



Mission Message

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What an exciting time of year!

Lately I found myself digging in the back of my closet where I found a bin. When I opened it, I began to unpack sweatshirts, sweaters and other cooler weather apparel. I love this time of year. I love being outside (especially on the golf course) with the cool breeze and the beauty of the leaves changing. There is something about the changing of the seasons that makes me think of new beginnings. The change that is happening all around us makes it almost easier to make changes in our own lives; start exercising more, eating better, maybe giving the house a good cleaning, or just taking up a new hobby or book to read.

Although this time of year makes change more comfortable for me, because of the change that is happening all around, it doesn't mean that it comes naturally or easy. Making a decision to exercise at a certain time or to set aside an amount of time each day to write on my Doctorate project is hard. It is way too easy to just do what I have always done; the same is true for the church. And although change is a beneficial part of our lives, it is equally important to have the right purpose behind why changes are being made. To change for the sake of change without a clear purpose does not accomplish much. This statement has bothered me and at the same time caused me to reflect not only on change in my life but in the life of the church.

About two years ago I received an email from the Disciples Transformation Listserv; on that list there was a message from a Pastor by the name of Michael. This pastor had very powerful and thought provoking words to offer about change in the church.

"We put far too much energy up front on the structural and programmatic pieces of church life, thinking that transformation will happen if we build, if we lead, if we teach, if we set up just the right governance in the congregation. As if the Holy Spirit is waiting for us to be organized before doing something in the life of our church."

What's my point?

This: if God isn't doing it, we cannot rightly call it transformation. If I act as if I have to make transformation happen in the church, or if I attempt to control the process, or if the leaders in the congregation continue to defend their own turf, then spiritually the process is already dead."

This quote is taped to my desk and when I feel like I need to do something or try to make something happen in the life of the church, I look at this quote. I believe that God does not want change for the sake of change but rather thoughtful brothers and sisters in Christ coming together in prayer, opening their eyes to the presence of God in their midst, and then meeting God where God already is. Just think about what God has in store for us as a church.

Shalom, Rev. Harmon



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.





Sermons for October

October 2, 2011
World Communion Sunday
 Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7
 Title: "Strike the Rock"

October 9, 2011
 Scripture: John 1:35-42
 Title: "Invitational"

October 23, 2011
 Scripture: John 11:47-51
 Title: "Experiential"

October 30, 2011
 Scripture: Joshua 3:7-17
 Title: "God with Us"

GOLDEN LEAVES

We will be meeting and having a potluck meal on Thursday, October 13 @ 10:30am.

- Martha Kimberlin
- Franceline Parris
- Frances May
- Bob Raynes
- Joe & Lorene Hocker
- Jackie Dean
- Don Smither
- Edith Fournier
- Harold Roth
- Karl Frees



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Sue Mitchell. Beverly Tinsley's sister and Cheryl Tinsley's aunt.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Lawrence Kircher.

Food Pantry



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Wal-Mart food drive!! The community blessed us despite the rain & cold.

The results below are a fine example of how responsive our community is for the needy! Thank you to all the faithful volunteers who helped make this successful!

2011 Results: Donated Food: enough food to fill ever cart plus+++ , Funds Collected: \$1,600.00

2010 Results: Donated Food: Over 2000 lbs., Funds Collected: \$2,200.00

2009 Results: Donated Food: Over 2000 lbs., Funds Collected: \$1,148.16

New bins are provided for your food donations in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.

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**HFCC Food Pantry Day October 14**

SUGGESTED FOODS

|                   |                           |               |        |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Canned vegetables | Pasta                     | Pudding       | Cereal |
| Canned fruit      | Dry Beans                 | Flour         | Soup   |
| Canned meats      | Crackers                  | Powdered Milk | Rice   |
| Macaroni & cheese | Cake mix                  | Vegetable oil | Sugar  |
| Peanut butter     | Baby food & related items |               |        |

Volunteers are needed Fridays (anytime) from noon to 7 p.m. If interested, please contact Lyle Krohn.

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**MODIFIED CHANCEL CHOIR SCHEDULE**

(beginning Wed. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>) – Please join us!!

