



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday Morning Worship

Have you ever wondered what you are supposed to do now? Which way you should go? What God wants you to do now? People of faith have struggled with those questions for centuries! And many of us still do! Helping us to answer some of those questions will be the theme of Dr. Yonker's sermon, "What's God Up To?" on Sunday, May 16. Scripture readings for the day will include Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17 and 20-21.

The Pre-School Sunday School Class will sing a most familiar tune in the 10:30 service along with the Chancel Choir.



Official Welcome!

We were excited to welcome **Emily Smith** (pictured above second from left) to the church as she transferred her membership at the late service on Sunday! Emily is turning in her Tiger stripes because she is changing her major to photography and Columbia College is the place to be for this degree.

She is a Junior and has been active in our college group throughout her time in Columbia. We are thrilled that Emily has chosen to make FCC her church home!

The Invitation was heard!

Eight members of this year's Baptism and Discipleship Class confessed their faith last Sunday and will be baptized on May 23.

Weekly Report

May 9, 2010

Received this week \$11,858
Received to Date \$396,563
Needed to Date \$398,762
Attendance - 337
(includes early worship - 63)

2010-2011 Pledge Progress Update

As of Monday, May 10, the 127 pledges received total \$301,850. We thank everyone who responded to this stewardship call. Last year 184 pledges totaled \$390,151. We realize that many of you have overlooked returning your estimate of giving. In order to finalize the 2010-2011 budget, it is important for the Cabinet to have an accurate estimate of giving. Therefore, it is important for all pledges to be in by this Sunday, May 16. For your convenience, you may call or email your pledge to the office. Just call Fred at 449-7265, email him at fred@firstchristian.org, mail the card to 101 N. Tenth St., 65201 or bring the card with you to church on Sunday. Thank you!

~Fred Mottaz – Business Manager

**Disciple Men's
Breakfast
Sat., May 15
8:30-9:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Bible Study by
Rev. Jimmy Spear

For reservations call the church
office at 449-7265.



**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
IN MID-AMERICA
AND
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
AND
ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
OF JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS**

**ANNOUNCE IN CELEBRATION THE
SERVICE OF ORDINATION
FOR
REV. AMY KAY PAVLOVICH**

**"THE GREAT FEAST"
SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2:30 P.M.
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
COLUMBIA, MO**

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

YOU ARE INVITED!

Heeerrreee's Johnny!

As we conclude the four weeks of our annual stewardship campaign, I want to extend my thanks to all you who have responded by making financial pledges to continue the ministry of the church in the coming year. Through this campaign we have pointed out the programs and ministries which are carried on through the church's various functional departments with the purpose of informing people where their offerings go, and the hope that they may respond freely and generously.

Ours is a very low key approach to stewardship which is based in the right of every member to respond without pressure from church leaders. Our faith teaches that everything we are and everything we have is ultimately a gift of God, and therefore we believe that everyone has a responsibility to support the ministries of the church.

Although we are concerned about putting together a church budget, the foundation of Christian stewardship is not really about numbers written on a page. It is about recognizing God's gifts and graces! It is the call for each of us to respond to God's grace! Christian stewardship is about the proper relationship of our lives to God. And so we rejoice that so many of you have come to understand your need to respond to God's grace by making your financial commitments to the church. Thank you!

But stewardship is more than money! In the next few weeks we will have the opportunity to make a commitment of our time and talents to God through the many programs and activities of the church. When you have the chance, I hope that you will respond again, telling us where and how you can offer your gifts, whether you can play the piano, would like to help children on Sunday mornings in the River of Life, serve as a Sunday morning greeter, or do whatever! The commitment of these gifts of service are vital to us as we plan the work of the church in the coming year! May God bless you with the joy of serving in the days to come.

A word about Amy Kay's ordination: We have had the chance to watch her growth in Christian leadership and to support her preparation for further ministry through her theological education. It is not often that we have the chance to ordain "one of our very own"! I look forward to seeing you there on Sunday afternoon. It will be a time of joy and celebration!



Congrats, Grads!

