

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Rev. Janet Fowler - - Kathy Cage, secretary

*Sunday Schedule:*

9:00 AM-Coffee Fellowship

9:30 AM-Sunday School

10:45 AM-Worship

JUNE 1, 2009

Address Correction Requested

## *The Christian Visitor*

### *Moments with Janet*

### *Reflections on a Nest of Robins*

Up until a couple of years ago, I was a city person. The Fort Worth/Dallas Metroplex is very cosmopolitan. Birds abounded but not many came to my yard. I had cats and dogs. Birds weren't really safe, so I didn't try to attract them. Living in rural eastern Missouri gives me a chance to get acquainted with birds. Lots and lots of birds. But I've never experienced a whole life cycle of a bird family. Until the last few weeks at the church.

It started several weeks ago above the side door next to the offices. A nest was being built by robins. Soon a big robin was sitting on the nest. We figured there were eggs under her. The mother robin didn't like people coming in and out the door. When a human appeared, she would fly over to the neighbor's roof and fuss noisily. Once the traffic subsided, she'd come back and settle in again. This stage lasted a while. Sometimes we could see her head and sometimes her tail. We dared not get too close to look for fear of her abandoning the nest.

Members, staff, visitors, neighbors, all joined in the Watch, always respectful of the birds. We worried about the nest during rain and wind storms. We delighted in the sun that shone on the nest. And we, too, waited.

Finally one morning, things changed. Suddenly four bright yellow open wide beaks appeared pointing upward. And making noise. We turned the volume up on the video camera to hear them. And then here came the parent birds with worms in their beaks. This is when the children of the church really got interested. When they could, usually while waiting for adults to finish up Sunday visiting, they'd stand quietly back from the door on the inside and watch. The adult birds would still fly off if they spotted humans, but they no longer fussed, just kept watch to make sure nothing happened to the babies. Children gasped as the parent birds dropped worms into the open beaks. "Yuck/gross" was heard several times.

We were all witnessing the miracle of new life. It was amazing. Gradually the babies grew, in size and in noise, and evidently in appetite because the feeding trips became more frequent. Then one Monday morning, feathers started appearing on the babies. The parent birds removed the sloughed off down from the nest. And we could see the babies getting bigger every day. Finally they began jumping out of the nest and sitting on the ledge. And then they started looking inside at us looking at them. They seemed innocently curious about just what we might be. They were cautious if we opened the door but didn't seem frightened. Why do birds get more frightened of humans as they get older?

We didn't spend all day watching the birds. The work of the church still went on. But we probably spent more time in the hall for a few days, looking up at the window, than really necessary.

Finally, after elder's meeting on May 13, as I left through the back door, I saw all four, fully feathered babies sitting on the ledge looking out. Two adult robins were on the utility line above, watching. And one of the babies flew a few yards and then went down on the driveway, then up the neighbor's side walk and onto the grass. And finally lifted off again and disappeared. By the next morning the other three babies had also flown off.

I was sad to see them leave. But just as we all transition from one stage of being to another many times in our life, so must baby robins. The nest has been removed and the slime from the window cleaned off. I hope we get another nest next spring. In the meantime, the miracle of creation continues. As our graduates begin to leave the nest, may they be as safe as the baby birds. And may they keep returning, because their nest will never be removed from the church. And as the number of children growing up in the church expands, may they always know that one of their nests will always be in our church. And may we all experience the miracle of creation every day.



