



First Christian Church  
Disciples of Christ

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# Mission Message

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*Our mission is to announce the Good News of God's love for all, by letting the joy of our relationship with Jesus shine through our daily lives, seeking to make disciples for Jesus, baptizing in his name and teaching toward maturity in faith.*

Sunday School  
9:15 a.m.

Worship  
8:00 a.m. &  
10:30 a.m.



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## Looking Towards Lent

The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word, (lencten), which means “springtime.” Taken literally, the word means the time of year when the days lengthen. This season, which precedes Easter, is a time of preparation, reflection, renewal, and change. It’s a time for the soul and heart of the Christian believer to nurture and grow their faith, to deepen their understanding of the gospel, to recommit their life to God, and to strengthen their relationship with Christ. In many denominations, the emphasis during Lent is on fasting, meditation, prayer, giving, and good works.

Last week, as the sun began to set, I was driving to pick up my boys from the daycare when I saw an African American lady walking along highway 7. As she shuffled slowly, she pulled a rolling suitcase with one hand and carried another bag with her other hand. Earlier that day, one of our church members called me and was worried about this lady; after picking up my boys I stopped to see if I could help her. At that same time a lady who worked at Benchmark nursing home stopped to see if she could help. We ended up putting this lady (Pam) into a hotel for a few days so that she could continue to work through her options. Later that evening the lady who worked at Benchmark caught me at the church and let me know that she was going to the hotel with a social worker and with some food. I found out the next day that Pam was taken to a place that would help her get back on her feet. I am very grateful for the ladies at Benchmark and the resources they had to help Pam.

Lent is a time to recommit our life to God and to strengthen our relationship with Christ. If we think about it, focusing on and celebrating Lent is a luxury. If we were Pam, our mind would not be thinking about what liturgical season is coming up next, but rather where we might stay at night and where our next meal will come from. This year as you focus on the season of Lent, think about the people that Jesus spent his life around; how can helping the least among us be an expression of our relationship with Christ? After all, as we move toward Easter we celebrate the new life in Christ, not only in us but in the world around us.

*Shalom, Rev. Adam*

### 2011 Lenten Bible Study

Starting Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> and ending April 17<sup>th</sup> the adult Sunday School classes will be coming together in the Fellowship Hall to work through the Disciples of Christ Lenten Bible Study which has been written by Dr. Richard Lowery the husband of our General Minister and President Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins. The class will start at 9:00 a.m. hope to see you there!





## Sermon Schedule

### Sermons for March

March 6, 2011

**Scripture:** Matthew 17:1-9

**Title:** "Jesus Revealed"

March 13, 2011 (Lenten Sermon Series)

**Scripture:** Matthew 4:1-11

**Title:** "Life Through Word"

March 20, 2011

**Scripture:** John 3:1-17

**Title:** "Life Through Spirit and Water"

March 27, 2011

**Scripture:** John 4:5-42

**Title:** "Life Through Empty Water Jars"



Time to  
Spring Ahead

### Sunday, March 13

Martha Kimberlin  
 Franceline Parris  
 Frances May  
 Joe & Lorene Hocker  
 Bob Raynes



# YOU ARE INVITED!

**Sunday, March 6**

*following 10:30am worship service*

Come, sit back and enjoy fellowship and being served a good meal provided by the youth.

Just our way to say "thank you" for all you do for us.



## General Assembly Promotion Sunday Dinner

It is time once again to start thinking about the General Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC) which will be held from July 9 – 13, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. To promote this event we are having a promotional dinner on **March 13<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. During this dinner we will be raising funds to send Brenda Brown to General Assembly this year. Brenda has been taking ministry courses through the Missouri School of Religion and this will be a great opportunity for her to see how the larger church works. Please come and support this great cause!



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 9

7:00pm

### SUGGESTED FOODS

Canned vegetables	Pasta
Pudding	Cereal
Canned fruit	Soup
Rice	Flour
Canned meats	Crackers
Macaroni & cheese	Sugar
Cake mix	Powdered milk
Vegetable oil	Peanut butter
Dry beans	Baby food & related

# Food Pantry

**Thank you for those who volunteer on HFCC Food Pantry Day in February.**



Volunteers are needed Fridays (anytime) from noon to 7 p.m.

If interested, please contact Pastor Adam or Lyle Krohn.

