Charise Garrett and Vitaly Ahmedov.

Youth: Drew and Jake Nichols, Jenny and Brian McCarty, Drew and Steve Gieseke, Megan Potthast, Ryan Boger, Jack Creasy, Heather Hunsaker, Lindsey Chandler, Azure Stevens, Lexie Ruffolo, Sally Kessell, Josh Garton, Haley Evers, Alec Wright.

For all your work, help, laughter and encouragement — Thank You! This is a great church with wonderful people! Our college students and youth will be able to set out on their mission trips this summer knowing that they have the support and backing of a fantastic congregation.
~Joyce Stanley



Taking a quick break from pricing 4326 knickknacks, Rachel Fullington, Joyce Stanley and Sue Haynes recover together at the check out desk. Not pictured (along with the 112 other volunteers) is Carol Hyde who was at this point probably at the Women’s Pants table refolding the stacks of goods for the ninth time. Carol gets the new member award for pitching in with this project for days on end!

Nominating Committee Report Unanimously Accepted

Following the early and late worship services last Sunday, March 21, Steve Smith, Vice Moderator of the Administrative Board, called meetings of the congregation to order for consideration of the report of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Yonker recognized the members of the Nominating Committee and presented the report on behalf of the committee which was unanimously approved by the congregation. Below are the names of those persons elected by the congregation, and those who were elected to hold offices of the Administrative Board at its meeting on Wednesday, March 17. We thank God for all those who have accepted the call to leadership of the church for the coming church year beginning July 1.

SERVICE BOARD NOMINEES

(for a 3-year-term)

Elders

Carol Hughey

Deacons

Tom Gray	Jeri Sheppard
Susan Gray	Dana Kollar
Derrick Updegraff	Liz Ann Restrepo
Elizabeth Updegraff	Steve McCormack
Tammy Arnett	Bobbi McCormack
Nora Dietzel	Kim Korman
Richard Martin	Valerie Freed
Ruth Ann Martin	

Junior Deacons (for a 1-year-term)

Kelsey Korman	Sydney Embry
Jeff Ruffolo	Mitchell Taylor
Nathan Sapp	Joshua Garton
Mamie Meenehan	Janie Hellwege
Haley Evers	Christion Hulen
Steve Gieseke	Jake Nichols
Joshua Humble	Lexie Ruffolo
Sally Kessel	Erik White
Jacob Alexander	Cari Sapp

EMERITUS AND HONORARY

Elder Emeritus

Harsh and Frances Brown

Deacon Emeritus

Jim Silvey
Jim and Tommie Ross

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

(for a 3-year-term)

Elders

Jacki Davidson
John Hickey
Linda Ridgeway
Nancy Watson
Judy Cunningham
Robert Swanson

Deacons

Debbie Potthast
Steve Humble
Eric Arnett
David Nichols
Joni Cupp
Buddy Boger
Mike Mountjoy

Junior Deacons (for a 1-yr.-term)

Jacob Alexander
Haley Evers
Steve Gieseke
Jake Nichols

OFFICERS

Moderator: Steve Smith

Vice Moderator: Dan Gieseke

Secretary: Debbie Batterson

Treasurer: Kim Boger

Trustee: Fred Mottaz

Chair of Elders: Brenda Martin

Co-Chairs of Deacons: Jay & Chris Creasy



Benefit Gospel Concert for Haiti

We were truly blessed on Saturday to host the Haiti Gospel Choir Concert which was initiated by Diane Bradshaw of 5th Street Christian Church (DOC).

One morning during worship Diane felt God calling her to do something to help the people of Haiti. She, along with her planning committee, went into action and brought together choirs and dancers from many churches in Columbia. The Choir Director from 5th Street also led a mass choir which included folks from 5th Street, Olivet Christian Church (DOC) and maybe Broadway Christian Church (DOC). It was hard to tell who was who because we all just came together and made it happen!

The concert itself was an all-evening event and everyone seemed to enjoy not only the singing and dancing, but also the preaching, testimony from a Haitian woman who lost many family members in the earthquakes, and witness from a surgeon who went for a week just two weeks after the quakes.

As of the time of the printing of the Visitor, there was \$2,139 raised for Haitian relief efforts as well. It was a great night!

Thanks be to God that we could host such a gathering of Christians from near and far. There is talk of us coming together again in a year's time for another event. We will look forward to it with great anticipation!

