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May 1, 2009

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The Christian Visitor

Moments with Janet

Learning to Dream – Again

Last week I spent a couple of days with other clergy from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Mid-America Region at the Rickman Center in Jefferson City. It was my first time there. I loved the setting and the opportunity to become acquainted with fellow clergy in our Region. And the spiritual and personal renewal I experienced.

Donna Rose-Heim, co-Area Minister in the Northwest Area of our Region, led a session called “*Dream a Little.*” Here’s some of what we experienced during that session.

Remember when you dreamed as a child? Dreams of being a prince or a princess and dressing up in costumes? Or dreams of traveling in space. Or being President or Empress? Or just being anything you wanted to be – with no restrictions. The pressures of adult life – at whatever age – can stifle our dreams or make us forget to dream. What might happen if we recreated our ability to dream?

Here’s some suggestions to begin to dream again.

First, think about what gives you joy. What do you rejoice in? Be specific. Like watching birds feeding and flying. (By the way, we have a mother robin sitting on eggs in a nest over the back door to the office area of the church. Don’t disturb her, please.) Consider Philippians 4.4. “*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say Rejoice.*” Rejoice with a partner, if possible. Share your rejoicing. And avoid negative thoughts. They will bring you down. Focus on positive faith statements.

Next claim what God is doing with you. Claim God’s truth for you. What is God creating in you as you dream together? Visualize what God is calling you to be together with the divine creative spirit. Think of statements such as, “*I am an inspiration to those who know me.*” “*I love to pass on my faith to children in the church.*” Learn to open up to the God within you. Visualize your statements. Eventually the visualization will be realized.

And dream. If you can, with a partner, go for a walk. While walking, share, in turn, this statement. “*I dream that...*” Then let your partner speak. Back and forth. You will find yourself building on the other’s dreams. Walking together creates a movement forward and an ability to speak things you might not ever have spoken aloud before.

And it doesn’t just stop with the dream statements. Finally, commit to do specific things with God to make your dream(s) come true. Instead of “*I will be more loving today,*” try, “*I will hug each of my loved ones at least two times today and tell them two things I love about them.*” Instead of “*I will help out more at the church this month,*” try, “*I will offer to help with the upcoming Banner Making Bee.*” Or, “*I will go to General Board meetings even though I’m not on the Board, but because I want to be a part of the church and understand and contribute.*” Or instead of “*I’ll try to remember to pray for others each day,*” try, “*I’ll remember the prayer request list I brought home last Sunday and intentionally pray for each person on it every day this week.*” Or instead of thinking “*I’m never asked to do anything at church,*” try, “*Maybe no one knows I’d like to (fill in the blank). Maybe I need to tell someone.*”

It’s about making a commitment to God to be a dreamer with God. Can we venture into the dreams God has for us? Individually? As a family? As a church? As a nation? As a world? As all of creation. Let’s practice? OK?

For more on all this, check Donna’s website, www.dreamwalkingwithgod.com. It’s about One Million Women Dreaming-but it’s really about everyone learning to dream-again.

Grace and Peace,

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

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Evangelism

We are all evangelists. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors about Jesus. Invite them to join you at church. Remember Jesus loves you and so do we.

Letetia Fanger, Chairperson

Parish Nurse

As our warm weather approaches, we need to remember that the sun can damage your skin. Prolonged exposure to the sun can cause skin cancer. Apply sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat whenever you are outside cutting grass, or doing any outside activities.

Letetia Fanger, Parish Nurse

Christian Education



We are currently experiencing awesome growth in the Sunday School classes and in the Children's church program. While our growth presents some space accommodating issues, we have a greater concern for keeping these programs running successfully with a safe ratio of children to adults. We will be needing a Sunday school teacher for the Children's class **ASAP**. We also are in need of assistants for Sunday school and children's church. There are several voids that I am not going to be able to personally fill. We are searching for people to search themselves to see if they can help provide some help in this area. We are all examples, role models, and counselors to the youth of our church. Other than the physical restraints of climbing stairs, **NO ONE** is unable to help with these programs. It is a conscious choice that we must each make to decide to give of ourselves to others. It is a calling. The curriculum is already in place, so we are hoping to find some people who have found it in their hearts to be a part of this program whether it is full-time or part-time. You can make a difference!



