

SERVING IN MARCH/APRIL 2011

In Charge of Deacons:

March-Lloyd Fitch
April-Frances Benton

In Charge of Greeters:

March-Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer
April-Norma Millard

Receipts Pick-Up:

March-Carolyn Jennings
April-Annie Frevert

Communion Preparation:

March-Dale & Ruth Ann Dodd
April-Kathy Wright

Communion to Shut-Ins:

March-Helen West
April-Ruth Ann Dodd

Children's Sermon:

March 20-Susan Klang
March 27-Debbie Small
April 3-Keith Speer
April 10-Susan Klang
April 17-Ruth Ann Dodd

Elders:**March/April**

03/20 Annie Frevert & Irislee Prada
03/27 Mike Lee & John Schultz
04/03 Marilee McCallister & Gene West
04/10 Henry Niles & Dale Dodd
04/17 Irislee Prada & Annie Frevert

Deacons-March

Allison Carpenter	Ron McDaniel
Charles Fisher	Pam Heimericks
Carol Owen	Norma Millard
Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer	Lloyd Fitch
Sally Williams	

Deacons-April

Kathleen Sprague	Peg Heald
Helen West	John Jennings
Frances Benton	Lori Twillman
Ruth Ann Dodd	Doris Baldwin
Glenn Heald	



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From the Pastor

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season on March 9. Lent is traditionally a time of deep reflection and renewal, with personal and shared meditation on the sacrifice of Christ and a recommitment to spiritually grow as his disciples.

Here are opportunities for your personal reflection and renewal during Lent.

- Devotional thoughts written or submitted by members of our congregation have been printed in *Lenten Reflections*, a booklet of daily meditations. Copies available in the sanctuary and church office.
- Lenten Lunches are again being held in Evans Hall each Friday in Lent. A meal is served and pastors from six Fulton congregations are bringing devotional thoughts based on the book *24 Hours that Changed the World*, by Adam Hamilton.
- Scripture, sermon and song during Sunday morning worship will focus on Lenten themes, with the messages also based on *24 Hours that Changed the World*.
- Prayer in the Style of Taize – beautiful candlelit services in song, scripture and silence – will be held in our sanctuary Wednesdays from 6-6:50 p.m., April 6, 13 & 20. These services will quiet your spirit with reflection on the presence and love of Christ.
- A community service will be held on Good Friday, with time and place still to be announced.

I hope you will take advantage of each opportunity for reflection and prayer this Lenten season. Your faithful participation can nurture your faith and your presence and personal growth will surely strengthen the faith of others.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ed

God Bless America



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Prayer Concerns

Please remember these members of the church family and friends in your prayers and with cards of remembrance.

American Troops

David Benton	Russell Law
Chris Carpenter	William Law
Matt Dodd	Joshua Kelley
Derek Farr	Angie Richter
Keith Frevert	Jason Richter
Tyler Huffman	

Church Family and Friends

Prayer Concerns: Betty Keeney and Fay Vargas (Neighbors of Suzy Johnston), Stephanie and Suzanne Hoffman (friends of Heather Patten), Jessie Holmes, Charla Street (friend of Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer, The Hunter Pitt Family, Rhonda Armstrong, Judy Boss, Tyler Huffman, Scott Michaels (Charlie Fisher's cousin), Duane Rothove (Brother of Frieda Rothove), Katie DeCoteau (friend of Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer), Ralph Martin, David DieKamp (brother of Frances Weir's son-in-law), Jamie Stoner (friend of Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer) Michelle Fuerst & Family (friend of Shelly Skinner) Rita Hauser (Carol Owen's step-mother) Carolyn & Dwain Sheets, Denny Lavy (co-worker of Henry Niles), Dale Weir, Jennifer Ritter (friend of Tim Klund), Phillip Fisher (Cousin of Charles Fisher), June Selby, Edith Reese, Virginia Cooper (Sister of Charles Fisher), Jackie Frame, Bob Morris, Aline Taylor (Gary Taylor's mother), CT & Opal Wolfmeier (Gene Wolfmeier's brother), Hailey Knecht (Debbie Small's niece), Janette Clark, Charla Hennig, Ramona Anderson, James Sheets, Judy Ludden Kraft (friend of Katie Speer), and Becky McCue Schwinke & family (friend of Katie Speer). Please pray for one another and for unnamed prayer concerns that we all hold in our hearts and minds. Please continue to remember those with long-term illnesses, in need of home care, in nursing homes, recovering from hospital care, and our **military personnel**.

Nursing Home Residents

**Bridgeway
(Formerly Jefferson Lodge)**

Linda O'Leary

Fulton Manor Care Center

Helen Orchard

Fulton Nursing Rehab

Mr. & Mrs. Don Hetherington

Presbyterian Manor

Thelma Breid
Dell Dunlap
Anna Graham

Churchill Terrace

Mary Lou Roberts
Annie Benson
Shirley Drinkard
Edith Reese
Marie Sheet

Gerald Nursing & Rehab, Gerald, MO

Gerri Sutfenfield

Lenoir Woods, Columbia

Margaret Hamlin

Please update the church office of any changes needed. Thank you.

If you are ill, or are aware of anyone who is ill or in need of pastoral guidance, please contact the church office. Due to the HIPAA laws, we cannot find out in any other way. In most cases, the HIPAA Privacy Rule does not apply to the traditional practices of local churches publicizing prayer lists and prayer requests, however, there are some cases in which it does apply.



Girls Club Schedule



March 27 – Until 2 pm – Sack lunch and cut out pillowcase fabrics

April 10 – Until 3 pm – Fellowship dinner then sew pillowcases. Ginger Beasley will be assisting.

April 17 – Until 2 pm – Sack lunch; scrapbooking. Young ladies may bring supplies, plus club has supplies.

May 1 – Until 2 pm – Pizza. Making something for Mother's day. Moms please join us! We plan to have lots of fun.

May 22 – Until 2 pm – Sack lunch; Begin Crocheting



The Historical Corner

On Sunday, May 29, 2011, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the laying of the corner stone for our beautiful church building. It seems only fitting that we should say a few things about a man who served as minister of our church for 37 of those 100 years! From 1961 until his retirement in 1998, Raymond Forrest McCallister, Jr. had the longest pastorate in the Disciples of Christ denomination in the United States. All of "The Rev's" achievements would be impossible in this small space but the following are some of them: In 1971 William Woods University awarded him a Doctor of Divinity degree after he served as Chaplain of the school for 25 years; he served as President of the Rotary Club, Chairman of the United Way, member of the Board of Education of Fulton Public Schools, President of the Missouri School Board Association, Chairman of the Red Cross in Fulton, Chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, President of the Community League, member of the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, served on the Fulton State Hospital Community Advisory Board, and member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine Masonic Orders. Rev. Ray was also a husband, father and grandfather. He and Marilee were married for 48 years and they are the parents of Lynn Ann and Brian McCallister. "The Rev" was also a proud grandfather to Kyle, Mitchell and Jillian. Besides having time for all of these civic endeavors, Reverend McCallister found time to fulfill his duties as minister and friend to the congregation of our church. He passed away on September 6, 2005 and left behind a congregation that was enriched by his ministry.

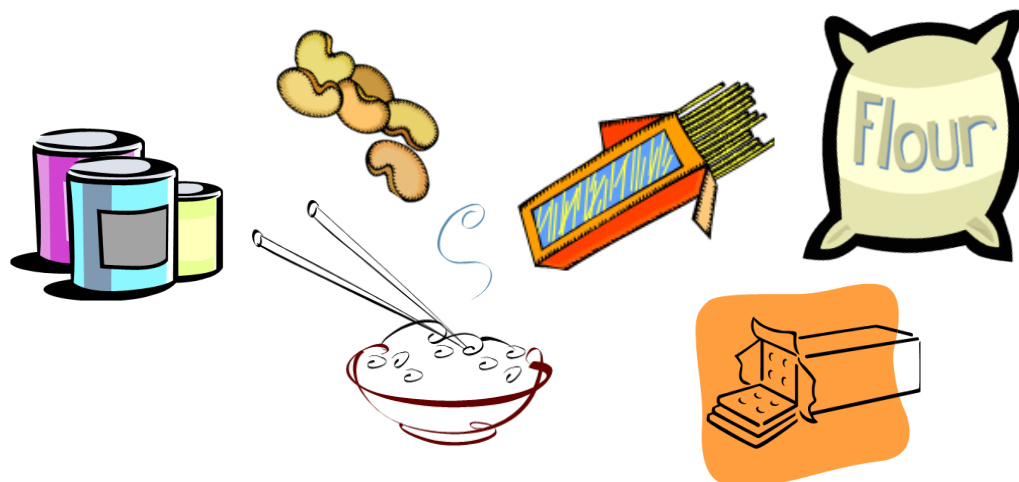
-Sally Williams, FCC Historian

SERVE Food Pantry
Please do not forget!!