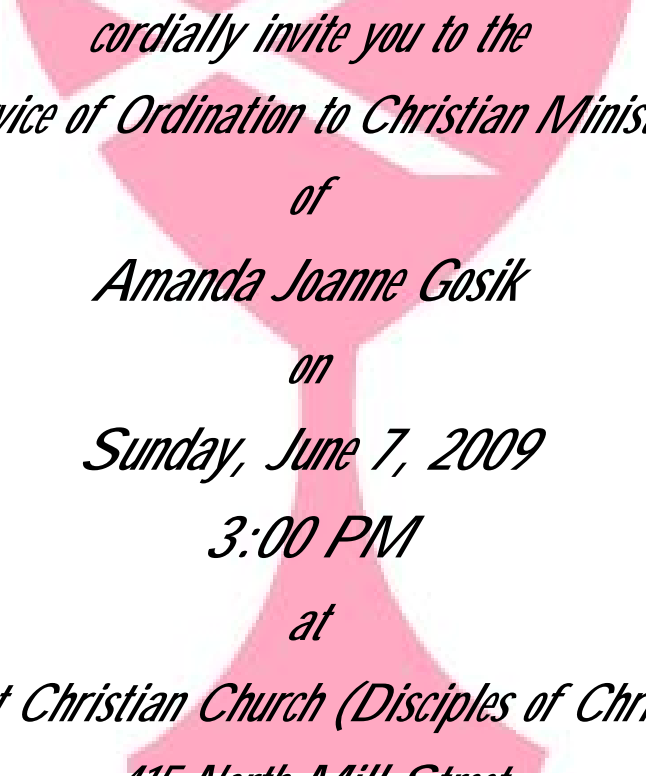
Grace and Peace,

*Rev. Janet*



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*The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Of Mid-America*  
*First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Festus, Missouri*  
*and*  
*Crossroads Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Caseyville, Illinois*



*cordially invite you to the*  
*Service of Ordination to Christian Ministry*  
*of*  
*Amanda Joanne Gosik*  
*on*  
*Sunday, June 7, 2009*  
*3:00 PM*  
*at*  
*First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*  
*415 North Mill Street*  
*Festus, Missouri 63028*  
*636-937-3416*

*Reception in Wiles Fellowship Hall following the service*

## Evangelism

We will be starting our second session on the 3-D Program. More information will be on the bulletin board or in the newsletter. I'll be talking with other churches to get more people involved.

I will be placing some pamphlets in the Narthex about Evangelism. Remember we are all Evangelists.

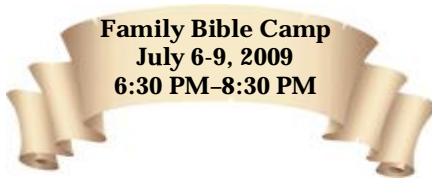
*Letitia Fanger, Chairperson*

## Parish Nurse

This month, our *Health Ministry* has focused on minimizing the harmful effects of the media on our children's faith and life. Our children are worth the fight of helping them to discern media messages and protecting them from negative media images. Paul encourages us to consider only those things that are true, right and noble and of good repute (Phil 4:8). If I can be of any help to you on this topic, or any health related topics please contact me. If no answer you can leave your name & number on my answering machine and I will return your call.

*Letitia Fanger, Parish Nurse*

## Christian Education



**Bible School** is now called *Family Bible Camp*. *FBC* is just around the corner, July 6-9! We have some exciting possibilities for anyone interested in being an important part of our program. We are looking forward to an exciting week of fellowship! Anyone is interested in helping with *FBC*, please contact **Tina Roberts** who has volunteered to head this program again.

*LeAnna Obermeyer, Chairperson*

## CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)

**Thursday, June 4, 2009 at Noon**, CWF will host a luncheon to which all the women of the church are invited. **Rev. Dr Penny Ross-Corona** will be presenting a program of her recent visit to the Dominican republic and Haiti. She will have many pictures and adventures to share. If you can attend the lunch please contact **Margaret Means (636-933-3853)**; or **Barbara Buxton (636-937-3449 or [barb.johners@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barb.johners@sbcglobal.net))**; or, the church office so the proper amount of food will be prepared.

We are hoping that women from other DWC cluster churches will be able to attend, It may be an opportunity to meet with old friends from these churches or to meet other great women of faith. Please try to attend.

This months project is the Blessing Boxes. They will be collected at the June 4th meeting or you can give them to **Betty Aders**.

*Barbara Buxton, President*



## CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)

CMF will meet on **Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 8:00 AM**-Delicious breakfast is always provided. All men of the church are welcome. You are all members.

*Warren Reilmann, President*

## Cabinet Meeting -- Tuesday, June 2, 2009 7:00 pm

It's time for another of our free wheeling, free thinking, planning meeting for our ministries. All Cabinet members need to attend. That means

- The minister
- All elected officers of the General Board
- Capital Campaign officers
- CWF President, CMF President, Chief of Elders, Chief of Diaconate
- All Committee Chairs

It's time to make plans for the 3rd quarter of 2009. We've discovered things go much smoother when we know what other parts of our active church are doing and don't schedule conflicts. We're also discovering that the creative juices flow more freely when we bounce ideas around and see where we can work together to help build God's kingdom here on earth.

Mark your calendars for June 2, 7 pm, and bring your calendars to the meeting.

*Janet Fowler*



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## World Outreach

## Urban Mission Inn

Are you ready to put your faith into action? We have a unique opportunity to do so close to home. **Union Avenue Christian Church (DOC) in St. Louis** is hosting its own **Urban Mission Inn**--dedicated space within the church designed to house up to 30 people (youth and adults) who want to come to the inner city for mission work.

### *Union Ave. provides:*

- separate sleeping rooms for males and females, newly carpeted and painted
- inflatable mattresses (to save you a little packing space in the van)
- bathrooms
- access to offsite showers and recreation at the YMCA (\$15 per person/per week cost)
- extra towels, washcloths, soap, and other little amenities
- kitchen space for preparing meals and storing food
- community lounge area perfect for group worship or discussion time.

### *Some of the mission opportunities include:*

- Dignity House (a faith-based ministry of the DOC and UCC) to work with a day camp for inner city children, and may include painting, yard work, and upkeep of facilities.
- Working in a community garden in the city.
- Working at 5 Star Older Adult Center to help with neighborhood meal delivery to shut-in elderly and low-income senior daycare program.
- Working at Operation Food Search, a large food bank distribution center.
- Plenty of free time options such as visiting the Arch, Art Museum, Science Center, Zoo, City Museum, Botanical Gardens, Riverfront, Ted Drewes, Delmar Loop, etc.

A \$100 reservation fee is requested to save the date, which is fully refundable at the end of our trip. We would provide our own transportation and food, and probably arrange a Friday-Sunday trip. We would have the opportunity to attend worship services at Union Avenue on Sunday.

Opportunities are available for all ages, abilities, and interests. Their weeks are filling up, but I had in mind possibly the weekends of August 14-16 or August 21-23.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. This is only to see who might be interested and able to participate in a 3-day weekend trip, and is not a commitment. Please read and sign up if you are interested, or if you have any questions, please contact **Karen Stoll, 937-6593**.

## Graduation Party

Amber Brewer

Saturday, June 6, 2009

3:00 PM-8:00 PM

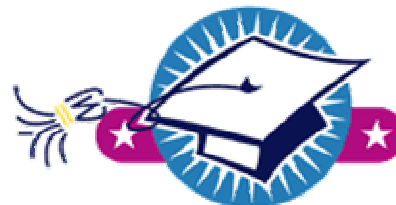
2845 Huskey Road Festus, MO

RSVP: 314-614-6552 or [kcbrew88@yahoo.com](mailto:kcbrew88@yahoo.com)



### *Our 2009 Graduates'*

- |                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Amber Brewer     | Herculaneum High School          |
| 2. Lauren Cornish   | Crystal City High School         |
| 3. Lemmy Merseal    | Festus High School               |
| 4. Amy Meyers       | Festus High School               |
| 5. Derek Moring     | Festus High School               |
| 6. Emily Reilmann   | Jefferson College                |
| 7. Amanda Gosik     | Eden Theological Seminary        |
| 8. Breanne Taylor   | Culver-Stockton College          |
| 9. Thomas Osterberg | Southeast Missouri State College |



## ELDERS SCHEDULE

### **June 7**

Invocation Barb Buxton  
Scripture Warren Reilmann  
Homebound Wanda Manns  
Wed. Lesson Janet Taylor **June 10**

### **June 14**

Invocation Steve Cornish  
Scripture Margaret Means  
Homebound Janet Taylor  
Wed. Lesson Lisa Reilmann **June 17**