Earth Hour 2010

Saturday, March 27

8:30-9:30 p.m.

Turn off lights and electricity in solidarity with world citizens pushing for energy independence for all. For more information: mntwelch@peoplepc.com or 443-4717
ColumbiaClimateChangeCoalition.org

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

Sunday, April 11

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

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

Future meeting dates: Apr. 25,

May 9, 23, June 6

JYF Parents: You all signed up!
Thanks. We are covered for the season.

Summer Church Camp Forms

All children and youth grades 2-12 have now received information and forms for summer church camp. Please return them ASAP to Jimmy Spear.

The church will again pay half of the registration fee and assist in transportation to camp.

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
Departure from church at 9:30 a.m.

CYF Mission Trip: Whitesburg, KY
June 20-27
Adult Partners needed.

Vacation Bible School

(preschool- 5th grade)

June 18-22, evenings

Loaves and Fishes

Tuesday Morning Bible Study prepared and served a meal at Loaves and Fishes Dining area, March 22, 2010. The group prepared for and served 53 people.

Thanks to all who either baked cookies, cooked and/or served and contributed monetarily to the meal of chili, vegetable soup, cornbread, fruit and cookies.

Those present for the picture were Helen and Perry Stemmons, Donna and Will Houston, Nina Oliver, John and Sarah Yonker, Harlan Hackett, Sanita Hasanovic and Carol Slusher.



Family Caregiving 101 (Part 1): Beginning the Journey

Family Caregiver Class Series

Date: Monday, April 12, 2010

Time: 6–8 p.m.

Location: 1701 E. Broadway, Broadway medical Plaza 3, 3rd Floor (Lg. Conference Rm.)

Cost: Free

- You are not alone. The number of people who care for aging family members is increasing—there is much to be learned as you begin the journey.
- Knowing how to choose the right agency or facility for care assistance can ease your mind.
- Understanding available community resources helps with future planning.

A question and answer session will follow each class. Registration is not required. For more information call 573-815-3646 or 573-815-3665. Sponsored by Boone Hospital Center and Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging.

Book Club



The Ladies' Book Club's next book is a novel set during WWII. Mary Ann Shaffer's *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* was reviewed as "a creative book! Written all in the form of letters, outlining a history and telling a tale. Very different, but very good...a quick read." Bring your lunch and join the Ladies of FCC at noon in Bethany Hall on April 14. The discussion usually lasts about an hour.

Has anyone missed the Book Cart from the Narthex? It has been returned, the Christmas books exchanged for a renewed assortment. For now we are featuring books on relationships—children, siblings, youth, parents—as to family and to each other.

On the second shelf are books for junior age, and younger. Featured are books on specific difficult areas, such as: Don't Look at Me (Feeling Different); I Can Say No (Drug Abuse); I Know the World's Worst Secret (Alcoholic Parents); It Must Hurt a Lot (Death); I Can't Talk About It (Sexual Abuse), Getting Along with Brothers and Sisters; Sometimes I'm Afraid; Let's Pray Together, and Four Messages to God: Dear God, Your World Is Wonderful; Thanks for Thinking Up Love; We Just Love Christmas; and Thanks for Your Help. These books are different from those in the Children's Library on the 3rd floor.



BOOK O R N E R

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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Mar. 28

Van Driver: Matt Batterson
Office Receptionist: TBA
Church School Greeter: Doris Neidhardt
Bethany Hall Greeter: Holly Wheatley
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Bryan and Debbie Garton
Delivered by - Brad Beary and Linda Ridgeway

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tom and Susan Gray, Tom Hughey
Elder: Donna Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Joe and Kim Reardon, Rick Wells
Liturgist: Brad Beary
Elders: Joyce Stanley, Eldon Drennan and Sally Estes
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeter North Door: Sally Robinson
Greeter South Door: Chris Creasy
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Emma Hawkins and Makali Hawkins
Candlelighters: Jadie Arnett and Derrick Evers
Children's Worship Leader: Jessica Humble

This Week (Mar. 28 - Apr. 3)

- Sun. - Palm Sunday (see front page)
- Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Lenoir Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon. - CYF Mission Trip (see youth box)
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- CYF Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Lenten Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 a.m., Missouri United Methodist Church, 209 South 9th Street
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- 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
- Thr. - Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Fri. - Good Friday Service, Noon, Russell Chapel CME Church, 108 E. Ash Street
- Church Dine Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant

