

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.

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional Service

Share a Moment With Us Photo Display has new pictures submitted by Robert Cochran. "Gargoyles"

30-Hour Famine

You will have an opportunity to help the youth feed the hungry children on April 30 -May 1, as the youth of First Christian Church do the 30-Hour Famine and collect funds. We will fast for 30 hours, along with several other church youth groups in Warrensburg.

The Warrensburg Youth Ministry Coalition is sponsoring this event. It will start at noon with our last meal at school, and we will then meet at First United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. We will visit many churches for various events, along with mission projects, (Food Scavenger Hunt for the Food Pantry, working at the Community Clothes Closet, yard work and painting a fence at Survival House, picking up trash at local parks, visiting in the nursing homes, etc.) until Saturday at 6 p.m. when we will then break our fast with the survival bars and "Plumpy-nut" (a vitamin-fortified, peanut-buttery goo).

On April 25, we will have samples of the vitamin-fortified, peanut-buttery goo, which they use in the emergency feeding clinics for the congregation to sample.

Last year we collected enough donations to feed three children for a year. This year our goal is to collect enough to feed four children for a year. Please help us feed the hungry children. We need your help. You can donate to First Christian Church and mark in the memo line "Famine" or "Hungry."

Attention Youth!

For those of you who signed up to do the 30-Hour Famine, you must collect \$30 in donations before April 30. You will receive a group t-shirt that evening when you register.

The Scriptures for this Sunday are Acts 5:27–32 and John 20:19–31

During the Easter season, the first reading each Sunday is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. This book of the New Testament is like no other. It gives us a beautiful description of the early Church community as it grew. Filled with the Spirit of the risen Christ, the disciples brought the healing love of Jesus to those in need. In doing this, they carried on his mission. **Discussion Questions for Reading 1** -Just like the early Church, we are called to carry on the mission of Jesus. We can do this only when we grow in the knowledge and experience of the risen Christ in our lives. How can you use the Easter season to do this? For those newly baptized or received into the Church, Eastertime is the time of mystagogia. This means "learning about the mysteries" of our faith. Pray for the new members of the Church, that they may grow into strong branches on the vine of Christ. How can you learn more about your faith during this Easter season?

Gospel Reflection- [John 20:19-31](#) John's account of that first Easter night is filled with drama. Jesus appears through locked doors and gives his disciples his peace. He gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit and communicates God's power of forgiveness. Thomas, who misses out on this experience of Jesus, refuses to believe unless he can touch Jesus' wounds. A week later he has a chance to do just that! Thomas exclaims, "My Lord and my God!" And Jesus tells us how "blest" are we who have believed in his resurrection without having seen his risen body. **Discussion Questions for Gospel-** Thomas is remembered in the Church as "doubting Thomas." Yet, Jesus respected his doubts, and answered them in a beautiful way. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself. He shared them with the community and with Jesus. What can you do when you have a doubt or a question about something?

Thomas' response to Jesus is a beautiful prayer of faith and praise: "My Lord and my God!" Pray this prayer the next time you receive Holy Communion. Remember that your Lord and God is with you. What are some other ways you can pray this prayer?

Youth News!

6th -12th Grades

April Calendar

11-5 p.m.-UCM Bowling/Mazzio's Pizza
(Meet at Student Union and plan for pick up at Mazzio's.)

18-5 p.m.-Meet @ Shepard's Park for food & fun!

25-5 p.m.-Meet @ Elliott's Skating Rink (3rd -12th grades invited for this event.)

28-6 p.m.-YOUTH Rally for 30-Hour Famine @
Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
Family Center.

30-6 p.m.-Meet @ First United Methodist Church
for 30-Hour Famine Event. Event over on May 1 at
6 p.m.

Thank You!

We asked on Sunday that you respond to a need we had with the fees for the high school Baccalaureate Service, and you did it! We collected \$250 to go toward the Baccalaureate Service.

Thank you so much for your generous donations.

Cindy Howard

Dear church family,

It was great to visit with Pastor Jerry in our home when he brought me a beautiful flower.

Thanks to a wonderful Church Family for the many birthday greetings.

Floyd Walker

Birth Announcement

Hannah & Nathan Derritt - daughter Aaliyah Faith born Monday 4/5 @ 1:08 a.m., 7 lb. 2 oz. All are doing fine. Maternal parents are John D. & Janelle Sellman; maternal great grandparents are John W. & Sherin Sellman. Aaliyah joins siblings Madelyn and Keyshawn.

Ruth Newton

The E.L. and Ruth Newton Scholarship was established to provide scholarship grants for deserving students to attend a college or university as undergraduate students.

Criteria include commitment to Jesus Christ and First Christian Church of Warrensburg expressed through regular attendance at Sunday School and participation in church activities, evidence of academic scholarship and activities, desire to secure a baccalaureate education, attributes of good moral character and financial need.

Eligibility: Applicants must be current members of First Christian Church of Warrensburg for at least three years previous to the granting of the scholarship and must be a current resident of the State of Missouri. The applicant must also attend a college or university as an undergraduate student during the time of utilizing the scholarship.

Application forms for this scholarship are available in the church office. A complete application includes: The filled-out application form, two letters of reference and a secondary school transcript or a college transcript if you have earned 30 or more semester hours of credit. These forms must be turned in to the church office no later than May 7, 2010.

Treasurer's Report-March 2010

General Fund Income	\$21,585.60
General Fund Expenses	\$15,262.77
Outreach Income	\$ 1,373.30
Outreach Payments	1,699.86
Building Fund Income	\$ 5,306.75
Joyful Noise	108.12
(to Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition)	



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**Come to Worship!
 Everyone is Welcome!**

Coffee House in CLC: 8:00 a.m.
 Praise Service: 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. All Ages
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in Parlor

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

Name

Dave Tackett
 Doug Wilson (Scott's brother)
 Mary Ruth Googe
 Pastor Jerry Basye

Campbellite Dinner
 April 11 after Worship
 Menu: Spaghetti, salad,
 French bread, and bread
 pudding

April Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

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| 5-Greg Cobb | 11-Vicki Granger | 21-Harland Osborne |
| 6-Sarah Haller | 12-Nick Etter | 21-Janice Wolff |
| 7-Kit Lindsay | 13-Hanna Stillwell | 21-Kaitlyn Seigfreid |
| 8-Pat Sterling | 16-Reylene Harbit | 22-Deke Alkire |
| 8-Marshall Erisman | 17-Elizabeth Shumard | 23-Martha Smarr |
| 9-Nancy Huff | 18-Connie Baldwin | 25-Jon Frandsen |
| 9-Chuck Owings | 18-David Schroeder | 25-Brayden Godfrey |
| 10-Kay Elliott | 19-Lindsey Davis | 29-Courtney Files |
| 10-Sharon Cochran | 20-Sherri Ellgass | 29-Carrie Tappin |
| 11-Charles Harbit | | |

Happy Anniversary

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| 1-Carrie & Casey Laws | 20-Pat & Duane Sterling |
| 1-Kay & Bill Elliott | 28-Mary Frances & Milfred Hall |
| 10-Shannon & Greg Cobb | |