### **June 21 Father's Day**

Invocation Lisa Reilmann  
Scripture Letetia Fanger  
Homebound Doyle Taylor  
Wed. Lesson Warren Reilmann **June 24**

### **June 28**

Invocation Janet Taylor  
Scripture Barb Buxton  
Homebound Margaret Means  
Wed. Lesson Barbara Buxton **July 1**

### June Birthdays

01 Warren Reilmann  
12 Amanda Cornish  
15 Dylan Merseal  
16 John Buxton  
19 Jerry Gosik  
20 Andrea Skinner  
21 Ed Boyer  
22 Clarine Clayton  
24 Jaclyn Huffman  
25 Londa Crump  
29 John Williams  
30 Carole Jackson



Wish These Friends a  
"Happy Birthday!"

## DIACONATE SCHEDULE

### **June 7**

Prep Tammi Casey  
Homebound Dan Casey  
Greeter & Server Lauren Cornish & Carole Jackson

### **June 14**

Prep Lemmy Merseal  
Homebound Breanne Taylor  
Greeter & Server Diana Merseal & Jack-e Merseal

### **June 21 Father's Day**

Prep Bob Roberts  
Homebound Emily Reilmann  
Greeter & Server Mary Ann Lodholz & Tina Roberts

### **June 28**

Prep Doug Sickbert  
Homebound Andrea Skinner  
Greeter & Server Jennifer Sickbert & Glenda Skinner

### June Anniversary

08 Dan & Betty Aders  
09 Steve & Belinda Cornish  
12 Jerry & Mandy Gosik  
21 William & Ramona Bilkey  
28 Doyle & Janet Taylor



### Choir

Choir will be on vacation the months of June, July & August. If you would like to sing or play an instrument during worship this summer please contact the church office (636-937-3416) or place it on the calendar outside the office.

## AREA ASSEMBLY OF SEGA

The Area Assembly of the SEGA churches will soon be here. This year the gathering will be **Saturday, September 19, 2009** at **Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis**. The planning committee has chosen the theme *Radical Hospitality*. The **Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson** will keynote and preach during our time together. In response to this theme, we are hoping to hear of the magnificent ways in which our congregations are sharing in God's *Radical Hospitality*.

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## Prayer Concerns

### *Building Campaign-Opening New Doors for the Future*

#### **Members**

Dan Aders      John Baynes      Buna & Les Dreiman      Letetia Fanger      Lee & Carma Howard  
Elise Humble      Carole Jackson      Scott Kimberlin      Mary Ann Lodholz      Brian Stoll  
Charles & Alice Staley      Dorothy Moore

*Our recent graduates-May their hopes and dreams be fulfilled, and may they always remember & return to the nests that formed them.*

#### **Family & Friends**

Jerry Cornish      Hertha Taylor      Orchard Crest Camp  
Matt Wilson-(friend of Jack-e Merseal)      Kim Avery-(daughter of Dan Avery)  
Dorothy Carter-(sister of Clarine Clayton)      Liam Osterberg-(grandson of Keith & Carolyn Osterberg)  
Woodrow Hochthurn-(son of Violet Hochthurn)      Sue Link-(friend of Jewell Crouch)  
Alicia Salinas-(friend of Carolyn Osterberg)      Don Morrison-(friend of Frank Barnes)  
Larry Thompson's daughter in-law (friend of John & Barb Buxton )  
Bob Hanrahan-(friend of John & Barb Buxton)

## Visitors

*We welcome our visitors for the month of May. We welcome you and your families to come back and join us for worship on any Sunday mornings.*

Bonnie Holmes      Dennis Ureche      Laura Hanneke      Jacilyn DiBartolo      Isaiah Shipper  
Kenny Clayton & Ashley      Norman & Myrna Cade      Emily Drury

### Worship & Sermon Focus

*June 7 First Sunday of Pentecost-Ordination of Amanda Gosik 3:00 PM*

First Reading      Psalm 29  
Sermon Reading      Acts 6:1-15  
Worship Focus      Conflict Resolution in a Healthy Church

*June 14 Second Sunday after Pentecost*

First Reading      Isaiah 6:1-8  
Sermon Reading      Acts 9:1-16  
Worship Focus      Conversion and Transformation

