



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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This Sunday in Worship

Sunday's sermon "God Provides" is based upon Genesis 22:1-14 where Abraham is asked to sacrifice Isaac the child promised him.

The 10:30 service will include recognition of several people who have rendered significant service to the church over the years. In addition the 14 member CYF mission team will be commissioned. They will depart for Rockford, IL right after worship.

Join us this Sunday to hear the Chancel Choir sing *Praise to God, Immortal Praise*.

Congregational Meeting



As July 1st begins the new fiscal year, the Administrative Board is recommending a 2011-2012 budget for congregational vote at the close of both worship services. The vote will be by ballot. Ballots will be distributed along with copies of the proposed budget during the presentation of the budget. Copies are also available in the church office and in the narthex.

Wanted: Child Care Providers for the Nursery

Immediate openings for child care providers are available. These are part-time positions. Times vary from 8:00 to noon on Sunday mornings and during the school year on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Beginning July 1 the pay will be \$9.00 per hour.

As required by our insurance provider, all candidates are subject to background screening. For further information call the church office (449-7265) and ask for Fred.



Accessories of Fair Trade

The Tuesday Bible Study Ladies got the chance to model some of the worldly designs found in the Fair Trade Store. Colorful shoulder bags, small purses, and lovely scarves are just a few of the must have accessories this summer season!

These and all kinds of coffee are being sold in the AK Fair Trade Ministry Store on Sunday mornings during coffee fellowship. Come on in and check it out!



Elders will be in Prayer

All Elders - Active and Emeritus - are invited to join in a monthly gathering for prayer and conversation. The Elders will meet on the first Sunday each month (beginning July 3rd, 2011) at 9:30 in "the Back Room".

Where is the back room? Go to the front of the sanctuary, through the right hand door, straight ahead. Jimmy and Larry will help get the group started through the summer months. As the weather cools in the fall we may move to the chapel or other available space. We will be praying for those on the yellow prayer list and other joys/concerns of the congregation.

The Midi Has Arrived

You may have heard some new sounds coming from our Reuter pipe organ. Thanks to generous gifts from several people, we have had a Peterson Midi Resource System with an Allen Ensemble Division installed within the organ. This is a computerized system which enables me to use over 100 new sounds. It does not alter the pipe organ functions but greatly enhances my ability to use new "voices". You have heard the "music box" and a combination of "trombone" and "clarinet". Next Sunday you will hear "steel drums" during the prelude and "harpichord" in the offertory. There has been and will continue to be a large learning curve for me on this device, but I feel the effort will be well worth it in the enhancement of our service music. Let me know what you think as you enjoy the new sounds.

~Mary Bancroft, Organist

Weekly Report

June 19, 2011

Received this week \$9,341
Received to Date \$425,432
Needed to Date \$432,098
Attendance - 188
(includes early service - 50)

All-Church Picnic

August 28th



Mark your calendar!

Epistle

Recently Dan Gieseke called our attention to the condition of the flags in the sanctuary. You know how it is. Something you see every day fades into the background. Well, I went and checked ours. The American flag is in good shape but the Christian flag needs to be replaced. So I'm shopping for one through the internet.

As a child and youth I was taught that America was founded in part as a quest for religious freedom. It wasn't until I took a course in seminary on religion in America that I learned that's only partly true. Yes, America was founded to allow religious freedom, but only for the way each colony understood it. It was freedom for "our people" to worship in the way we choose, but not for the others.

The Anglican tradition came early to many of the colonies, but not as early as the Puritans who populated Massachusetts. Quakers populated Pennsylvania. Roman Catholics found safety in Maryland. Baptists showed up everywhere. As more and more immigrants came, many varieties of Christian traditions came with them. As the nation continued to grow so did religious tolerance.

When the Constitution was written in 1777 religious tolerance became the law of the land with the separation of church and state. This was something new and controversial. Some religious leaders protested that it would severely injure the cause of Christ in America. Others felt it would have no effect at all.

As it turned out the separation cut the church loose from the dominance of politics and financial dependency on the state. It was a healthy break for both the country and the church.

I suppose this separation is the basis for the common practice of having both the American flag and the Christian flag in sanctuaries.

Independence Day falls on a Monday this year. We will honor both church and country in our worship on July 3rd.

~Larry Veatch



John Yonker is on his bike again! Accepting the challenge to bicycle to the General Assembly. John will join Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister of the Christian Church, and other riders to bicycle from Indianapolis to Nashville to raise money for Reconciliation, the anti-racism program of the Disciples of Christ.

Departing Sunday morning, July 3, from the Southport Christian Church in Indianapolis the group will head south, making stops in Indiana and Kentucky before arriving in Nashville on Thursday, July 7, covering a distance of approximately 300 miles. Sarah Yonker will make the trip, providing a support vehicle for the group.

With the encouragement of the World Outreach Department, members of the congregation are encouraged to make contributions to support the ride which will be added to the annual reconciliation offering normally held in September.

How much will we pledge to help John cover the 300 miles from Indy to Nashville?