# Membership

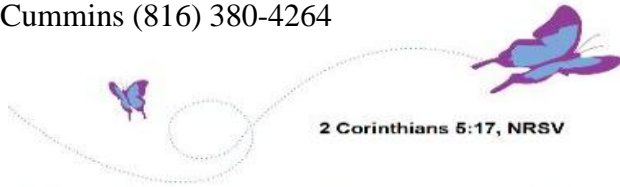


**Breakfast  
Brunch**

The Breakfast Bunch will be providing fellowship snacks between church services.

Taken my mistake, a black leather jacket on January 30th at Sue Logan's Birthday party. It was on the divan against the south wall in the fellowship hall. The wrong one was left behind.

Ruth Cummins (816) 380-4264



2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV

"Everything has become new!"

## GOLDEN LEAVES

Our next meeting will be held on, Thursday, March 10 @ 10:30am. Pot Luck Meal.

Our speaker will be from Kansas City Hospice.

## Vision & Missions Meeting



March 22 @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall is our next meeting.

Please join us and share your input. All are welcome!

I want to thank all our dear friends at First Christian Church, for your prayers, cards, calls, and contributions to the memorials at the passing of Emmette. It meant so much to us to have so many of you brave the snow drifts to attend the service. Even though we had not been able to be at church with you, you were in our hearts.

With our Love and Thanks,  
Dorsella Cantrell & Family

The Green Team continue to collect ink jet cartridges and cell phones (batteries that are in the cell phones only please) in the Education Building. Proceeds from these collections help to buy eco-friendly paper ware for the church kitchen.



Green Team



## Thrift Store

### Harrisonville Thrift Shop

I would like to thank all of the hard working ladies who attended the clothing work night at the Thrift Store. We had 10 ladies in attendance and 3 men who did not get to do much. Everything went well. We emptied over 100 large bags. It was considered a big success.

We are not at this time scheduled for another night. They want to see where they are when the rest of the churches have their turn.

Mary Parker



# YOUTH



## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:00PM-8:00PM

### “SOUP”ER BOWL SUNDAY



Sunday, February 6 was “Soup”er Bowl Sunday.

We raised for Steelers 15 cans with \$43

Packers 26 cans with \$40

Undecided \$29

The real winner of course is our Local Food Pantry where all donations will go.



SUNDAY, March 6 following 10:30am worship service. We will be hosting an Appreciation Dinner for the congregation. Come, sit back and enjoy fellowship and being served a good meal provided by the youth. Just our way to say “thank you” for all you do for us.



### ASH WEDNESDAY

The youth group are planning and working on the Ash Wednesday Service, being held on March 9. At 7:00pm. Please join us in starting off the Lenten Season.

### MEALS

If you would like to provide a meal or part of a meal for a youth group meeting, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary, or talk to Brenda, Rich or Heather.

### YOU COULD HELP FEED OUR YOUTH

Thank you for your support! Please keep bringing in your receipts. It takes awhile to collect \$500.00 in receipts to receive \$75.00 in pizza. It takes the full \$75.00 to feed the youth group one meal. Thank you for helping us provide a good meal for these youth. The box for your receipts is located in the back of the church.

### ALUMINUM CANS

You can help the youth and recycle your empty aluminum cans by bringing them to the church. A wooden box for the cans is located on the west side of the church. In order to prevent loose cans in our bin, please tie all of your bags shut, before placing them in the bin. Thank you!



# OUTREACH



Week of Compassion was observed February 20 and 27, with soup served following 10:30am service on the 27th and a short DVD. Those special offering totals will be listed weekly in newsletter on the facts and figures page.



## SHROVE TUESDAY

Jo Irwin came to outreach with an idea she wanted to be involved in, with our help-A Shrove Tuesday Pancake / Sausage meal, that would be open to the community, donations accepted, and she wanted proceeds to go to the local food pantry. Shrove /Tuesday is March 8 which is CMF'S regular break-fast-so, we are teaming up with them to put this on from 6:00am—2:00pm.

### SHOVE TUESDAY PANCAKE FEST

An idea to hold a pancake fundraiser with the proceeds going to the Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry was presented by Jo Irwin to the Outreach Ministry Group at their January meeting. The group decided to hold this fundraiser on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) agreed to assist with this activity in part because it is their regular meeting time.

March 8 was chosen as the date for this because it is Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Day, Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras and is the last day before Lent begins.