*June 21 Third Sunday after Pentecost*

First Reading      Isaiah 43:5-21  
Sermon Reading      Acts 15:1-11  
Worship Focus      The Challenge of Change in the Church

*June 28 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

First Reading      Isaiah 6:1-9  
Sermon Reading      Acts 16:11-15  
Worship Focus      Resurrection Practices: The Conversion of Lydia

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# JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b><u>Sunday Schedule</u></b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Coffee Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Medication Take Back Program (Jefferson County Health Dept) <b>6:00 PM</b> Membership Mtg <b>7:00 PM</b> Cabinet Mtg	<b>3</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Elders	<b>4</b> <b>NOON</b> CWF-Luncheon All women welcome- Rev. Dr. Penny Ross-Corona speaker. Blessing boxes due	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Graduation Party Amber Brewer
<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Coffee Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> <i>Service of Ordination to Christian Ministry of Amanda Gosik</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>5:30 PM-7:30 PM</b> Medication Take Bake Program (Festus Police Dept)	<b>10</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Elders	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> General Board Mtg	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> CMF Mtg  <b>3:00 PM</b> Baby Shower (fellowship hall)
<b>14</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Coffee Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>After Worship</b> Congregational Mtg	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Articles Due</b>	<b>16</b> <b>5:30 PM-7:30 PM</b> Medication Take Bake Program (Hercky Fire Dept)	<b>17</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Elders	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Father's Day</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Coffee Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>NOON</b> Carry in Luncheon for Father's Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Elders	<b>25</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> J.O.Y Class Mtg	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b>
<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Coffee Fellowship</b>  <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>Sunday School</b>  <b>10:45 AM</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>NO CHOIR</b> <b>JUNE, JULY &amp; AUGUST</b>			

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## Membership Committee

This month again was a marvelous display of joyous activity by the members of our church. We had several dinners, lunches, or receptions marking several significant events in the life of our members, from sad passing on to joyous graduations. However, I wish to celebrate with you other things also, mainly the creative ideas and activities that are being manifested at church. One seemingly insignificant example: We now have curbside recycling bins at the back door. This means that anyone from outside the Festus city limits can bring their recyclables to the church and put them into the bins where the city will pick them up every Thursday. Seemingly insignificant, but let's think about it. We, as children of God, are charged with caring for the world, God's creation. We can now practice stewardship by bringing all our plastic, glass, and metals and the city will sort them out and send them off to be reused. We save by reducing the trash we will have to pay to have removed from our homes, we save our resources, the city benefits, and the creation is not wasted. Maybe even God dances. At least I think God smiles. Trash disposal as a spiritual practice, an act of worship.

*Thomas W. Schmidt, chairperson*

## Worship

May's worship was filled with great music and preaching, Guest speakers **Rev. Darlene Goodrich** and **Rev. Howard Goodrich** shared their insights and the adult choir, the Sounds of Joy children's choir, and **Judy Hughey** shared their gifts of song. Heck, I even wrestled with a four thousand year-old instrument in an attempt to make a joyful noise! And our Pentecost service featured a moving example of a new worship form: cardboard ministry.

Let's keep the momentum going. Summer's here, and that means the choir takes a break and we have lots of openings for people to share their talents. Soloists and ensembles, step up and provide special music for our summer worship. All you have to do is sign up for a Sunday on the calendar in the hallway, near the office or call the church office (636-937-3416). I know some of you have musical talent that you've been keeping a secret. Time to let that secret out.