SERVE could use any items listed below. Just remember to pick up a couple extra items when you go to the store. You can drop them off in the SERVE boxes located at the entry doors as you come in on Sunday morning to worship. These will be delivered to SERVE at the end of the month. This is such an important ministry for our church. We must not let it fall by the wayside. This makes helping the less fortunate easy.

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| Macaroni & Cheese kits | Sugar/Powdered Sugar |
| Rice | Baking Mixes |
| Beans | Peanut butter |
| Jiffy Mixes | Crackers |
| Canned vegetables | Popcorn |
| Canned fruit | Jelly/Jam |
| Canned soup | Corn meal |
| Canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.) | Vegetable oil/Shortening |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Jello/Pudding Mixes |
| Spaghetti | Boxed Meals |
| Noodles | Powdered Milk |
| Pasta | Nuts |
| Cereal | Baby Food |
| Flour | Baby Cereal/Cracker |

***Special requests of the food pantry often include diabetic foods, Ensure, Boost, diapers/wipes, cleaning supplies, paper products, etc. Freezer and cooler space are also available for perishable donations. **Any and all** donations are welcome and needed!



Sermons & Scriptures for
March 20-April 17

24 Hours that Changed the World

- March 20**
The Garden of Gethsemane
Mark 14:26-50
- March 27**
Condemned by the Righteous
Mark 14:53-72
- April 3**
Judas, Barnabas and Pilate
Mark 15:1-15
- April 10**
The Torture and Humiliation of the King
Mark 15:16-20
- April 17**
The Crucifixion
Mark 15:20-39



Above: Marylin Fisher stops to pose for a picture as she works on a pillowcase that will be donated to the MU Children's Hospital.

Right: From left to right, Joyce Airaghi, of Court Street UMC, and Virginia Beatty, of First Christian Church, show off the pillowcases they made during the ConKerr Cancer Pillowcase Project on Saturday, February 26. The pillowcases will be donated to the MU Children's Hospital to help comfort children with serious illnesses.



Calendar Events

March

- 17 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class
 18 12:00p Lenten Lunches, Evans Hall
 4:00p Prepare Wiley House meals, Evans Hall
 21 9:30a Prayer Team, off Couples/Mellon class
 22 **10:00a CWF, The Grille at Tanglewood**
 23 7:00p Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
 8:00p Bell Choir, Sanctuary
 24 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class
 25 12:00p Lenten Lunches, Evans Hall
 27 11:30a Girls Club, Girls Club room
 5:00p Knit one-Pray two, home of Ginger Beasley
 28 9:30a Prayer Team, off Couples/Mellon class
 30 7:00p Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
 8:00p Bell Choir, Sanctuary
 31 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class

Lenten Lunch Schedule

March 18

“The Garden of Gethsemane”
 Rev. Mike Haldeman
 First Assembly of God

March 25

“Condemned by the Righteous”
 Rev. Bruce Williams
 New Hope Baptist Church

April 1

“Judas, Barnabas and Pilate”
 Rev. Jim Cruickshank
 Nine Mile Presbyterian Church

April 8

“The Torture and Humiliation of the King”
 Rev. Richie Thomas
 Victory Fellowship

April 15

“The Crucifixion”
 Rev. Diana Loomis
 Court Street United Methodist Church

Notice changes

April

- 1 12:00p Lenten Lunches, Evans Hall
 2 7:00a Rummage Sale, Fisher Hall
 4 9:30a Prayer Team, off Couples/Mellon class
 5 1:00p Over 50's Club, Evans Hall
 6 7:00p Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
 8:00p Bell Choir, Sanctuary
 7 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class
 8 12:00p Lenten Lunches, Evans Hall
 9 9:30a Men's Breakfast, Evans Hall; Devotional given by Dale Dodd
 10 11:30a Fellowship Dinner, Evans Hall; Bring a sidedish of your choice—sponsored by B&G
 11:30a Girls Club, Girls Club room
 5:00p Knit one-Pray two, home of Ginger Beasley
 11 9:30a Prayer Team, off Couples/Mellon class
 11:30a Elder's Meeting, Evans Hall
 12 7:00p Board Meeting, Evans Hall
 13 7:00p Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
 8:00p Bell Choir, Sanctuary
 14 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class
 15 12:00p Lenten Lunches, Evans Hall
 4:00p Prepare Wiley House Meals, Evans Hall
 16 7:00a Rummage Sale, Fisher Hall
 17 Girls Club, Girls Club room
 18 9:30a Prayer Team, off Couples/Mellon class
 19 1:00p Over 50's Club, Evans Hall
 20 7:00p Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
 8:00p Bell Choir, Sanctuary
 21 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class
 23 Easter Egg Hunt, Whitlow Pavilion, City Park
 24 10:30a “Big Sunday”—Invite friends, family, etc.
 5:00p Knit one-Pray two, home of Ginger Beasley
 25 9:30a Prayer Team, off Couples/Mellon class
 26 10:00a CWF, Sir Winston's
 27 7:00p Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
 8:00p Bell Choir, Sanctuary
 28 1:00p Quilter's, off Couples/Mellon class
 6:00p Stephen Ministry, Journey classroom