Regular Choir Practice 7pm – 7:45pm

Christmas Cantata Practice 7:45pm – 8:15pm



**INSTRUMENTALISTS WANTED!**

If you play an instrument, we'd like to know! If you're uncomfortable playing solo, no problem! Groups are needed, too! We appreciate all of the musical talents our church members possess and would love to hear more! Please contact Megan Davidson if you might be willing to play sometime. There are plenty of opportunities for various instruments so please don't be shy! Any instrument at any level is welcome!

# MEMBERSHIP



October 30 is Fifth Sunday Brunch after the 8 o'clock service. Please come to the Fellowship Hall and fellowship with us and eat breakfast with us.

Starting Oct 1st. we will have a Toys for Tots box in the fellowship hall. Please bring a new toy unwrapped for any age child. We will run this until the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 13th.



Thank you to all of you that brought all those great desserts to the auction. And thank you to all of you that bought all those great goodies.

## Stewardship Corner

It is with an attitude of gratitude that we greet you this month. We are grateful for all who give to the ministry of First Christian Church and we'd like to thank three categories of givers:

PAST givers: Can you imagine how many dollars have been dropped in the offering plate over the 154 years FCC has been in existence? We're grateful to past givers for laying the foundation of giving that has brought us from the 1800s to present day 2011.

PRESENT givers: We were given the happy news at the September board meeting that all bills had been paid with money still left in the checking account at the end of the month. Many of you were able and willing to step up and give more when you heard we were in a financial pinch. You've made the difference--thank you! But don't give up now! We don't want to slide back to where we were. Your continued support helps us keep the ministries that allow us to reach people with the good news of Jesus!

FUTURE givers: Our story is still being written. Children now in Sunday School, Bible School, Youth Group, and even those not yet met may be the ones to carry our legacy into future generations. Are we giving them the information they need to know how to be wise stewards of God's money?

Do you remember the Ray Boltz song, *Thank You?* A man goes to Heaven and is allowed to see the impact he made by his giving:

"One by one they came

Far as your eyes could see

Each life somehow touched

by your generosity

Little things that you had done

Sacrifices you made

They were unnoticed on the earth

In Heaven now proclaimed."

Wouldn't you love to someday be able to see the impact made by all the givers collectively known as First Christian Church? Wouldn't you like to be given a glimpse of the lives that were changed by the ministries and missions done by FCC? Hopefully someday we will be given that gift but until that day, we are counting on you, our givers of past, present and future to continue the work and ministry that God has given us to do.

## MICAH

Thank you to all those who attend Micah Ministries in September. Our next scheduled Outreach night is Monday, December 12. We will be leaving the church at 4:00pm, returning no later than 8:00pm. If you are interested in attending, make sure Brenda has your name. We have a limited number of spots opened.

## OCTOBER THEME

In October we will be focusing on the theme, “So Tempting” - Luke 4:1-13. Youth will see that temptation is real and a part of everyone’s life...even Jesus was not exempt. They will learn how to handle temptation in a constructive and biblical manner, rather than giving in to it.

## STUDENT LED MEETINGS

We held our first student led meeting on September 19. Trish Price, Caitlin Lewis and Meghan Oparnico purchased and prepared a wonderful meal and led the lesson, titled, “Out of the Box.” We also celebrated September birthdays with an ice cream cake. These ladies did a remarkable job! If you would be interested in leading during a meeting or planning meetings and events, please get in touch with Brenda.



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!

## SPIRITUAL MENTORS—Yes, Sign me up!

People who are intentional about participating in the spiritual formation and Christian education of our young people. What do young people need in their lives—the wisdom and thoughtfulness of more mature Christians. Being in ministry with youth is extremely rewarding. Youth are honest, up-front, and excited about their relationship with Christ.

- Share your faith, building relationship
- Hospitality
  - These people really care about me here.
  - They really want the best for me.
  - I’m not a number or an outsider here. I have a place.
  - They know me by name and greet me personally.
  - Acknowledge me on special occasions. (birthday, etc.)
  - I’m being invited to be with them, part of the Body of Christ.
- Be present at rites of passage for youth in the church
- Pray for our young people on a regular basis
- Offer pastoral care to youth in times of anxiety and challenge
- Show interest and be a support person to youth for mission trips, summer camps, retreats, Sunday School, Youth Group, etc
- Set an example for young people in the way they live, worship, play, and interact with others

**BE A PART OF BUILDING A FIRM  
FOUNDATION FOR OUR YOUTH.**

Questions, contact Brenda



**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.

# OUTREACH



KFC-Keep Funding Churches Bucket is October 2.