### HISTORY OF PANCAKE DAY

Shrove Tuesday traces its origins to ancient times and is heavily rooted in religion. The word 'shrove' is the past tense of the verb 'shrive,' which means the confession of sins in order to receive forgiveness. Shrove Tuesday was not only a time for confession and forgiveness but also a time for a celebratory feast. Christians celebrated and used the meat, milk, butter and eggs they had on hand as they prepared for the fasting period of Lent. This was the last chance they had to indulge in rich foods that were forbidden for the duration of Lent.

### COST

There will not be a set price for this. A free will donation will be accepted.

### K F C BUCKET

Keep Funding Churches by donating \$1 each to the KFC Bucket Sunday. March 6.

## It's Raining Anniversary Cards!

Join us in showering Harold & Mildred Roth with cards for their 70th Anniversary..



Anniversary: March 8

Harold & Mildred Roth  
2209 E. Mechanic Apt. 16  
Harrisonville, MO 64701





# Disciples Women / C.W.F.

~Margaret Circle met on February with 4 members present. Mabel will have the lesson from "Amazing Grace Devotional" and Beverly provided refreshments. Next meeting will be help on March 7, Milly will be delivering the message and furnishing the refreshment.

~Rachel Circle will met on Tuesday, February 8 with 5 present. We are planning on sponsoring a student for the school year in Nicaragua. We will be continuing the program on "Heaven".

~Deborah Circle met on Monday, February 21, 2011 with 5 members present. We discussed those who are sick and those needing prayers.

Judy Manning gave the lesson on Rachel and Leah with a background review of Jacob and Esau.

Members are to bring their cleaning and or personal items, collected during the first quarter for Hope Haven, to the March 21st meeting. Items will be delivered to Hope Haven following the March 21st meeting.



## Disciples Men / C.M.F.

Disciple's Men / C.M.F.

Will be meeting on March 8 @ 8:30am.

**Come join us for breakfast!**



### Church Elevator

#### Elevator Operator

We now have an elevator operator available, on Sundays. If you would like to volunteer to be a operator, contact Frank Long.

**Dear church members,**

Stewardship/Finance committee would like to thank you for your support. The January offering was \$ 11,810.88. Good start to 2011. And blanket Sunday you gave \$ 1,366.00. This is going to go a long ways toward helping people in need to keep warm. Our church is involved in so many ways helping people in our community and around the world. Our members have donated time and money to many projects. You continue to find new ways to help people in need. Our church has been around for over one hundred fifty years, and I can see our church serving God for another one hundred fifty years into the future.

Stewardship & Finance Chairman, Doug Manning

*"We become good people not by thinking good thoughts but by doing good deeds again and again." -Quote by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin*

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE FEST



Fundraiser for local food pantry

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

**6:00am—2:00pm**

Harrisonville First Christian Church  
Sponsored by Men's Fellowship and the Outreach  
Ministry Group

### **FREE WILL OFFERING**

The Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry is a ministry of  
the Harrisonville Ministerial Alliance

# SERVING IN MARCH

## 8:00am Worship

Elders: Andrea Murphy

Deacons: Gracie Webster & Ellis Webster

## 10:30am Worship

Worship Leader: Georgia Cornell

Greeter: Jarrett & Joyce Hawley

Sound: Jeremy Cornell

Acolyte: Youth

Elders: Bill & Mabel Maxon

Deacons: +Darold Shelton, Dee Shelton, Richard Smither,  
Cheryl Tinsley & Sophia Smither\*

+Denotes Deacon in charge \*Denotes Balcony

## Communion Prep:

Cheryl Tinsley

## Communion Calling:

6-Dena Cooper

13-Joe Murphy

20-Andrew Murphy

27-Beverly Tinsley

## Children's Moments

6-Ryan Davidson

13-Frank Long

20-Brenda Brown

27-Sherry Krohn



## Musicians

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>Choir</u>
6-	Sherry Krohn	Janet Allbaugh	Janet Allbaugh
13-	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin
20-	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin
27-	Sherry Krohn	Janet Allbaugh	Janet Allbaugh
March 9-Ash Wednesday-Jo Irwin			



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3-LuAnn Kenagy	22-Jordan Hillmer
4-Christina Nicholson	23-Scott Chulufas
6-Martha Kimberlin	24-George Frees
6-Heather Lewis	25-Andrew Cave
9-Andrea Murphy	26-Michael Harmon
9-Connie Zwilling	28-Ed Logwood
10-Mike Adair	28-Richard Smither
13-Zachary Livingston	29-Robert Daniel
19-Haley Parker	30-Joan McLain
22-Bethany Cook	

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1-Ron & Jenny Richter
3-Ryan & Jennifer Cooper
4-Ron & Debbie Arnold
4-Don & Doris Moore
8-Harold & Mildred Roth
17-Gary & Carel Carroll
27-Gary & Cheryl Smither
28-Phillip & Velda Lee Kelley







A special Thank You to all of our church family & friends who sent cards and prayers with the loss of my Mom.