BASEMENT BARGAINS

Saturday, April 2 and April 16 – 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Items for our Bargain Basement Sale can be brought to Fisher Hall. There are signs indicating where items are to be left. It's not too early to begin your spring housecleaning! We would love to receive items you no longer have a use, need, or place for. If you need someone to pick up the items, call the church office and leave a message. If you would be willing to help sort and price items or work the days of the sale call Mary Ann Harris at 642-7989. There will also be baked items for sale and a food stand available.

Your support in bringing items, helping with the organization of the items, visiting/purchasing on the days of the sale and/or supporting the bake sale and food stand will help ensure the success of this fund raiser. Thank you!



Moser's Receipts & Best Choice Labels

The church collects Moser's receipts and Best Choice labels and then submits them for a percentage back. There is a collection can in Evans Hall on the small counter under the picture of the church. Thank you for supporting this effort.

LENTEN LUNCHESES, SERMONS AND GROWTH GROUPS

First Christian Church began hosting Lenten Lunches for our community each Friday in Lent, beginning March 11-April 15. Pastors from various Fulton churches will be sharing each week from the book, *24 Hours that Changed the World* (Abingdon Press, 2009). It is written by Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. It can be ordered through various bookstores or purchased online (\$10.85 on amazon.com).

Pastor Varnum will also be basing his Sunday sermons throughout Lent on “24 Hours that Changed the World,” following the chapters of Hamilton's book. Members of the congregation are encouraged to purchase the book and our growth groups may wish to continue meeting, coordinating their study of it through Easter.

My sister, Judy Boss, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is now undergoing treatments in Colorado. When I saw that members of our church have begun to knit prayer shawls for people who are ill, I thought about how nice a gesture that is. You see, my sister began a similar program at the First Christian Church in Colorado Springs, never dreaming that she would be in need herself. She received a prayer shawl two weeks ago from members of her church!! I would like to thank Jean Grant, Echo Langley and Ginger Beasley for their efforts in knitting a special prayer shawl for Jessie Holmes. I just wish that I could knit!!

-Sally Williams



Thank You



First Christian Church,

Thanks for putting notice of my 86th Birthday in the church program. I received many cards that I loved.

Sincerely,
Janette Clark



Nyle and I wanted to thank you and the group for your thoughtful and generous gift. We put the gift card to good use, buying much needed supplies to bring our cabin into shape. Equally important to us, though, was knowing we were in your thoughts and prayers. We do feel God was watching over us as everyone (pets included!) is safe and sound. Again, thank you all so much!

-Nyle and Joann Beatty

Birthdays

	March	April
1	G. Michael Lewis	
2		Jessie Holmes Norma Millard
3	Pam Heimericks	
4	Mary Asher	Becky Houf John Jennings Lanny Ritter
5	John Schultz	
6		
7	Lemoine Tisch	Bryan Norwood
8		Elizabeth Dunlap Joe Johnston
9		Carol Attebery
10		Bud Pearce
11		Don Klund
12	Jeff Wright	John Millard
13	William Dutton Marie Sheets	Carroll Cleveland Afton Real
14		
15		Kevin Stark Jessie Vaughn
16		
17	Mary Jane Schultz	Bryce Wolfmeier
18	Annie Frevert Eric Holmes	
19		Mildred Baker Dana Pearce
20	Kayla Neal	
21		Caleb Brown Megan Buschjost Carolyn Fisher Clinton Nickelson
22	Evah Le Creed	Joan Bishop Ron Horn
23		Nancy Bonard
24		
25		
26	Travis Doerhoff Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer	Tim Klund Edith Wolfmeier
27		Mary Ann Harris Drew Wilson
28	Amber Johns	Heather Patten Jennifer Sweeting Jason Rosenstengel
29		Echo Langley
30	David Benton Ryan Doerhoff	Garnell Watson
31		

Anniversaries



April Anniversaries

April 2
Dale & Ruth Ann Dodd

April 11
Bruce & Marta Carpenter

April 16
Bill & Carol Owen

April 20
Larry & Mary Asher



Serve Info

To see information regarding SERVE please see page 10.