I have expressed interest in creating a "prayer" garden on the south side of the church for the children. I think it would be a great thing to have a garden to plant flowers, vegetables, and hang bird feeders. It would be a nice spot for children to see how God's work can really be visible, physical, and tangible for them and nice for adults too! This project will require some physical labor, money, and time. If any other committee, group, and/or person is interested in this project, please let me know. We could use some helpers along the way, as it is not something we can take on alone.



Bible School is now called **Family Bible Camp**. **FBC** is just around the corner, July 6-10! We have some exciting possibilities for anyone interested in playing some important parts of our program. We are looking forward to an exciting week of fellowship! If anyone is interested in helping with **FBC**, please contact **Tina Roberts** who has volunteered to head this program again.

If anyone out there has any other ideas for the **Education Committee** to address, please know that you are welcome to call or attend any of our meetings or contact me. We appreciate you and your ideas!

LeAnna Obermeyer, Chairperson

Sounds of Joy



I want to say *thank-you* to all of the children who participated in our Palm Sunday singing. You truly brighten our services! I appreciate all of your hard work, and encourage you and everyone else in the pews to keep singing out! Anyone interested in singing with our choir, call me at **636-937-7454** for information.

Make a Joyful Noise

LeAnna Obermeyer, Sounds of Joy Choir Director



Family Bible Camp
July 6-10, 2009
6:30 PM-8:00 PM



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World Outreach

Why New Church?

Have you ever heard someone say, “*Why can’t they just join our church?*” as a way of expressing their reservation with planting new churches? The truth is there are many reasons why we need new churches.

- People need Christ; the number of existing churches isn’t sufficient to serve the entire population effectively.
- New people come to new churches; people reject “*doing church*” in the same old way. New churches provide new models for “*doing church*.”
- Demographic shifts place people in places where there might not be a church present.
- New churches provide a legacy for future generations.
- New churches provide a way for us to respond to the ethnic growth of our country.
- New churches help us to obey the Great Commission, **Matthew 28:19**.

A gift to the **Pentecost Special Offering** helps make it possible for more new church planters to be nurtured and developed. It also allows people seeking God to find a place where they feel comfortable worshipping. **New Church Ministry** is passionately embracing the Disciples 2020 vision of starting “*1,000 new churches in 1,000 ways!*”

- Calling
- Equipping
- Empowering

Your gift to the Pentecost Special Offering will make a difference! With your help we are equipping new church planters and revitalizing existing congregations. Fifty percent of the gifts to the Pentecost offering will stay in our own Mid-America region.

The Pentecost Special offering will be received on **Sundays, May 24th and 31st**. Thank you for your gifts.

Karen Stoll, Chairperson

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.

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Elders Schedule

May 3

Invocation Wanda Manns
 Scripture Barb Buxton
 Homebound Lisa Reilmann
Wed. Lesson Barb Buxton May 6

May 10 Mother's Day

Invocation Steve Cornish
 Scripture Letetia Fanger
 Homebound Margaret Means
Wed. Lesson Letetia Fanger May 13

May 17

Invocation Doyle Taylor
 Scripture Janet Taylor
 Homebound Warren Reilmann
Wed. Lesson Wanda Manns May 20

May 24

Invocation Margaret Means
 Scripture Steve Cornish
 Homebound Wanda Manns
Wed. Lesson Margaret Means May 27

May 31

Invocation Lisa Reilmann
 Scripture Janet Taylor
 Homebound Doyle Taylor
Wed. Lesson Doyle Taylor June 3

Diaconate Schedule

May 3

Prep Chris Brewer
 Homebound Jack-e Merseal
 Greeter & Server Lemmy Merseal & Diana Merseal

May 10 Mother's Day

Prep Mary Ann Lodholz
 Homebound Keith Osterberg
 Greeter & Server Bob & Tina Roberts

May 17

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

May 24

Prep Breanne Taylor
 Homebound Betty Aders
 Greeter & Server Karen Stoll & Joe Combs

May 31

Prep Brenda Baynes
 Homebound Jocelyn Baynes
 Greeter & Server Chris Brewer & Amber Brewer

SEGA 2009 Camp Dates

May 23-25 Family Camp
 June 7-13 Gulf Coast Mission Trip (grade 6-adult)
 June 28-July 2 Chi Rho Camp (grade 6-8)
 June 28-July 2 CYF Camp (grade 9-12)
 July 12-19 MAD Camp (grade 6-12)
 July 19-23 JYF Camp (grade 3-5)
 July 21-24 Regional CRY Festival (grade 9-12)
 August 3-7 Float Trip (grade 7-11)



Early Bird Fees (before May 8) for more information see bulletin board.