Harvesters School Backpack Program, deliveries begin October 3. Anyone interested in helping with this; talk to Joyce Hawley.

Bill Maxon gave "Moments for Missions" for Reconciliation at both worship services on September 18. Offering for Reconciliation will be collected on September 25.

Keep in mind...there could be spring mission trip to Joplin.

Saturday, September 17 Outreach handed out brochures at Wal-Mart for food pantry donations. Thanks to all who helped.

Monday, September 19, 6 adults and 2 youth worked at Micah Ministries. Tubs were donated items will continued to be out...our next scheduled date is December 12. Thanks for all your donations and thanks to those who went to work.

Still collecting: Spare change jar and flood bucket can for Festival of Sharing, October 15. The youth have been asked to help fill flood buckets on October 12 on their Wednesday evening meeting.

Funnel cake booth on the square at Burnt District Festival, October 7 & 8.

Bill & Joyce

Ruth Cummins  
80th Birthday Celebration  
Congregation Invited!  
Sunday, October 23, 2011  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
First Christian Church Fellowship Hall  
400 S. Independence St. Harrisonville, MO  
Hostess: Becky Bair



It's Mary Riemenschneider's  
90th Birthday  
Join us for dinner, music,  
laughter, and fun  
Friday, October 21, 2011, 6:00 p.m.  
First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall,  
400 S. Independence St., Harrisonville, MO  
Hosted by: Teri Riemenschneider  
Please RSVP by 10/10/11  
Mary at 816-779-4297

**NO GIFTS PLEASE...**As a surprise for Mary,  
please mail or email in advance to Teri any special  
memories you have of Mary, especially those  
funny ones. [triemens@msn.com](mailto:triemens@msn.com) - 8710 Tinker Hill  
Circle, Lake Annette, MO 64746





# Disciples Women / C.W.F.

~Deborah Circle, Deborah group met on September 19, 2011 with 5 present. We discussed those in need of prayer and cards.

Ellen Wray read the minutes of the May meeting, which were approved as presented. Ellen reported that she sent \$300.00 to Basic Mission Finance, \$300 to the Ozark Lakes Area, \$60.00 to the Area project, and \$100.00 to Nicaragua.

The group is not making up health kits, because most have contributed to the flood buckets collection.

Nancy Emmons presented "Take Time for 10 Things". Those 10 things are: work, think, play, read, worship, help & enjoy friends, love, dream, laugh, and plan. Nancy suggested gathering school supplies for schools in Nicaragua as a group project. The group discussed project options and chose to continue supporting our local food pantry.


Judy Manning gave the lesson on Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist. Her husband, Zechariah, was a member of the priesthood. John was instructed in the nazarite practices as the angel commanded in order to carry out his destiny of preparing Israel for the Messiah. Mary, expecting the baby Jesus, journeyed to assist her expectant cousin. At their meeting, each recognizes that they and their children will be an extraordinary part of God's plan for humanity. Judy presented several questions for the group to consider and discuss.

Ellen served delicious cake. The next meeting is October 17 at 1:30 p.m. Ellen Wray will give the lesson, and Judy Manning will provide refreshments. We invite women in the church to join us for good fellowship, stimulating study, worthwhile projects, and refreshments.

~Rachel circle met on September 13 in the Fellowship Hall with three members present. The program was done by Nancy Emmons and Joyce Hawley. Because of not having a quorum no business was done. Nance and Joyce served refreshments. The next meeting will be on October 11th.

~A reminder to continue saving barcodes from Best Choice items plus barcodes from Campbell soup products. The CWF receives \$30 for each 1,000 Best Choice codes and this money goes to our outreach concerns. The Campbell soup codes are sent to Woodhaven Learning Center for their many programs. Thanks for all your help!



 Thanks to all who sent cards, calls and attended the funeral service for our sister and aunt Sue Mitchell.

Also special thanks to Adam for the comforting words and being there for us.

*Bless all of you,  
Beverly & Cheryl Tinsley*

 Vision & Missions Meeting

October 25 @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall is our next meeting.

 **Disciples Men/CME**

Tuesday, October 11 & 8:30am  
Come join us for breakfast!!