Our fullest congratulations are extended to (above left) **Anne Oldenberg** who is graduating from Mizzou with her Bachelors in Physical Therapy and is already well underway with her graduate work, **Jenny Patterson** who is graduating from Mizzou with her Masters in Communication Disorders, **Amy Kay Pavlovich** who is graduating from Eden Theological Seminary with her Masters in Divinity and **Susan Sanford** who is graduating from Mizzou with her Masters in Nursing! Not pictured, but heartily congratulated, are **Andrea Smith** who is graduating from Mizzou with her Bachelors in Communications, **Alyssa Ruth** who is graduating from Mizzou with her Bachelors in Social Work and will be completing her Masters in this area next year, and **Scott Ins** who graduated already from William Woods University with his Masters in Administration of Activities and Athletics. Andrea and Alyssa were attending worship with special women in their lives on Mother's Day and Scott has already returned "home" to the far north where he will be pursuing career opportunities.

Thank You

Thanks to all at First Christian for visits, notes, flowers, cards and goodies I have received over the past year. What an honor when John delivered a certificate of recognition having been elected to the position of Honorary Deacon. ~a faithful Disciple, Dorothy Jacobs Hatfield

To my wonderful church family-I just don't have the words to express my gratitude for all the thoughts and prayers sent my way during my extended time in England. Although it turned out to be extra time to see the sights, it was a very scary and humbling experience. Believe me, the power of prayer can be felt! With God's blessings to all of you-Thank You!~Colleen Nilges

News of the congregation

Nina Oliver has returned home and is doing well after spending a night last week at Boone Hospital following a surgical procedure. In fact, she served as a Greeter at the north Sanctuary door for the 10:30 service!

Thanks to Linda Chandler for her special music, *Bread and Wine* and *As the Deer* which she presented at both worship services last Sunday morning. She was accompanied by Mary Bancroft.

Helping at Boone Hospital

Boone Hospital needs our help! The month of June is First Christian Church's time for Prayer Room services at Boone Hospital. Each Sunday in June we need to supply a piano player (or guitar), vocalist(s) and a reader for the worship time. Time spent at the hospital is 8:30-10:00 am June 6,13,20 or 27. You can pick your own favorite songs to sing/play out of the "little red book". The readings are picked by the hospital Chaplain. This would be a great family worship experience. If you are interested in or have questions about any of these opportunities please call Brenda Martin 443-8312 or 817-8534 to offer your time. Thank you in advance.

Special Meeting

Administrative Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m.
Morris Parlor

Presentation: Master Planning Committee



May 16-Richard Barnard
May 17-Cindy Ruffolo, Patricia Fagan
May 18-Jean Hall
May 19-Jacob Alexander, Kelsey Korman
May 20-Parker Rossman, Marvin Tracy
May 21-Jim Estes, Amy Lightner, Billie Silvey, Ryan Smith, Andrew Stormer
May 22-Jim Shaw, Ethan Bell, Ellie Colborn

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

Sunday, May 23
JYF: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Chi-Rho: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Future meeting date:
June 6

JYF/Chi-Rho: No sandals/flip flops!
We might go outside/to the park.

Summer Church Camp Forms
See Jimmy Spear for Registration Forms

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



CWF Board Meeting for All Women

New Officers for 2010 - 2011 will be installed at the CWF Board meeting Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 pm in Morris Parlor. All women of the church are invited to attend this meeting. [Casual clothing is fine!]

New Officers

President - Joyce Stanley
First Vice-President - Sally Robinson
Events Planners - Colleen Nilges and Cindy Rose
Corresponding Secretary - Lisa Snyder
Treasurer/Secretary - Carol Slusher
Social Action - Pam Hunsaker
Liaison for CWU - Shirley Park
Wardrobe Coordinator - Pat Rainey
Historian - Linda Chandler

Becoming...church

Cliff Tompson kicked off our Stewardship campaign just 4 weeks ago today, and this morning, I plan to wrap it up on Victory Sunday! I don't know about you, but I'm happy about the way we handle the Stewardship campaign in this church. Unlike years ago, when each member would get a personal visit from an Elder asking what their giving plans were for the upcoming year, we are simply asked to reflect, give what we can with a cheerful heart, and mail back a little pledge card. Some of you may choose to slip it in the offering tray today, or maybe you already have. Regardless, it's a very low pressure approach.