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 7, 2009**. Ruth Circle will meet at 9:30 AM and the Sarah Circle will meet at 1:30 PM. The service project for the month will be Orchard Crest. Also Habitat for Humanity will be postponed until May.
Barbara Buxton, President

CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)

CMF will meet on **Saturday, May 9, 2009** at **8:00 AM**-Delicious breakfast is always provided. All men of the church are welcome. You are all members.
Warren Reilmann, President

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Capital Campaign

Flower sale profit for the *Opening New Doors Fund* was **\$231.50**. Thanks to all those who ordered.

Chris Brewer

Choir

Choir practice for the month of May will be on **May 13 & 27, 2009**.



Thank you to those who donated candy for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had a beautiful day and a beautiful group of children!

LeAnna Obermeyer, Chairperson Christian Education

My thanks to all for the cards and prayers during my recent health problems. A special thanks to Janet for her visits and support for us.

Bob Roberts

Sympathy...

Our love, and prayers, go to family and friends of Randy Faries who passed away on March 20, 2009. Memorial gifts are requested to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Building Fund, and the American Liver Foundation, 16 Hampton Village Plaza, Suite 215, St. Louis Mo. 63109.

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*.

May Birthdays

03	Madyson Young
05	Brenda Baynes
06	Kyle Brewer II
08	Robert Skinner
10	Michael Hankins
11	Marissa Casey
13	Corey Casey
18	Bob Roberts
21	Dan Casey/Lemmy Merseal
22	Stuart MaCaleb/James Skinner



*Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"*

*Prayer...America's HOPE
You're invited!*

National Day Of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2009

7:00 PM

Festus YMCA

Sponsored by The Twin City Area Ministerial Alliance



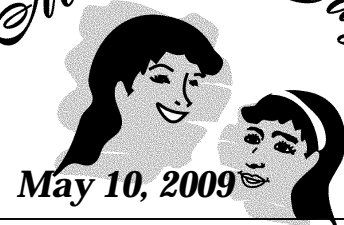
E-mail address change

Karen Stoll-klstoll@charter.net

May Anniversary

02	David & Londa Crump
09	Kelly & Brian Scharfenberg
13	Dan & Tammi Casey
18	James & Glenda Skinner
22	Lee & Carma Howard

Mother's Day



May 10, 2009

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Prayer Concerns

Building Campaign-Opening New Doors for the Future

Members

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

Family & Friends

Jerry Cornish Hertha Taylor Matt Wilson-(friend of Jack-e Merseal)
Kim Avery-(daughter of Dan Avery) Dorothy Carter-(sister of Clarine Clayton)
Jason Fanger-(son of Letetia Fanger) Liam Osterberg-(grandson of Keith & Carolyn Osterberg)

Visitors

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

Kelly Buehler & her family, Nolan, Ryan, Molly & Katie Buehler

Mr. & Mrs. Austin Eaves & Kylie Mindy Kentch Olivia Kentch Martin Vogt
Pam Williams Laura Hanneke Elaine Johnson Darlene Deming Jack Christopher
Sara Coad Jennifer Lewis-Kelly Kassie Smith Carol Sundstrom
Richard & Ardith Wharry

Worship & Sermon Focus

May 3 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

First Reading 1 John 3:16-24

Sermon Reading Acts 4:1-12

Worship Focus By what power?

May 10 *Fifth Sunday of Easter-Mother's Day*

First Reading Psalm 22:25-31

Sermon Reading Acts 8:26-40

Worship Focus The Good News Spreads

May 17 *Sixth Sunday of Easter-Honoring Graduates*

First Reading Psalm 98

Sermon Reading Acts 10: 44-48

Worship Focus Even on the Gentiles!?!?