*Keith Osterberg, chairperson*

## From The SEGA Office

*Dear SEGA friends and colleagues,*

As you know, we are regrettably unable to hold our SEGA church camps at Orchard Crest Camp this summer, due to storm damage. At the same time, we are committed to still holding church camp, and we are committed to charging the same fees that we had previously advertised. Because we are booking camp grounds so late in the season, some of our previously announced dates have unfortunately had to change. This is what we have been able to arrange:

**JYF Camp, Chi Rho Camp, and CYF Camp will all three be held at Rickman Center in Jefferson City on Tuesday June 23 at 10:00 a.m. through Saturday June 27 at 10:00 a.m. The directors and counselors will come in on Monday afternoon June 22 to finish getting ready for camp. While all three camps will share meals together, each camp will have its own schedule and meeting areas. Also, we will not mix the campers in the cabins.**

**We are still finalizing arrangements for MAD Camp. However, there is a good possibility that MAD Camp will be able to keep their original dates of July 12 – 18. I'm in conversation with another camp ground facility, because there is not space for MAD Camp at Rickman. Hopefully, all the arrangements will be firmed up in the next day or two. I'll let you know as soon as I know something.**

I apologize for the inconvenience that this change has caused. I'm aware that some of our campers and counselors, who were planning to attend JYF, Chi Rho, or CYF, will not be able to make their calendar work for the new dates, and I know you are disappointed. This is something that couldn't be helped, but I am very sorry. Please know that the directors are contacting their counselors, and my office will be contacting all campers who have registered. If a camper cannot attend on the new dates, they will receive a full refund. Also, we are still accepting registrations for new campers, including MAD Camp. **The SEGA Float Trip and the SEGA Mission Trip are not affected at all, because they don't involve Orchard Crest Camp.**

Again, I apologize for the inconvenience that this change has caused. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be helpful to you.

*Blessings, Penny Ross-Corona Area Minister*

## **NO** BUILDER'S LUNCHEON MTG. ON JUNE 21, 2009-SEE YOU NEXT MONTH.

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**DO:**

- Bring identification to verify that you are at least 18 years of age and that you reside at the address listed on the medications. You may bring in medication from anyone living within your household.
- Bring medications in their original packaging from the pharmacy. Medications not in their original packaging will take longer to process and may be subject to further inspection.
- You may bring in any medication from a licensed pharmacist, including controlled substances, liquids containing medications, prescription inhalers, and medicated ointments or patches.

**DON'T:**

- Do not bring medication from anyone who does NOT reside in your home.
- Do not bring illicit drugs (ex: marijuana, cocaine, etc.) to the "Take Back" site. If this happens, law enforcement will investigate each incident.

**Medication/Items NOT accepted:**

- SHARP objects/needles
- Radioactive medications
- Bio-hazardous materials
- Glass thermometers or other medical devices
- Other household waste
- NO medications from pharmacies, doctors' offices, etc. will be accepted; only medications from individuals.

Jefferson County Partners Responsible 4 Increasing Drug Education, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and other local law enforcement agencies are hosting these special collection events where citizens are able to bring unwanted prescription medications, and specifically controlled substances, to a secure site within their community for legal, safe and environmentally friendly disposal.

The goal of the program is to get legal medicines with potential for abuse out of the reach of teens, off our streets, and out of our water supplies. Prescription and over-the-counter medication abuse by teenagers is on the rise. By offering this program, the cooperating agencies and the people who bring in their medications are helping to reduce risks of:

- Teen "pharming"
- Accidental poisoning
- Improper disposal and storage
- Water pollution

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PARTNERS RESPONSIBLE 4 INCREASING DRUG EDUCATION  
JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Events will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30—7:30 p.m.
<b>June 2</b> Jefferson County Health Department 405 Main Street in Hillsboro
<b>June 9</b> Festus Police Department 100 Park Ave & W Main corner
<b>June 16</b> Herculaneum Fire Department 151 Riverview Plaza Dr near Bucheit
<b>June 23</b> Jefferson County Sheriff's East Zone Office On Windsor C-1 School District Campus At Windsor Harbor Road & 61-67 in Imperial
<b>June 30</b> Jefferson County Health Department 1818 Lonedell, off of Astra Way, Arnold



Jefferson County is one of a few places in the country given permission by the Drug Enforcement Administration to do a Take Back Program.

