

OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS May 2011

Our Building Fund giving for April was \$6,904.75, and we received \$325.00 in Memorial Gifts.

Through our Christian Action and Community Service Committee, we are giving \$50.00 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund for the month of May.

Clothing donations to The Clothes Closet are being reduced because of other donation boxes that have been set up in town. The items that go to the Clothes Closet on South Highway 13 in Warrensburg are disbursed to people in our local area; items donated in the large yellow containers are not disbursed locally. Please remember people in our Warrensburg area who are in need of our help by donating your summer clothing and underclothes for all ages to The Warrensburg Clothes Closet.

Current items in short supply at The Food Center are canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables (especially beets and butter beans), boxed Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, and Chicken Helper.

We are in the process of bagging the Best Choice, Campbell's, and Swanson barcodes into 100 barcodes per bag to send to Woodhaven. If you have barcodes to add to this shipment, please leave them in the Parlor kitchen.

Missouri Valley Community Action Agency is collecting school supplies for the fourteenth year of their Back-to-School Program. The supplies are provided for low-income families in Johnson County. This year they are requesting school supply items or monetary donations be brought to their office at 124 North Holden in Warrensburg by June 1.

The K-5th grade Sunday School class has just completed a successful Lenten and Easter unit which the children enjoyed. We continue the task of getting summer Sunday School teachers for this class; please contact Vyrdel Basye at 909-3458 or vbasye@hotmail.com if you would like to help with this. Also, if anyone is interested in helping to plan the Sunday School lesson material for next fall, please contact Vyrdel.

The Christian Women's Fellowship recently held their worship service for the residents at the Warrensburg Manor Care Center.

All wooden doors on the front of the church have been refinished and replaced. Our total expense was \$3,859.72 for the door repairs, and this was a memorial gift donation from the Hugh and Lorena Reynolds' family.

We are making repairs to several areas in the basement kitchen.

Klayton Osborne is working toward his Eagle Scout Award. It has been suggested that he help with the landscaping project at the front of the church to attain his goal.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is meeting to discuss the upcoming budget as well as to plan our fall stewardship campaign. The Committee is asking our members to do a little 'dreaming' in regard to First Christian by thinking of future planning goals for our church, things you might like to see happen for our church. Jerry Miller will be happy to discuss these goals with you.

We have a new photo exhibit in the Christian Life Center lobby focusing on our pets. There is still room for more pictures if you have some to share.

We are investigating the concerns and the costs in relation to removing our building on our lot north of the church; our building is attached to a building owned by the King family.

The Chi-Rho and CYF planned and presented the 8:30 Praise and Worship Service on April 10, and then went to Kansas City in the afternoon to play Laser Tag.

All youth groups went to the inspiring movie "Soul Surfer" on April 17.

Several youth and adult sponsors participated in the 30-Hour Famine on April 29 and 30. Along with other activities, the group did mission work at Survival House, and by having a Food Scavenger Hunt, they collected 563.2 pounds of food that was delivered to The Food Center. Donations to the 30-Hour Famine brought in \$500.00 that will be sent to World Vision for the children in Haiti.

We are discussing plans and schedules for our Youth Group activities in the fall; if you have suggestions, please contact Cindy or Kevin Howard.

Our Lenten Season and Easter Services were well attended and well received. We had five youth and two adults who were baptized: Jacelyn Laws, Kellyn Smith, Brayden Godfrey, Bryce Seigfreid, Cloey Ludemann, Shannon Cobb, and Shelly Welburn. This is always a wonderful time in the life of our church, and we thank God for this great moment of ministry.

Congratulations to our graduates who will be honored on May 8 in our 10:40 a.m. Worship Service; high school graduates are Austin Frandsen, Austin Granger, Liz Shumard, Taylor Brockhaus, Ben Huff, and Natalie Good; Diane Brennan is graduating from college.

Our next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. Please come join us as we discuss the work of the church.

Donna Elliott, Board Secretary