I'm sure that's one of the things about this church that endeared it to me years ago. When I married my husband, Jay, 25 years ago right here on these red steps, little did I know that along with inheriting a nice large family, I also gained a church option that fit beautifully with my traditional views. We were married in this church in September 1985, both of my children were dedicated here and attended Sunday School classes. My daughter was baptized here 10 years ago, and my son will be baptized in a few weeks. Over the years, many other family members (including Jay's parents, grandparents and aunts) were married or baptized here and countless nieces and nephews dedicated and baptized, as well. Our family history here in this beautiful sanctuary is long and involved, but regardless if you are visiting to-

day for the first time, the message is the same. We have the power to become children of God. Today's theme is **becoming CHURCH together.**

Now you know why I came here, but what keeps me here? I suppose it's the friends, the ones who care and remember you, it's the fellowship dinners and of course the great food on Wednesday nights! It's the youths I have taught in Sunday School over the years, who are so eager to learn. It's watching the high school and college aged folks make a community for themselves here. It's the great pastoral leadership and care that is abundant. It's the opportunity to be involved in something that makes a difference in others' lives. It's the Christmas pageants, the beautiful music, the chili on election day, the women's retreats, and a whole multitude of other options to learn and grow, and to **become CHURCH together.**

Over the last few weeks, we have touched on what programs our money funds, how we help with mission outside of our local church, how our money is used to keep this beautiful old building running and to pay salaries. As we wrap up our 2010 stewardship campaign, I hope you'll take the time to reflect on what "becoming church" means to you, or what it might mean in the future for you. It's more than just a fiscal responsibility... it's what you give, it's what you receive, and the journey we take together as we **become CHURCH.**

~Chris Creasy

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship Education

May 19th

Menu: Oven Fried Chicken
Biscuits
Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes
Dessert

Programs (6:30 p.m.):

- **Adult Bible Study**, Keystone Room
- **Elementary aged Children's supervised craft & play time**
- **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.**

Make Plans now for the

Fellowship Dinner - June 2

All Church Talent Show & Potluck Dinner



We can't wait to celebrate your talent! Please let Amy Kay know if you are interested in participating in the show by Friday, May 21.



May 15 - Praise Choir of Fifth Street Christian Church (DOC), 401 North Fifth Street, Columbia, sponsors a **Fish Fry**, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., \$8 (delivery charge \$1 extra), call 573-442-7713 to order.

May 22 - Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) sponsors **Riding Out Poverty** featuring 4 distances along the Katy Trail for riders of all levels. Start times vary by location. For pre-registration: www.ridingoutpoverty.org or call 443-8706 ext. 271.

May 22 - Millersburg Christian Church (4527 State Rd. J, Fulton), **Annual Spring Smorgasbord**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., \$8 adults, \$4.50 children ages 6-12, free under 5 years. Proceeds to support the ministries of the Millersburg Christian Church. Information: 573-642-2939.

May 23 - Pentecost Sunday at First Christian
- Baptisms of eight young people in the 10:30 service.
- High School Senior Recognition
Breakfast for seniors and their families, 9:30 a.m.
and Honoring HS Grads at 10:30 worship service

June 19 - Charismatic Episcopal Church Open House, 2:00 p.m., Bethany Hall (next door to FCC).

Special Note - There will not be a Visitor the week of May 23-29



Does anyone read anymore??—or just watch the screens (large or small)?

Our congregation is blessed with an outstanding church library—commentaries, Bible translations, church history, travel, health, biography, fiction. In case you are not familiar with its location—take the elevator in the building where the office is to the second floor; the library is the first door on the right. Presently it is languishing for need of a knowledgeable volunteer to handle its clerical work.

A varied assortment is on the Book Cart in the narthex of the church. Anyone is welcome to check out books—top and bottom shelves general and varied, center is for children. There is no “fine” system, but it would certainly help if we were generally observant of reasonable time limits. Presently there are over 125 books which have been checked out for months. Would any be on your shelves? Please check and see.

A recent addition to the Book Cart—The Shack, by William Young, the book the Ladies' Book Club recently discussed.

Children's Worship 2nd Adult Needed

A 2nd Adult is always present in the Children's Worship Time on Sunday mornings. **May 30, June 13, 20, 27** are all needing the 2nd Adult. Please call or email Jimmy Spear for information or to sign up. This is an important ministry opportunity that any church member could easily take advantage of.