*Thank you for your participation.  
Thank you for your cooperation.*

For questions or more information, contact P.R.I.D.E. staff:  
Phone: 636-464-4423  
Email: [info@pridenow.org](mailto:info@pridenow.org) OR [cindy.pharis@pridenow.org](mailto:cindy.pharis@pridenow.org)

**What to Expect that Night**

- Go to the registration table. They will ask for your ID and to verify the addresses on the medications. **NO personal information will be taken from you other than the town you reside in.**
- You will be asked if you would like to join our email list to receive information on future events in your community.
- You will be asked to use a permanent marker to "black out" your identifying information. Please leave the medication name, dosage information, and doctor's name.
- Next, you will proceed to the logging table, where you will give the medication to law enforcement to take custody of the medication for disposal.
- You will be free to leave at that point.

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**FESTUS/CRYSTAL CITY  
CROP HUNGER WALK  
WEST CITY PARK  
SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2009**

CROP Hunger Walk funds gave these Cambodian villagers materials and training To build culverts, which increase rice production and keep roads open. Now this father is able to earn enough to feed his family and pay for his children's schooling.

*You can feed the hungry.  
You can provide disaster relief.  
You can shelter refugees.*

***Join the CROP Hunger Walk***

**FESTUS/CRYSTAL CITY CROP HUNGER WALK  
WEST CITY PARK  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009**

*Sponsored by the Twin City Area Ministerial Alliance  
[www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)*



**FBC Supplies:  
Family Bible Camp (formerly VBS)  
Needed by July 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Paper grocery bags; many, many are needed.
- Newspapers (we'll recycle the paper later)
- Old Silk plants/Garlands with leaves 2-3 in. wide & 4-5 in. long. Leaves will be cut off for craft.
- Silk Plants, Garlands, etc. for decorating; these can be returned if marked.
- Grapevine to make a wreath, that will be kept here at the church.
- Scrap material that can be torn into long strips to be used for braiding, (cotton blends, etc).
- Finger-food snacks donations appreciated.

***Call the church office: 937-3416 or Tina Roberts: 931-0437***

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,*

*As you know the committees for the new addition have been working hard to follow through on the procedures to get this project started. There has been a lot of legwork, information gathering, and phone calls made to bring us closer to the reality of our new addition.*

*So what the committees would like to do is update you the congregation on what is happening. Therefore a **Congregational Meeting** is being called on **Sunday, June 14, 2009** right after church service.*

*We hope that everyone will plan to attend and see how things are progressing with this project. It will be exciting to see where we are at and where we are heading with this adventure.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Warren Reilmann, Board Chairperson*

## The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America

*Dear Friends,*

*I have been deeply blessed by the report filed by Global Ministries that your congregation is one of the eighteen Disciple congregations in the Southeast Gateway Area who have provided support for sending a new missionary to Haiti! Along with the eight expressions of the UCC and from other individuals who contributed to this effort, the combined total of gifts by the end of February amounted to \$44,332.12!*

*I know that by now you have heard from Penny Ross Corona just how wonderfully your support is being actualized in Haiti in the ministries of Patrick & Kim Bentratt. Without your support, their ministry among the poorest of the poor would never have been possible.*

*Thank you for your love for Christ and the ministry of Global missions to provide a critical presence in the name of Christ all over the world. As your Regional Minister and as a member of the Board of Common Global Missions, I want to express my personal appreciation to you. May you continue to experience the joy of being part of God's unfolding accompaniment for those in deepest need. I pray God continues to bless your lives and to transform your daily walk into a gift for those along whom you live and serve.*

*In Christ's joy,  
Danny L. Steward, Regional Minister*

### **Thank you...**

*Thank you all for such a wonderful year. I had a great time learning and worshipping with all of you. You have truly touched my life in a special way, and I will never forget you. (Nor will you ever be rid of me! I'll be back to visit.) I love you all. God bless.*

*Lisa Grace, student minister*

### **Welcome...**

*We would like to welcome to our church family Dale Ray Adams who came by way of confession of faith on Sunday, May 10, 2009*

Once again we'll be sponsoring a  
Trivia Night  
Saturday, June 27, 2009  
6:30 PM

First Christian Church, Festus

Bring your friends and family. If you have any questions contact Chris Brewer-(314-614-6552).

**Sunday Schedule:**  
**9:00 AM-Coffee Fellowship**  
**9:30 AM-Sunday School**  
**10:45 AM-Worship**



To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.