Fun and Fellowship

Mark your calendars and bring your friends to these upcoming events and activities:

Wiley House Meals

Come join members of First Christian Church as they prepare meals for the Wiley House on the Fridays of March 18, April 1 and 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Girls Club

Do you have a young lady who enjoys sewing, making crafts, or baking? If so, come join the First Christian Church Girls Club. The next Girls Club meeting will be Sunday, March 27 at roughly 11:30 a.m. There is more information available on pages 4 and 11, by calling the Church Office, or contacting Virginia Beatty.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 a.m. in Evans Hall. The devotional will be given by Dale Dodd.

Fellowship Dinner

Come join friends and family as we enjoy each other's company in fellowship. The next Fellowship Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 10 in Evans Hall—sponsored by the Building & Grounds Committee. Please bring a sidedish of your choice to go along with the main meal.

Lenten Lunches and Sermons

Come join members of First Christian Church and those of the community as they join in fellowship at FCC Fulton's annual Lenten Lunches. The next Lenten Lunches will be Friday's March 18 and 25, and April 1, 8, and 15. Pastors from various Fulton churches will be sharing each week from the book, *24 Hours that Changed the World* (Abingdon Press, 2009). Rev. Varnum will also be basing his Sunday sermons throughout Lent on "24 Hours that Changed the World," following the chapters of Hamilton's book. More information is available on page 4 and 9.

General Assembly: July 9-13, 2011

We just celebrated the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Mid-America of the Christian Church, meeting in Jefferson City, October 8-10. The Disciples of Christ "BIG EVENT" is coming up in 2011, with the Regional Assembly in Nashville, TN, July 9-13, 2011. Irislee Prada and Susan Krumm joined Pastor Ed at the last General Assembly and each of them strongly encourages us to send many more to the 2011 meeting.

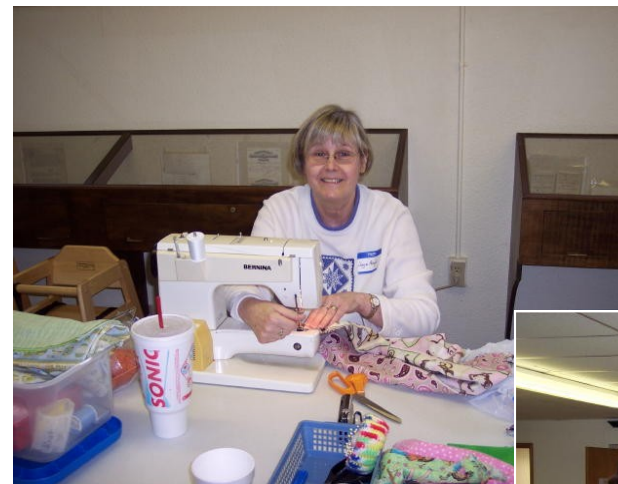
For more information go to:

<http://www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/tabid/59/Default.aspx>

A Look Inside the ConKerr Cancer Project

On February 26th, eight women from the Court Street United Methodist Church and FCC spent several hours making pillowcases in Evans Hall. These will be donated to the MU Children's Hospital in Columbia, where they will be given to children who are suffering from some type of serious illness. Each child is allowed to select their very own brightly colored pillowcase, adding some much needed cheer to their room décor. The ladies themselves, had more than enough cheer as they measured, cut, pressed, sewed, and folded their cases... "oohing" and "aawing" as each one was completed. Under the direction of Virginia Beatty, the Girls Club will be learning to make the "hot dog" pillowcases in their upcoming meetings. Don't worry if you weren't able to attend, we will have more workshops in the upcoming months. Thank you to ALL the ladies who donated their time, talents and materials for this wonderful mission, right here in our own backyard.

-Ginger Beasley



Above: Joyce Airaghi, of Court Street UMC, stops to smile for a picture as she sews a pillowcase for the ConKerr Cancer Pillow Case Project.

Below: Ginger Beasley gives a short demonstration on how to make pillowcases to the lady's who came to the ConKerr Cancer Pillowcase Project on Saturday, February 26.

