

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



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Our Mission

*God calls us...
And the Holy Spirit
empowers us to:*

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

**Come to worship
this Sunday at
10:40 a.m.**

**Invite friends and
family.**

**Sunday's Sermon:
"Making the Most Out
of Your Job."**

**1st Scripture Reading:
Luke 21:12-19**

**Sermon Scripture:
II Thess. 3:6-13**

THANKSGIVING

The Thanksgiving Worship Service will be November 18th. Please bring a canned food item to worship and share God's blessings with others as we come to the communion table with thankful hearts.

CHRISTMAS WORKERS NEEDED

Chi Rho and CYF youth and adults are needed to help Saturday, December 1st, prepare our church for Christmas. The Chi Rho and CYF youth will meet at 1:00 p.m. and hunt for trees until 5:30 p.m. They will have a youth activity from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the CLC. Decorating will begin at 6:30 p.m. and all are invited to help. Please call Jackie Shumard at 429-6617 if you would like to go on the tree hunt.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Forms are available to order your poinsettia or choose an Angel of Hope in memory or in honor of your loved ones. These will be presented at the Hanging of the Greens service on December 2nd. Please bring a special ornament (with your name on the back if you want it back, which you can pick up in the parlor after Jan. 6.) to place on the Christmas tree that day as we decorate the sanctuary and prepare our hearts for the First Sunday of Advent

We want to thank the Campbellite Ministries for the wonderful, delicious turkey dinner they served on Sunday. We really appreciate all who helped in putting this together.

*Thank you,
The Congregation*



The following is a piece called “Ugly.” It’s about acceptance and looking into a person, not at them. Enjoy!

Ugly

Everyone in the apartment complex I lived in knew who Ugly was. Ugly was the resident tomcat. Ugly loved three things in this world: fighting, eating garbage, and staying out all night.

The combination of these things combined with a life spent outside had their effect on Ugly. To start with, he had only one eye and where the other should have been was a hole. He was also missing his ear on the same side, his left foot appeared to have been badly broken at one time, and had healed at an unnatural angle, making him look like he was always turning the corner.

Ugly would have been a dark gray tabby, striped type, except for the sores covering his head, neck and even his shoulders. Every time someone saw Ugly there was the same reaction. “That’s one UGLY cat!!!”

All the children were warned not to touch him, the adults threw rocks at him, hosed him down, squirted him when he tried to come in their homes, or shut his paws in the door when he would not leave. Ugly always had the same reaction.

If you turned the hose on him he would stand there, getting soaked until you gave up and quit. If you threw things at him, he would curl his lanky body around your feet in forgiveness.

Whenever he spied children, he would come running, meowing frantically and bump his head against their hands, begging for their love. If you ever picked him up he would immediately begin suckling on your shirt, earrings, whatever he could find.

One day Ugly shared his love with the neighbor’s dogs. They did not respond kindly, and Ugly was badly mauled. I tried to rush to his aid. By the time I got to where he was laying, it was apparent Ugly’s sad life was almost at an end.

As I picked him up and tried to carry him home, I could hear him wheezing and gasping, and could feel him struggling. It must be hurting him terribly, I thought.

Then I felt a familiar tugging, sucking sensation on my ear. Ugly, in so much pain, suffering and obviously dying, was trying to suckle my ear. I pulled him closer to me, and he bumped the palm of my hand with his head, then he turned his one golden eye towards me, and I could hear the distinct sound of purring.

Even in the greatest pain, that ugly battled scarred cat was asking only for a little affection, perhaps some compassion.

At that moment I thought Ugly was the most beautiful, loving creature I had ever seen. Never once did he try to bite or scratch me, try to get away from me, or struggle in any way. Ugly just looked up at me completely trusting in me to relieve his pain.

Ugly died in my arms before I could get inside, but I sat and held him for a long time afterwards, thinking about how one scarred, deformed little stray could so alter my opinion about what it means to have true pureness of spirit, to love so totally and truly, Ugly taught me more about giving and compassion than a thousand books, lectures, or talk show specials ever could, and for that I will always be thankful. He had been scarred on the outside, but I was scarred on the inside, and it was time for me to move on and learn to love truly and deeply. To give my total to those I care for.

Many people want to be richer, more successful, well liked, beautiful. but for me...I will always try to be Ugly.

Blessings,
Pastor Basye

Attendance for November 11

Sunday School: 42

Worship: 137



Free Community
Thanksgiving Dinner

Warrensburg Community
Center in the ABC Building
November 22, 1-4 p.m.

*Shut-ins can arrange delivery of meal by
calling 669-747-8158 before Nov. 19.*

Counselor Notes...

Have you noticed in yourself or others a pattern of relationships with unsafe people? Townsend and Cloud, in their book Safe People, discuss various reasons why we may choose unsafe relationships with we may choose unsafe relationships. Today, we will look at five of these reasons.

The first reason is our inability to judge character. Jesus warns us to face what is inside our own hearts first, for only then will we be able to judge others accurately and pick safe relationships. Our own character issues can blind us to the destructiveness of other people.

A second reason is our own inability to connect in an intimate way with others, leading us to choose people that are unable to connect as well. This sets up a cycle of isolation and abandonment. Setting strong disciplinary boundaries in our lives lends to feelings of loss and aloneness. We either don't set the needed boundary or quickly cave in order to avoid the uncomfortable or painful feelings.

A third reason is referred to as defensive hope. We think if we love the unsafe person enough, or in a correct way, or get angry, or explain their mistakes to them, then they will change. We have hope, but it is a hope that disappoints and protects us against grief and sadness. This hope is easier in the beginning, but more difficult in the end. Not facing reality keeps us stuck, thus getting more of the same in the future.

The fourth reason is because we don't face our own badness. We all have good and bad with in us. When we are unable to find and confess our own badness- our areas where we fall short of God's glory, we find it vicariously in other people.

The fifth reason is called the merger wishes. Merger wishes are when we are attracted to someone who displays the qualities we want personally. We try to achieve our spiritual and life growth goals by merging with the person instead of doing the hard work to develop the qualities with in ourselves. In reality, this can blind us to the flaws in the other person's character and lead to destructive choice.

God calls us to use our resources of heart, mind, soul, and strength wisely. Meditate on Psalm 139:23 and 32:8. Keep a journal of your thoughts and God's direction in your life.

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Pictorial News!

Thank you to everyone that had their picture taken with Olan Mills for our church directory. You should have your pictures very soon. If you have any questions or concerns you should call Olan Mills at 1-800-596-3731.

We are in the process of putting the directory together now. Just a reminder, if you were unable to come during our picture dates, you can have your picture taken at another church as a guest or submit a photo to be added to the directory. Also we are doing a military page and would like any active military persons to be included.

Please submit all photos no later than December 1.

Thank you,
Kim and Tammie

*First Christian Church Family,
Thank you for the carnation for our
wedding anniversary and Mary, Donald was so
pleased to have his own carnation for his birthday.*

Martha and Donald Smarr

*Thank you for remembering our anniversary. We
enjoyed the carnations and the visit with Donna
Elliott and Anna Huff.*

Phyllis and Jerry Evans

CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

25 years ago in November, 1982

On Laity Sunday, led by the CWF, the congregation observed the 150th Anniversary of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with morning and afternoon ceremonies. Research and preparation for this event was carried on by **Nellie Jones**, Chairman, **Kay Elliott**, and **Vivian Eller**. A total of thirty-two women were leaders of the various components of the services.

Forty-five members were honored for having been members continuously for 50 years or more. Those who were able to be present were presented with a long stemmed red rose. The church bell was rung 150 times, both before morning services and at the afternoon session, by **Leslie Wolff** and **Allison Sterling**.

A basket dinner was held at noon, attended by a large crowd. At the afternoon session the Beginner and Junior Choirs sang. The debate between Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone was reenacted by **Dr. Richard Johnson** as Stone, and **Jed Angell** as "Raccoon" John Smith, representing Campbell. **Dr. Lowell Bryant** was moderator.