Security Alert!

As our church is in a downtown location we take extra care with keeping our cars and persons secure. When parking next to the church for a short period of time or on a Sunday, please take care in locking your car and being aware of your surroundings. There was a recent report of items stolen from a car in our parking area.

Summer Ministry Intern Announced

For ten weeks this summer we will be pleased to get to work with Vitaly Ahmedov as our Summer Ministry Intern. Vitaly is a business major at Columbia College and will graduate next December. “V” is a dedicated member of our college group and comes to worship almost every single Sunday. If you haven't had the opportunity to get to know him yet, it will be good to get to do so this summer! Welcome to the staff, Vitaly!



Vacation Bible School

July 18-22

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Ways you can participate:

- ⊞ Ship Rec Games Leader
- ⊞ "Welcome Aboard" Greeters
- ⊞ Sail Away Cinema Leader (Chadder)
- ⊞ Registration Table Greeters
- ⊞ Clipper Ship Crafts Leader
- ⊞ Decorating the "high seas"
- ⊞ Clipper Ship Crafts Helper
- ⊞ Kitchen/Serving Dinner Help
- ⊞ Skipper's Preschool Playhouse Leaders
- ⊞ Bakers (from home)
- ⊞ Crew Leaders for Elementary & Preschool
- ⊞ Supply Donations—the annual "*filling of brown bags with supplies*" will take place from the Narthex on Sundays in June.

⊞ **White twin sheets & wrapping paper tubes** are needed ASAP for the beginning of this year's ship/expedition themed decoration creation. They will not be returned. Please pass them to Holly Gieseke or drop them off in the church office.

VBS is an all-church ministry! Come and take part-anchors away!

The dates have been set! Planning is underway!

Your presence and help are needed! Volunteering for VBS is easy — everything is supplied for you and requires little preparation. A joyful and willing attitude is all you need! Volunteer as an adult or older youth who can lead small groups of kids around to the different workshops/learning areas OR as a teacher/leader of one of the workshops/learning areas. There are dozens of other jobs & opportunities to assist in making VBS happen. See the list at the left and talk with VBS director Jessica Humble (441-8021 or 808-6394) or staff member Jimmy Spear (jimmy@firstchristian.org).

We are excited about this year's VBS leadership. The gifts of **Jessica Humble**, skipper/director over all, **Lottie Creasy**, skipper/leader of the pre-school section, **Chris Creasy & Holly Gieseke** are in charge of décor/transforming the church into "the high seas," **Molly Read** will lead singing/dancing and the galley will be headed up by ship cook **Laura Estes**. **Rev. Jimmy Spear** is staff liaison and first mate.



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Return Service Requested

Serving Schedule - Sunday, May 16

Van Driver: Frank Boster
Office Receptionist: Cindy Rose
Church School Greeter: Mark Hunsaker Family
Bethany Hall Greeter: Perry and Helen Stemmons
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Lana Poole, Roy Rogers
Delivered by - Erin and Shane Bower

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: TBA
Elder: Mary Bancroft

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Mike Korman, Darren Hellwege,
and Janie Beth Hellwege
Liturgist: Dan Gieseke
Elders: Mary and Jerry Daugherty, Cherry Hinderberger
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeter North Door: Steve Humble
Greeter South Door: Paula and C.K. Hoenes
Ushers: The Nichols Team
Banner Bearers: Elayna Mottaz and Zac Ruffolo
Candlelighters: Emma Hawkins and Makali Hawkins
Children's Worship Leader: Holly Gieseke
C.W. Helper: Judy Cunningham

This Week (May 16 - 22)

- Sun. - Ordination Service for Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich,
2:30 p.m., Sanctuary (Reception following in
Fellowship Hall)
- Church Softball Game, 6:00 p.m., Purple Field at
Rainbow Softball Center
- Tue. - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- CYF Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CAFÉ: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
* Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room
* Children's supervised play and
craft time, 6:30 p.m.
- CYF, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- CWF Board Meeting and
Installation of Officers,
6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Thr. & Fri. - Mother's Day Out Graduation,
12:00-2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