# SERVING IN OCTOBER

## 8:00am Worship

Elders: Joe Murphy

Deacons: Travis & Lisa Hillmer

## 10:30am Worship

Worship Leader: Elwin McKenzie (2-Cheryl Tinsley)

Greeters: Jeremy & Georgia Cornell

Sound: Jeremy Cornell

Acolyte: Youth

Elders: Joyce Hawley & 2-Jennifer Cook, 9-Lyle Krohn, 16-Milly Long, 23-Bill Maxon, & 30-Dena Cooper

Deacons: +Jessica Gipson, Jim Shelton, Delores Beeman, & Georgia Cornell.\* Filling in: 2-Teri Riemenschneider & 9, 16, 23 & 30 Cheryl Tinsley)

+Denotes Deacon in charge \*Denotes Balcony

## Communion Prep:

Jessica Gipson

## Communion Calling:

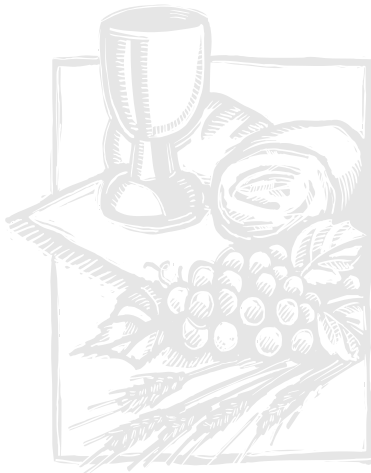
2-Ellen Wray

9-Dena Cooper

16-Joe Murphy

23-Andrea Murphy

30-Jennifer Cook



## Children's Moments:

2-Georgia Cornell

9-Joyce Hawley

16-Brenda Brown

23-Rich Smither

30-Kerry Smither

## Musicians:

| <u>8:00am</u>      | <u>10:30am</u> | <u>Choir</u>   |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2- Jo Irwin        | Jo Irwin       |                |
| 9- Sherry Krohn    | Sherry Krohn   | Jo Irwin       |
| 16- Jo Irwin       | Jo Irwin       | Jo Irwin       |
| 23- Janet Allbaugh | Janet Allbaugh | Janet Allbaugh |



## OCT. BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Meghan Oparnico
- 2-Laura Frees
- 2-Nathan Mathews
- 3-Lee Cooper
- 3-Taylor Mathews
- 4-Ashlie Songer
- 5-Debbie Surber
- 6-Shelley Jansen
- 6-Freda Willoughby
- 7-Barbara Peeples
- 10-Shelbi Devine
- 10-Julie White
- 11-Margaret Goodard
- 11-Paula Nicholson
- 12-Brenda Brown
- 14-Clara Cornell
- 15-Mitch Kenya
- 16-Alma Dell Armstrong
- 17-Rebecca Christensen
- 17-Sтивен Jansen
- 17-Velda Lee Kelley
- 18-Stephen Nichols
- 19-Cheryl Tinsley
- 20-Ruth Smith
- 21-Mary Riemenschneider
- 22-Sue Kalwei
- 23-Ruth Cummins
- 23-Marjorie Gardner
- 25-Ken Wisdom
- 26-Dwight Roth
- 27-Marilyn Limpus
- 29-Michelle Bouchard
- 29-Melissa Church
- 31-Ella Mae Lampson



## OCT. ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Joe & Andrea Murphy
- 3- John & Mary Beth Latimer
- 5- Ken & Betty Wisdom
- 12- Robert & Mildred Shelton
- 16- Bob & Judy Settles
- 19- Tousha & Shawn Morgan
- 22- Dale & Brenda Brown
- 27- P.D. & Evelyn Kircher



The Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers. They particularly are looking for cashiers and or persons to sort and hang clothes for sale.

If you are able to donate a few hours to this ministry, please contact Kathy Schrock at the shop. 816-884-2279