*Tea Party Fundraiser for Brody Tucker
Heart Transplant Recipient
Saturday, December 1
Children's tea 1:00 p.m. \$7
Adult High Tea 4:00 p.m. \$10*

Purchase tickets in advance, call 429-1133

Women's Guild of
Christ Episcopal Church

***Megan Maness Holter**
Invites you to her
Commencement Ceremonies
Saturday, December 15, 2007
10:00 a.m. in the
UCM Multipurpose Building*

*She will be receiving a Bachelor of Science in
Applied Science-Horticulture.*

Foods Resource Bank 2007 Report

Wow, what a great year! Praise God, for he is so good!! We decided this year to opt out on buying crop insurance. We thought about the expense verses a loss, and we decided that God is our best insurance! We have offered many prayers for this season's crop and God has answered our prayers. Our FRB project this year has done very well. With the help of the rising soybean cost and a decent crop this year we have made a profit of \$10,345.98. The committee will be meeting in the near future to decide what projects we will help fund this year. We will most likely choose an African country because the USAID will match our funds 100%. We have had notice that we will not be able to rent the farmland that we have had in the last three years. So we are looking for farmable land. We are willing to pay some rent if anyone has land. If you are interested in helping out call the church office. This is such a good project and we have enjoyed the partnership between First Christian, Sacred Heart Catholic and Community of Christ. This has been a very good ecumenical endeavor to help eliminate world hunger.

Our Church Included in New Book about Missouri Churches

Last fall, the publication, *Rural Missouri*, in an effort to preserve the heritage of Missouri churches, requested readers to submit pictures and historical information about their church. The result is a “beautiful 180-page, 8 1/2 inch by 11 inch, limited edition, hardcover book by Linda Fisher, titled *Faith of Our Fathers: The Churches of Missouri*.

Materials were submitted by Warrensburg First Christian Church and were selected to be included in the book. The pre-publication table of contents includes 183 entries, most of which are churches, but some other entries are people of faith, and church traditions. Also included is Quimby Pipe Organs, the builder of our organ, and the only other entry from Warrensburg.

We plan to pre-order copies for the historical collection and the church library. If anyone else is interested in purchasing a personal copy, we could combine orders and save a bit on shipping. The cost of the book is \$34.95 plus \$6 for shipping and handling for 1-5 books.

Anyone who is interested being included in our pre-order, please contact Joyce Miller, 747-8541, or leave your name (and money) with Cindy in the office by **November 15**. You may also order directly from *Rural Missouri* via regular mail, Internet or telephone. Joyce or Cindy can also provide details for direct orders.

Attention Elders

No Elders' meeting on November 25

Next meeting is December 9. 2008 Elders are invited to attend this meeting



Survival House Needs

Food

Assorted Meat/Poultry Items
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
Milk, Cheese, Eggs, Bread
Juices, Baby Food

Clothing for Women and Children

New T-shirts for women & children
New underwear for women & children
New bras (all sizes)

Other Items

Clear large plastic storage bins
Prepaid phone cards
Alarm clocks
Aluminum Foil/Saran Wrap
Storage Baggies
Bath towels & wash cloths
New bed pillows
Baby monitor
Baby spoons
Diaper bags
Taxi cab passes
Gift certificates for children's activities

Cash gifts are always welcome to assist us in providing services to victims.



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Come to Worship!
Everyone is Welcome!

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. All Ages
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Coffee Fellowship
 Youth Ministries: 5:00 p.m.

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Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

Name

Natalie Jane Ulett
 Diane Corbett
 Ron Fitterling
 Dorothy Simmons
 Ruth Smith
 Shannon Cobb
 Jim Frizzell
 Bill and Alex (McNeel) Eaton
 Ima Gene McMillin (Cousin of Harland Osborne)
 Roger Buckley (June and Tim's friend)
 Our Military that are deployed
 Our Law Enforcement

November Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

1-Jerry Miller	12-Glenn Borum	17-C.L. Holdren
1-Brenda Dooley	14-Millie Burton	18-Doris Schroeder
1-Katie Smith	15-Ruth Smith	18-Brent Baldwin
2-Philip Shumard	15-Whitney Turner	20-Rick Dooley
6-Austin Frandsen	15-Marshall Good	23-Michael Wakeman
7-Don Kendrick	16-David Ritchhart	24-Toni Frandsen
8-Terri Smith	16-Rachel Vaughan	28-Marge Barry
9-Cathy Jones	17-Faye Kimbley	30-Hooley Lewis

Happy Anniversary!

1-Al & Anita Gosney
 3-Jerry & Phyllis Evans
 5-Robert & Sharon Cochran
 22-Floyd & Ganna Walker