1 dollar a mile = \$300
50 cents a mile = \$150
25 cents a mile = \$75
10 cents a mile = \$30

Can we raise \$3000 together for this important ministry? Won't you help John peddle with pride as he heads toward the General Assembly?

Send your contribution/pledge to the church office. Checks should be made to First Christian Church with "Bike Trip" written on the memo line. If you have questions or need more information you may contact Rev. Sally Robinson, Chairperson of the World Outreach Department at 819-5043.



There will not be a newsletter published the first week of July or the first week of August. Please have your articles in early for events that will happen those two weeks. Thank you!

News of the congregation

Andy Jannsen and his dad, Louis, were featured on the front page of the Columbia Tribune last Sunday – Father's Day.

Mercedes Smith died on June 16. Mercedes was a long time member and one of our oldest at the age of 98. A service celebrating her life was held at Lenoir's Epple Chapel on Monday, June 20, 2011. Rev. Sally Robinson conducted the service.

A memorial service will be held for **Mary McRoberts** on Saturday, June 25 at Lenoir's Epple Chapel. Mary died on May 26.

Susan McCarty, DVM, and two technicians recently spent three days in Joplin, MO aiding the ASCPA in their sheltering of displaced animals.

Corrections to last week's Visitor: The Farmer's Market will start at the Wabash Station Parking lot on June 26. The CYF Mission Team will depart/be commissioned on June 26.

If you ordered a Bright Spot CD, please pick it up in the church office.



**Summer
Coffee
Hour**

Fairly Traded Coffee, Juice
& Conversation
Sundays
Bethany Hall
9:30-10:20am

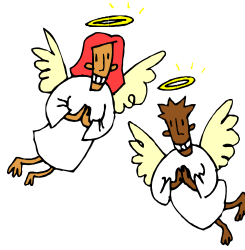


**Happy
Birthday!**

June 26-John Hickey, Julie Holiday
June 28-Nelson Trickley
July 1-Mary Jane Anderson, Cole Freed,
Bette Scavone, Emily Unterschultz
July 2-Gina Henry

Office Angels

We have several Office Angels here at First Christian Church. They give of their time freely and generously and we value them highly. They prepare the *Visitor* for mailing, assemble mailings, help count the offering, and proof read documents.



With the reduction of a part-time secretary we need more angels who can give us an hour or two a week doing data entry, preparing letters to visitors, answering the phone, and picking up odds and ends.

There are many benefits to being an office angel: a pleasant group of people to work with, flexible hours, a nice environment, interaction galore, getting to know the church from the inside, knowing that you're saving the church a bundle of money, public recognition (we'll even give you a special pin to wear). Your name will be listed on a placard on a wall in the office.

If this fits you, contact Kay in the church office for more information and to sign up as an Office Angel. We can put you to work right away!



Flower Volunteers

I am writing to each of you to solicit your help with the flower ministry. In the past, assignments have been made for arranging and delivering of flowers, but I understand there have

been those unhappy with this arrangement.

This year we are hoping to work from a list of enthusiastic volunteers. I pray that this will be you. Please call the church or me to volunteer.

This is a small and easy service, one which can bring cheer to those of us in the hospital or having 90+ birthdays. Please volunteer to arrange and/or deliver the flowers to our fellow church members who deserve our love.
~Mary Daugherty (446-1366)

(youth) @ first christian

Next week at church camp:

10 Kids to Junior Camp II (grades 4-5) -

Jadie Arnett, Derrick Evers, Cole Galbraith, Anna Poole, Kim Potthast, Coleman Rogers, Hunter Rogers, Wyatt Rogers, Wolf Schaefer, Tory Sheppard.



Vacation Bible School July 17-21 5:30-8 pm

VBS is for children ages preschool - middle school. Dinner is served at 5:30. Make sure it is on your calendar! Get ready to learn about God's recipe for our lives at the Shake It Up Café! This year's theme is based upon cooking and food! YUM YUM YUM! We will eat and learn about God's special recipe of love.

VBS takes a TREMENDOUS amount of volunteers to make it a great week for the kids. We have many leaders in place and are now recruiting the many helpers needed to lead the kids.

- + Crew Leaders (those older youth and adults that lead small groups of children between learning areas) are needed for both Preschool and Elementary Crews.
- + Kitchen Helpers and Dessert Bakers, Registration Helpers are always needed.
- + If you want to help with the theme decoration Holly Gieseke and Carolyn Snow would put you to work!

Please call or email Jessica (441-8021, humblejess@aol.com) or Jimmy Spear at church to volunteer for any of the areas listed above. You can also put VBS on the Sunday pew pad and you will get a call from the leader of that area VBS.



FCC Kids to STL Zoo

Thursday, June 16, a group of our elementary kids had a day together at the St. Louis Zoo. It was a hot day but the hearty group persevered and saw ALL the animals! They had a ton of fun riding together on the church bus for 4 hours and had a chance to watch some Andy Griffith and Veggie Tales to pass the time. Thanks to Kim Rogers, Paula Hoenes, Molly Read and Josh Provenzano for partnering that day.