I appreciate each of you for your thoughtfulness and kind words.

God Bless  
Nikki & Mike Simon

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 	28	29	30	31		

1- 8:00am—12:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Ministry Chairs 7:00pm Ministry Groups	13- General Assembly Promotion Sunday Meal
2- 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir	15- 7:00pm Board Meeting
3- 3:30pm Exercise 4:30pm TOPS	16- 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir
4- World Day of Prayer	17- 3:30pm Exercise 4:30pm TOPS
6- KFC Collection Sunday 12:00pm Youth Appreciation Dinner	18- Bradford Wedding Rehearsal
7- Disciples Women/CWF Margaret Circle	19- Bradford Wedding
8- 6:00am—2:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake 6:00pm BBQ & Billiards 7:00pm Disciples Women/CWF Rachel Circle	21- 1:30pm Disciples Women/CWF Deborah Circle
9- 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	22- 7:00pm Vision & Mission Meeting
10- 10:30am Golden Leaves 3:30pm Exercise 4:30pm TOPS	23- 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir
13- 8:45am Elders	24- 8:00am Newsletter Deadline 3:30pm Exercise 4:30pm TOPS
	27- Elders Meeting
	30- 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir
	31- 3:30pm Exercise 4:30pm TOPS

## FACTS AND FIGURES

### Sunday, January 30

8:00am Worship	24
Sunday School	29
10:30 am Worship	79
General Fund	\$2,217.88
Memorial (Catron)	\$180.00
Blanket Offering	\$488.00
Youth Fund	\$25.00
Nicaragua Fund	\$500.00

### Sunday, February 6

8:00am Worship	25
Sunday School	25
10:30 am Worship	77
General Fund	\$2,946.79
KFC Collection	\$20.03
Memorial (Catron)	\$335.00
Blanket Offering	\$205.00
Week of Compassion	\$1,200.00

### Sunday, February 13

8:00am Worship	30
Sunday School	34
10:30 am Worship	80
General Fund	\$2,942.86
Memorial (Catron)	\$725.00

### Sunday, February 20

8:00am Worship	31
Sunday School	33
10:30 am Worship	68
General Fund	\$1,722.15
Memorial (Catron)	\$90.00
Week of Compassion	\$1,131.00
Nicaragua Fund	\$50.00

**Through our gifts we rejoice in what  
God is doing among us in the name of  
Jesus Christ. Thank you!**

January 31, 2011

General Fund: Balance in checking--\$2,979.62  
 Balance in Demand Plus--\$9,391.44  
 Memorial: Balance in Investment Savings--\$5,057.92  
 Endowment: Balance in Yoder savings--\$1,454.47  
 Balance in Mauck/Morse flex plus--\$31,003.53  
 Income (year to date)--\$14,111.72  
 Expenses (year to date)--\$12,641.50  
 Nicaragua Fund—\$3,995.40  
 Passage House—\$150.00



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Wednesdays @ 7:00pm.  
**Everyone is welcome!**



The deadline for the  
 April Mission Message Church  
 Newsletter is March 20, 2011.

Please turn all articles into the church office  
 or email them to [office@harrisonvillefcc.org](mailto:office@harrisonvillefcc.org) or  
[brenda@harrisonvillefcc.org](mailto:brenda@harrisonvillefcc.org)



In order to better manage his time Pastor Adam will have office hours from 9:00am—12:00pm Monday thru Thursday with his day off being Friday. This will allow him to make calls in the afternoon, spend time on his Sunday message and other planning. If anyone would like to talk with Adam please stop by during his office hours or call him to arrange some other time.

Brenda will be in the office from 8:00am—5:00pm Monday & Tuesday and 2:00pm—5:00pm Wednesday thru Friday.