May 24 *Last Sunday of Easter*

First Reading Psalm 1

Sermon Reading Romans 5:1-5

Worship Focus Suffering, Endurance, Character and Hope

Guest Preachers-Howard & Darlene Goodrich, Global Mission Interpreters
(Janet on vacation)

May 31 *Pentecost Sunday*

First Reading John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Sermon Reading Acts 2:1-21

Worship Focus A Promise Comes True

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MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Friendship Day</i>	2
3 10:45 AM Worship Noon Worship Mtg 2:00 PM Workshop-Your Finances in Good and Bad Times	4	5 6:00 PM Membership Mtg 7:00 PM Planning Mtg for Crop Hunger Walk	6 6:15 PM Elders <i>Last day to register for Enrichment Conference for Women</i>	7 CWF 9:30 AM Ruth Circle 1:30 PM Sarah Circle 7:00 PM <i>National Day of Prayer- Held at YMCA</i>	8 <i>Last day for early registration for camp at Orchard Crest</i>	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:00 AM Breakfast provided 10:45 AM Worship <i>Sounds of Joy singing</i>	11	12	13 9:00 AM Prime Timers- Orchard Crest 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Choir Practice	14 7:00 PM General Board Mtg	15	16 8:00 AM CMF-breakfast provided 9:30 AM-2:15 PM Enrichment Conference for Women-Dexter Mo. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Work day at Orchard Crest
17 10:45 AM Worship Honoring Graduates Noon Celebrating Graduates-Carry-in Luncheon	18 9:00 AM Newsletter Articles Due	19	20 6:15 PM Elders	21 Janet on vacation	22 Janet on vacation	23
24 10:45 AM Worship <i>Pentecost Offering Collected</i> Janet on vacation	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed Janet on vacation	26 Janet on vacation	27 6:15 PM Elders 7:00 PM Choir Practice Janet on vacation	28 1:30 PM J.O.Y. Class Mtg Janet on vacation	29 Janet on vacation	30
31 10:45 AM Worship <i>Pentecost Offering Collected</i>	<p><u>Mark Your Calendars</u></p> <p>Janet on vacation May 21-29, 2009</p> <p>Ordination of Mandy Gosik-June 7, 2009</p> <p>Family Bible Camp-July 6-10, 2009</p> <p>Area Assembly-September 19, 2009-Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis</p> <p>Crop Hunger Walk-September 26, 2009</p>					

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**Southeast Gateway Area
ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN
Saturday, May 16, 2009
9:30 AM-2:15 PM
First Christian Church
Stoddard & Poplar Dexter, MO**

**LISTEN TO VOICES FROM
BOSNIA,
ECUADOR, AND FOR GOD'S VOICE**

Morning: Bosnia: Just Women (Margie Pride) or Ecuador: New Day (Connie Ess)
Afternoon: Bible Study: Joshua (Janet Fowler) or Prayer (Judi Linville)
Lunch and Conversation Dedication of Blessing Box Offerings

Cost: \$15.00 per person Please make checks payable to SEGA CWF

Send form & payment to: **Clela Anderson, 2571 Grayland Walk, St. Louis, MO 63129-3309**
 Churches or groups are encouraged to mail their registrations together in one envelope.

Deadline for registrations received is May 6, 2009.

Call Clela Anderson at 314-416-8184 or e-mail her at clela1@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.

-- -Please cut along this line, make copies, and fill out one form per person- - -

Church: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone# _____ cell-phone _____

E-mail _____

Special Request: I need child care for _____ number of children age(s) _____

Dietary _____ Disability access _____

Morning Study _____ Afternoon Study _____

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Stewardship

Money Management

Stewardship is, as we have noted many times before, being responsible in taking care of the items with which we have been entrusted. We have also noted that all things are God's and given to us from God. If we properly care of those gifts, God will reward us in many ways. One of those ways is to have a life of abundance. Abundance comes in many forms – a happy and loving family life, great and loyal friends, a long and fulfilling life of joyful service to others in need, and many other forms.

Another form of abundance which often comes to mind first is money. And, if God blesses us with it in abundance, We are expected to use it not only to improve our own life, but also to benefit others. Money is also the one thing which God entrusts us with that we have the most trouble managing properly. And, proper management is the only way to be entrusted with more.

One of the keys to proper management of the money we have received, be it great wealth or just enough to make it by, is to understand the basic principles of how money works. In other words, we need to understand some of the basic terms, processes, and services available to us that can help us to manage and grow the money we have. Additionally we need to know about the many pitfalls that are lurking in the financial world. (*Do these ideas about money principles and pitfalls sound a bit like the principles of everyday Christian living and the temptations we face in those areas? The knowledge we learn from the Bible?*) The Bible does provide many of those money management principles, but in this modern and money driven world, there a few lessons that need to be expanded.

