

May 1, 2011

Sunday worship schedule: 8:30 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.



## From the Minister's desk

I think that our attendance of 270 this Easter surpasses all Easter worship attendances in recent memory. We thought that we had placed an adequate number of extra chairs in the sanctuary on Friday but, obvious to those in attendance, that was not the case. Thanks to everyone who scrambled to locate additional seating!

It was great to celebrate Easter with five baptisms during the worship service. Prior to entering the sanctuary, the choir asked if it would be okay to go sit with the congregation during the baptisms so that they could see the event. I thought that was a fine idea, but had to advise them that there was no place to sit and that they would have to stand along the wall somewhere!

Once again, the Easter breakfast was outstanding. My thanks to everyone who pitched in and made it a success! And thanks to each person who finished breakfast & relinquished a seat to someone who was wandering about looking for a place to sit. Thoughts from several people are that next year, we may need to move the breakfast into the new building. The gym is roughly the same square footage as our Fellowship Hall, but we will have considerable additional space using the seating area outside the kitchen, and the recreation area beneath the sanctuary.

Several weeks ago Margaret mentioned that we should try a Seder meal this year. It seemed like a good idea. We thought that 35 or 40 people might be curious about the event and were amazed and pleased that 94 signed up! As a volunteer firefighter, I often prepared chili & appropriate fixins' for 40 or so people, but have never been challenged to prepare meat for 94! Margaret has done some serious meal preparation, but I think this was her first attempt to prepare such things as ratatouille, rice, etc. for so many! Thank goodness we had two kitchens in which to work and a special oven to keep things hot! Our thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen and in serving. You made it all go very smoothly!

Ed

### Please pray for ...

Ernie Murray  
Vickie Simmons  
Steve Taulbee  
Laura Crawford  
Peggy Kelly  
Pat Hensley  
Ozella Gilbert  
Diana Berry  
Charles Hughes  
Wanda Moreland  
Dick Howser  
Linda Coyle  
Ronald Pennington

### Note From the Treasurer

Please remember to note on your checks where you would like your offering to go (Building Fund, General Fund, Capital Campaign).

### Financial Note

Monthly loan payment:	\$6,632.72
Received this month	\$5,750.00
General budget needs each month:	
	\$16,687.33
Received this month	\$16,072.96

Please remember that our operational expenses have increased significantly with the opening of the new building.

*Please remember that good stewardship is important.*

### Church Restructure

Several weeks ago we passed out informational sheets about an experimental organizational restructuring for our church. If you did not receive the information, it is available in the narthex of the sanctuary.

At the last board meeting, the experiment was implemented and the work of the board has been divided into three teams.

They are: Administrative Team, Discipleship Team, Nurture Team.

**Administrative Team** responsibilities include Property, Stewardship, Safety & Security, Nominating, Church Business and will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. at 7:00 pm of each month.

**Discipleship Team** responsibilities include Education, Youth, Worship, Spiritual Growth, Project Support & Training and will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. at 7:00 pm of each month.

**Nurture Team** responsibilities include Membership, Fellowship, Outreach, Inreach, Special Ministries and will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. at 7:00 pm of each month.

### DWSOS

The DWSOS will meet May 21<sup>st</sup> ( Sat.) for Playground Project/Work Day.



### New Members Welcome

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, Isaac Alexander, Graham Gordon, Kennedy Gordon, Maddy McLin & Hayden Duerson came forward to make their statements of faith. All were baptized that day.

### June Birthdays

Bailey Alexander	June 2
Steve Hammond	June 2
Martha Shemwell	June 2
Lyndsey Sowers	June 3
Terry Wagers	June 4
Gabryella Duerson	June 5
Anne Carter	June 7

Steve Taulbee	June 7
Michael Heiser	June 9
Lydia Sharp	June 13
Ned Gilbert	June 14
Sherry Duerson	June 15
Kelly Madden	June 15
Geneva Held	June 15
Erin C. Holbrook	June 16
Ron Pierce	June 16
Maggie Blair	June 18
Francis Boggs	June 18
Aileen Hughes	June 18
Keith Harrison	June 19
Charlene Pullins	June 19
Nicole Blair	June 20
Virgil Burnside	June 23
Lisa VanWinkle	June 25
William Patton	June 27
Gretchen Osborne	June 29
Vicki Simmons	June 29
Patrick Gilbert	June 30

### **Wednesday Family Night**

Wednesday Family Night continues. On May. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a "Pot Luck" dinner at 5:30 followed by time for visiting & fellowship in the Fellowship Hall or free time in the basement of the New Building.

### **Invitation**

You are cordially invited to the wedding of Prof. Frances F. Crawford and Rev. Dr. J. Donald Graham on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm, Kirksville Christian Church. A reception will follow at First Christian Church Berea.

### **Youth News**

The next Youth Sunday will be May 29<sup>th</sup>. The CYF group will be in charge of planning the 10:40 am Worship Service that morning. Members of the CYF & Chi Rho will be participating as Elders & Deacons.

Thanks go out to ALL who came out to help with the Seder Meal on Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>. The success of this event was due your support. There were 90+ people in attendance.

Thanks to the CYF group who helped Miss Lisa with the Adult Choir Cantata.

Our "shut in" on Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> with the CYF was a lot of fun with karaoke, dodge ball, food and other games. We are looking forward to doing this again. Thanks to Mark Workman for serving as chaperone and providing Karaoke machine.

I have started a Youth Newsletter that will be mailed directly to the Youth by way of the post office. It has been named "S'all Good" and will be mailed out as needed. Congrats to Madison Kelley for submitting the winning name of the newsletter.

### **Sanctuary Flowers**

If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please contact the office. The cost of flowers has increased since we last provided this service. The cost now is \$40.00, you may bring money for flowers to the office or place it in the offering tray **CLEARLY** marked "FLOWERS".

### **Vacation Bible School**

The dates set for this year's Vacation Bible School is June 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendars, it is sure to be a blast.

### **Summer Camp**

Information on Summer Camp is in the office. If you are interested in attending, please contact Miss Margaret in the office to get an application to attend Summer Camp. Camp information & applications are available on line at ccinky.net and then go to "Outdoor Ministries". We want to make sure any child interested in attending Summer Camp can & will. If you are interested in helping with the cost of sending a child to camp, please see Jimmy Lou Jackson. This past Sunday (Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>) we received \$1,073.00 to help families with the cost of camp.

### **Thank You**

Thanks for thinking of mother & father by sending the lilies to mother's service.

*The family of Mitzi Rowan*

### **Announcements for Newsletters & Bulletin**

Please be aware of the time deadline for announcements to the weekly bulletin and newsletter:

#### **Weekly Bulletin:**

***Wednesday by 12:00***

#### **Monthly Newsletter:**

***12:00 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Each Month***

It would also be most helpful if the individual Committee Chairpersons would pass on any Committee announcements to the office.

Thank you for your help in these matters.