# October 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| 30  | 31  |     |     |     |     |     |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2- KFC Collection                                                                                            | 17- Disciple Women/CWF Deborah Circle                                                                                                 |
| 4- 6:30pm Ministry Chairs<br>7:00pm Ministry Groups                                                          | 18- 7:00pm Board                                                                                                                      |
| 5- 6:00pm-8:00pm CYF Youth Group<br>7:00pm-7:45pm Chancel Choir<br>7:45pm-8:15pm Christmas Cantata Practice  | 19- 6:00pm-8:00pm CYF Youth Group<br>7:00pm-7:45pm Chancel Choir<br>7:45pm-8:15pm Christmas Cantata Practice                          |
| 6- 3:30pm Exercise<br>4:30pm TOPS                                                                            | 20- 3:30pm Exercise<br>4:30pm TOPS                                                                                                    |
| 7- Burnt District Festival                                                                                   | 21- 6:00pm Mary Riemenschneider's Birthday<br>Celebration                                                                             |
| 8- Burnt District Festival<br>10:00am-1:00pm FCC Open House                                                  | 22- 2:00pm-4:00pm Ruth Cummins Birthday<br>Celebration                                                                                |
| 9- 8:45am Elders                                                                                             | 23- 8:45am Elders                                                                                                                     |
| 11- 8:30am Disciple Men/CMF<br>7:00pm Disciple Women/DWF Rachel Circle                                       | 25- 7:00pm Vision & Mission Meeting                                                                                                   |
| 12- 6:00pm-8:00pm CYF Youth Group<br>7:00pm-7:45pm Chancel Choir<br>7:45pm-8:15pm Christmas Cantata Practice | 26- Girls Leadership Camp<br>6:00pm-8:00pm CYF Youth Group<br>7:00pm-7:45pm Chancel Choir<br>7:45pm-8:15pm Christmas Cantata Practice |
| 13- 10:30am Golden Leaves<br>3:30pm Exercise<br>4:30pm TOPS                                                  | 27- 3:30pm Exercise<br>4:30pm TOPS                                                                                                    |
| 14- 8:00am-2:00pm Hope Haven Chili Luncheon<br>HFCC Food Pantry Day                                          | 29- 8:00am-3:00pm 5th Annual Used Book Sale                                                                                           |
| 15- Festival of Sharing                                                                                      | 30- 5th Sunday Brunch<br>4:00pm-6:00pm Trunk or Treat                                                                                 |

## FACTS AND FIGURES

### Sunday, September 4

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| 8:00am Worship   | 33         |
| Sunday School    | 30         |
| 10:30 am Worship | 56         |
| General Fund     | \$4,305.82 |
| KFC Collection   | \$28.95    |
| Food Pantry      | \$15.00    |
| Flood Buckets    | \$20.00    |

### Sunday, September 11- Church on the Lawn

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Sunday School    | 21         |
| 10:00 am Worship | 67         |
| General Fund     | \$1,995.38 |

### Sunday, September 18

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| 8:00am Worship         | 20         |
| Sunday School          | 19         |
| 10:30 am Worship       | 63         |
| General Fund           | \$2,425.57 |
| Pastor's Discretionary | \$50.00    |
| Dessert Auction        | \$406.50   |

### Sunday, September 25

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| 8:00am Worship   | 26         |
| Sunday School    | 26         |
| 10:30 am Worship | 68         |
| General Fund     | \$1,739.64 |
| Reconciliation   | \$159.00   |



The Green Team is planning an eco fair during Sunday morning later this month or early November. We will feature fair trade food to sample, and ways to be more eco friendly at home and at church. More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

In the meantime, consider using ENERGY STAR-rated light bulbs. ENERGY STAR-rated bulbs are more efficient than regular light bulbs. Look for the ENERGY STAR on packages of light bulbs, whether you choose incandescent, compact fluorescent (CFL) or LED lights. Remember that CFL or LED light bulbs may cost more to purchase, but use less electricity and last longer than incandescent bulbs.

According to EnergyStar.gov, if every American home replaced just one light bulb with a light bulb that's earned the ENERGY STAR, we would save enough energy to light 3 million homes for a year, save about \$600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent 9 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to those from about 800,000 cars.



Newsletter  
**DEADLINE!**

The deadline for the Church  
Newsletter is Sunday, October 23, 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)



Secret Place FALL edition is available.  
Get your copy today!.

"Ask ...  
**SEEK**  
knock."  
Matthew 7:7, NIV



### Elevator Operator

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

August 31, 2011

General Fund: Balance in checking--\$1,866.54  
Balance in Demand Plus--\$6,424.05  
Memorial: Balance in Investment Savings--\$6,720.65  
Endowment: Balance in Yoder savings--\$1,371.90  
Balance in Mauck/Morse flex plus--\$18,872.18  
Income (year to date)--\$102,630.10  
Expenses (year to date)--\$117,118/.19