To expand those money lessons, and to understand more about how to put them in place in our lives today, we are going to have a workshop on *personal finances* on **Sunday, May 3rd at 2:00 p.m.** in the Wiles Fellowship Hall. The workshop is titled *Your Finances in Good and Bad Times – From Hoping to Knowing*. The subjects will include planning, budgeting, credit, debt, mortgages, insurances, and more, including some of the many pitfalls and misconceptions about those subjects.

The workshop is for everyone whether you are in high school with your first job; those graduating and getting out on their own; those who have been in the workforce for years; and those who are retired or getting ready to retire. Please join us. You will be glad you did.

Steve Riggle, chairperson

graduates

We would like to invite everyone to join us in honoring our graduates of 2009 on **Sunday, May 17, 2009** during **10:45 AM Worship Service**. A celebration and carry in luncheon will immediately follow our church service in Wiles Fellowship Hall. Please come and help us celebrate our graduates accomplishments! All family and friends are welcome!

2009 Graduates

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. <i>Amber Brewer</i> | <i>Crystal City High School</i> |
| 2. <i>Lauren Cornish</i> | <i>Crystal City High School</i> |
| 3. <i>Lemmy Merseal</i> | <i>Festus High School</i> |
| 4. <i>Amy Meyers</i> | <i>Festus High School</i> |
| 5. <i>Derek Moring</i> | <i>Festus High School</i> |
| 6. <i>Emily Reilmann</i> | <i>Jefferson College</i> |
| 7. <i>Amanda Gosik</i> | <i>Eden Theological Seminary</i> |
| 8. <i>Breanne Taylor</i> | <i>Culver-Stockton College</i> |



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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

www.churchworldservice.org

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Worship Committee

Help! The *Worship Committee* needs your help. As you know, as an act of good stewardship, the *Worship Committee* reuses offering envelopes in the pews. However, we are getting low on them. If you have any offering envelopes you haven't used, please bring them to church (*preferably with the numbers and date blacked out with magic marker, but if not that's okay.*). Leave them in the worship mail slot or give them to **Keith Osterberg**.

Keep your eyes and ears open for an opportunity to share your sewing and art talents with the congregation and enhance our worship experience by helping us make banners for the sanctuary. You've heard of spelling bees and quilting bees? *Coming soon, The First Christian Church Banner Bee! Details to come.*

Worship Committee, our next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 3, 2009 at Noon.**

Keith Osterberg, chairperson

Membership Committee

The Lenten luncheons, combined with the discussions about who we are as members of the Disciples of Christ denomination, were a great success. It was inspiring to hear from other members of the congregation about how important our being part of an ecumenical movement is. This acceptance of others without their needing to pass a test of acceptance of specific dogma is, for us, what it is to be Disciples of Christ. Even though we have different tasks, skills, and beliefs, we are all members of one body, the church of Christ. That places a burden on each of us when we meet a sister or brother who may disagree with us: we try to conduct ourselves in a sense of equality, humility, and respect, discussing and learning, then transcending our differences with love. Would that we could do this with others of all nations, races, and creeds.

In the next month we will continue to serve and bring our members together. We will be starting a *Singles Fellowship group*, and a very needed *Grief and Loss Support group*.

On **Sunday, May 10, 2009**, we will have a *Mother's Day Breakfast* provided by the men of the church. During that time we'll honor not only all mothers and those who have been like a mother to us, but also our Student Minister, **Lisa Grace**, who will soon be departing from us. And on **Sunday, May 17, 2009**, we'll be honoring our graduates in worship and with a carry-in luncheon after church.

On **Sunday, June 7, 2009**, **Amanda Gosik**, our once upon a time child and soon to be minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be ordained in our sanctuary at 3 p.m. A reception will follow the service in Wiles Fellowship Hall.

Please join us in all these important celebrations of the life and spirit of our church.

Tom Schmidt, chairperson

From the Office

Please recycle your paper. The bin is on the south parking lot. Also please do not put phonebooks or cardboard in the recycling bin. The church is also still collecting used cell phones and ink cartridges, proceeds go to the Building Fund. Just drop them off at the church.

CWF is still collecting pants and socks for the school nurses. Place them on the table in Wiles Fellowship Hall. Also remember to use your Schnucks cards to help the CWF. If you need one please contact the office or a member of CWF.

Also a reminder to tell the church office if your e-mail addresses, phone number or cell-phone number has changed.

The 2009 Directories are done. If you would like one, please contact the church office or stop by and pick one up.

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