Summary: Purposed 2011-2012 Church Operating Budget

	2010-2011 Budget	2011-2012 Budget	Net Change	
<u>Estimated Funding Sources:</u>				
<u>Tithes & Offerings:</u>				
Pledged Offerings		\$375,000.00	\$360,000.00	(\$15,000.00)
Un-pledge Offerings		\$58,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$12,000.00
Loose Offerings		\$6,500.00	\$6,000.00	(\$500.00)
Church School		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Total Tithes & Offerings	\$439,600.00	\$436,100.00	(\$3,500.00)	
Rent	\$44,900.00	\$45,750.00	\$850.00	
Endowed Permanent Funds	\$27,450.00	\$28,200.00	\$750.00	
Permanent Funds		\$102,750.00	\$107,250.00	\$4,500.00
Memorial Funds		\$20,000.00	\$13,500.00	(\$6,500.00)
Scholarships		\$8,825.00	\$6,350.00	(\$2,475.00)
Other Sources		\$5,900.00	\$7,550.00	\$1,650.00
Total Other Income	\$209,825.00	\$208,600.00	(\$1,225.00)	
Total Funding Sources		\$649,425.00	\$644,700.00	(\$4,725.00)
<u>Estimated Expenditures:</u>				
Administrative		406,810.00	396,376.58	(\$10,433.42)
Adult Education		1,000.00	1,000.00	\$0.00
Awards/Scholarships		10,075.00	6,350.00	(\$3,725.00)
Campus/Young Adult		3,000.00	2,200.00	(\$800.00)
Children's Education		\$3,625.00	\$3,650.00	\$25.00
Church in Society		\$15,575.00	\$8,500.00	(\$7,075.00)
Evangelism		\$950.00	\$1,100.00	\$150.00
Membership		\$4,750.00	\$3,500.00	(\$1,250.00)
Office	\$27,250.00	\$25,750.00	(\$1,500.00)	
Property		\$119,000.00	\$132,500.00	\$13,500.00
Publicity		\$35,425.00	\$31,925.00	(\$3,500.00)
Stewardship		\$350.00	\$450.00	\$100.00
World Outreach		\$41,800.00	\$17,050.00	(\$24,750.00)
Worship		\$7,225.00	\$6,450.00	(\$775.00)
Youth Ministry		\$7,900.00	\$9,800.00	\$1,900.00
Total Expenditures		\$684,735.00	\$646,601.58	(\$38,133.42)
<u>Total Funding Sources and Cash Reserve:</u>				
Total Estimated Funding Sources		\$649,425.00	\$644,700.00	(\$4,725.00)
Total Estimated Expenditures		\$684,735.00	\$646,601.58	(\$38,133.42)
Difference		(\$35,310.00)	(\$1,901.58)	\$33,408.42
Estimated Beginning Cash		\$10,000.00	\$9,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Difference		(\$25,310.00)	\$7,098.42	\$32,408.42

Holy Humor

For many years now some congregations observe Holy Humor Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) whereby people share their favorite jokes. We didn't think we were up to doing that during worship, but we enjoyed hilarity at CAFÉ last month. Noise makers were provided for participants to express their approval or disapproval of the jokes that were told, making it hard to know the difference. Jimmy came up with a slide show of religious cartoons and the tables were decorated with pointed party hats and "place mats" featuring cartoons from the Joyful Noiseletter. Even the menu had a humorous flavor ("peas salad") It was so much fun that we're thinking of doing it again next year.



Chancel Flowers

If you have not signed up to donate flowers yet, there are two dates still available. The dates are: **March 4 and November 27**. Call the church office (449-7265) to sign up. Special thanks to Nancy Watson, Fred Mottaz and Judy Hall for their help in organizing this ministry.
~Mary Daugherty



Thank you very much for the beautiful baby blanket for our little Mileta. Thank you especially to Pamela Hoepfner for the time and love that went into creating such a special blanket. We love our church family and are so thankful to be a part of it!

With love, The Updegraffs

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Return Service Requested

The Mission of First Christian Church: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Serving Schedule - Sunday, June 26

Van Driver: Daryl Klotz
Office Receptionist: Carole Randerson
Flower Ministry:
Arranged by - Perry and Helen Stemmons
Delivered by - C.K. and Paula Hoenes

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Bob and Linda Hutton, Tom Hughey
Elder: Barb Rothenberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Gene Kirkham, Micki McGuire
Kirkham, Dana Kollar
Liturgist: Sally Robinson
Elders: Perry Stemmons, David and Sarah Read
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeter North Door: Dan and Holly Gieseke
Greeter South Door: TBA
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Johathan LaHue and Julia LaHue
Candlelighters: Jadie Arnett and Derrick Evers

This Week (June 26-July 2)

- Sun.** - Congregational Meeting, during each worship service
- Special Recognitions Presented, during 10:30 worship
- CYF Mission Trip to Rockford, IL (June 26-July 2)
- Lenoir Health Care Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Staff Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- Serving at Loaves and Fishes
- Tue.** - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Fri.** - Church Eat-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant

