

The Richmond Christian Courier



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Our Motto: "Christ First Makes a Difference"

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 22, 2009

No 8:40 Morning Service

10:40 a.m. Worship

Installation Service
Dr. Betsy Goehrig

Dr. Greg Alexander - Guest Minister

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 29, 2009

8:40 a.m. Worship

"God, Are You Listening?"

Dr. Betsy Goehrig

Scripture: **Hebrews 5:5-10**

9:40 a.m. **Sunday School for All Ages**

10:40 a.m. Worship

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*Order your Easter
Lilies Today!*

Lent and Easter Opportunities

Taize Services - Wednesdays,

March 18, 25, and April 1- 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Contemplative services, focusing on prayer,
scripture, music, reflection, peace)

Palm Sunday - Sunday April 5,

8:40 and 10:40 Worship

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 9 - 7:00 p.m.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Thursday, April 9 - 8:00 p.m.
through Friday April 10, 8:00 p.m.

Holy Week Services

Richmond Area Ministerial Association
Mon-Fri, April 6-10, 12 Noon
At First United Methodist Church
Dr. Goehrig will be preaching the 6th

Easter, Sunday April 12

8:40 and 10:40 Worship

Please mark your calendars and plan to be present
for the events listed above, as well as use this
special season as a chance to invite visitors to
worship and grow in their faith.

*Invite a friend to
church this Sunday!*

Heavens to Betsy

The economic impact to our society has resulted in a hard hit, not only for many families and businesses, but also for many organizations based on charitable contributions.

Our church has taken less of a hit than many congregations across our nation, thanks to your faithful giving—though we realize we are not immune. We also seek to be faithful and wise stewards, both in our spending and in “shoring up” for leaner times. Aside from the current economy, there are other factors that effect giving—harsh winter weather, spring break, and summer vacations result in lower attendance and lower offerings. I offer a challenge to our church members, for those who are able, to help build up a buffer of reserves for the operational needs of our church. This is a great time to boost our giving, to provide a good, strong base for the coming summer and for whatever our economy may hold. Let us be ready and prepared, with “oil in our lamps,” so that we may most effectively and excellently minister in our community.

Denominationally speaking, we have weathered some tough economic times, as have most denominations. Our General Church and many Regions, including Kentucky, have pared back. Many seminaries, including Lexington Theological Seminary, have also made similar cuts. Yet our Kentucky region and Lexington Theological Seminary continue to serve and to persevere. Lexington is exploring some creative ways of moving into the next generation, with new ways of offering classes and education for ministry, including distance and online learning opportunities. As a Trustee, I encourage you to support this important part of our church’s history... and, with your help, an important part of our church’s future.

Thanks for all your prayers and your support for our church and larger church ministries!

Blessings,

Dr. Betsy G.

KNICKKNACKS FROM KNANCY

If you haven’t been able to make it to our Lenten services on Wednesday evenings yet, I hope you will make every effort to come to as many of the remaining ones as possible. We gather in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:00 p.m. each week, with the last one being April 1. We offer a time of quiet reflection, calming music, and communion in a beautiful setting of candlelight. Each week is different, yet some elements remain the same. Please come and join us and take just a while to slow down. You’ll be refreshed when you leave.

I also encourage you to support the Empty Bowls project this coming Friday at the Baptist church. You’ll find the information elsewhere in this edition of the Courier. If you will make soup for the event, I have copies of the recipe and will gladly provide you with one. Also take time to go and enjoy a bowl of soup, as the community works together to help alleviate hunger in Madison County.
—Nancy

Special Sunday Planned for Installation Service

On Sunday, March 22nd, we will be hosting one united service at 10:40 a.m. for the Installation of our new Senior Minister, Dr. Betsy Goehrig. Thanks to our first service group for their cooperation in coming together as one congregation for this occasion. Dr. Greg Alexander, our Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky will be preaching and conducting the installation. We will have two anthems from our Chancel Choir, along with special music including Karin and Mick Sehmman on French horns and Carolyn Dupont on harp. Following the service, the Membership Ministry Team is hosting a potluck luncheon. This is a great opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to visit our church!

In Memory Frances Cosby

March 6, 1920 - March 3, 2009

In Memory Bernie West

November 20, 1950- March 11, 2009

Dr. Betsy Goehrig, Senior Minister

Rev. Nancy Long, Minister of Education
Connie Adams, Administrative Assistant
Linda Hensley, Organist

Rev. Owen Chandler, Associate Minister
John Stegner, Director of Music
Brenda Young, Custodian

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SERVING SCHEDULE AT 8:40 a.m. WORSHIP

March 29 Elders Paul Hale, Skip Daugherty
Diaconate Rick & Ann Leslie Jones
April 5 Elders Steve Gamble, Jimmy Cornelison
Eddie Pullins, Bodie Snell

SCHEDULE FOR ELDERS at 10:40 a.m. WORSHIP

March 22 Skip Daugherty, Steve Gamble
March 29 Mike Gordon, Ron Coffman
April 5 Ron Coffman, Bobby Herbst

WORSHIP LEADERS

March 22 Bob Biggin
March 29 Jimmy Cornelison
April 5 Bud Lee

DIACONATE SERVING IN MARCH 2009

Connie Adams	Jan Barnes	Richard Bendure	Lee Anne Browder	Rick Congleton
Tommy Congleton	Nancy Cotton	Laura Handy	Joey Herbst	Sue Ann Herbst
Jim Johnson	Clara Parrish	Tonya Singleton	Heather Taylor	Milt Ward
Janet White	Susan Willis			

DIACONATE SERVING IN APRIL 2009

Kathy Congelton, Rob Congleton, Charles Curtis, Vicki Daugherty, Jillian Fichetola, Jane Gordon, Betsy Grise, Brett Horn, Carla Horn, Laura Weitkamp, Joe Luxon, Graham Nichols, Jamie Nichols, Leslie Stapp, Mike Stapp, Mary Tipton

Diaconate Team Leaders March: Joey Herbst, Sue Ann Herbst, Janet White

Diaconate Team Leaders April: Brent Horn, Carla Horn, Laura Weitcamp

Communion Preparers: March: John McKinney, Bruce Begley

Communion Preparers: April: Julia Ramey, Doug Whitlock

Bus Drivers: March: Richie Cobb, Richard Cobb

Bus Drivers: April: Shannon Johnson, Ron Ginter

March 9, Worship Attendance: 8:40 a.m. - **34** 10:40 a.m. - **154**

March 15, Worship Attendance: 8:40 a.m. - **30** 10:40 a.m. - **162**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD 101: COLLEGE MINISTRY

2008-2009 College Students' Group Calendars are available outside of Owen's office and will be available online, soon. Please regularly check your Facebook accounts. There will be a Richmond college student lunch coming up in the next couple of weeks. For you Lexington people, I will be up the same week.

VBS NEEDS

We don't need these until late July, but be looking to see if you some skeleton keys we could borrow for our Vacation Bible School (August 2-6). If so, please let Nancy Long know and we'll get them from you later. Keep an eye out for other items we may need. Thanks!

SPRING OUTING

Doris and Ron Coffman will return to Richmond just in time to coordinate our first spring outing. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 1, as we plan to go to Cane Ridge in Bourbon County (near Paris) for their 10:00 a.m. 2009 Opening Worship service. They will also be dedicating their new accessible walkways. We'll leave the church at 8:45 a.m and will eat lunch on the way home, so we should be back in Richmond by mid-afternoon. Please let Betty Blakemore (623-9451) or Doris Coffman (624-0891 after March 24) know if you will join us on this excursion through some beautiful countryside as spring blossoms around us. This trip is open to everyone in the congregation.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Our Leadership Council – Board officers, Chairs of Ministry Teams, and ministerial staff – will be going on an overnight retreat on April 17-18, for a time of community building, visioning, and time for reflection. They will spend their time at "The Close," a beautiful retreat center in Pulaski County. Reservations are due this Thursday, March 19, and may be made by calling Bobby Herbst (625-9036 or 200-5755), the church office (623-4383) or Nancy Long (979-4585). We strongly encourage all members of the council to attend this special time away.

EMPTY BOWLS

Friday, March 20 at First Baptist Church on the Bypass

Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dinner served from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

For \$12 you get a hand thrown pottery bowl, homemade soup, bread and a drink. 100% of the proceeds go to feed the hungry in Madison County. If you would like to help by making soup, serving the soup, or provide a monetary donation to cover the cost of dry goods, please contact Dianna Ackerman at 661-5101 or Lea Wells at 353-2339. Nancy Long has a copy of the soup recipe if you would like one.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are using church offering envelopes to give your offering please be sure and put your name on the outside of the envelope as the numbers have changed since last year. It is important to do this so you will be given credit for your donation.

Youth Announcements

Youth Group—5:30 p.m., we eat; 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m., we get our group on.

As Spring Break(s) approach rapidly, it is important to know what is going on youth wise. If you have misplaced your Yearly Calendar, please visit www.fccrichmond.com for a copy. During the Breaks, if youth still want to meet, we can do so. Please just let Owen know.

For Mission and Summer information, please turn to Owen's "A Few Things Considered"

A Few Things Considered:

It feels strange to talk about summer, especially when they are still cleaning up trees at ECU from the ice storms. Soon enough though, we'll be complaining about the heat and sunburns. Before that becomes a reality, I do want to make the following program notes concerning the upcoming Summer Mission Trip to Tucson, AZ and the church camps in Kentucky. Please be in prayer about how you might become involved on some level with these experiences.

Tucson, AZ (June 7 -13)

This mission experience will be unlike any that we have previously taken. There will be no huge cities or sandy beaches. We are going to the Desert Mountains of Arizona. We are going to the backdrop of almost every spiritually formative story in the Bible. It was in the desert that Moses encountered God and it was in the desert that Jesus forged his God given mission. The focus of this trip is a personal spiritual journey. Along this journey, there will be moments of hard work, learning, exploring and praying. By far, this will be the least physically challenging of our mission experiences. However, this will be the most personally challenging thus far. This is an experience where your own personal effort will determine what you get out of it.

- Trip is open to Chi Rho, CYF, College, Young Adults, and Regular Adults
Unfortunately we won't be able to do K-6th this time
- Cost: \$300.00 (\$150 due April 1st—final balance due June 1st)
 - o Families wishing to send more than one person need to speak with Owen on an individual basis concerning price
 - o Price is fixed for ALL participants
- Saguaro Christian Church (Tucson) and Foothills Christian Church (Glendale) will host our group
- We will be working with organizations such as Borderlinks and Humane Borders as well as other United Way affiliated organizations
- One full day will be spent touring the Grand Canyon
- One full day will be a free day around Tucson (options will be made available the closer the date approaches)
- This trip is expensive. Turning in your deposit on April 1st is a statement that you will help in the fundraising effort required to make this mission a reality.

CAMP DATES

(All camps listed are at Wahn'Da-Ho—the place where Dr. Betsy discovered her Call)

Junior 1, June 15-19

Junior 2, July 20-24

Chi Rho 1, July 22-27

Chi Rho 2, July 13-18

CYF 1, June 22-27

CYF 2, June 29-July 4

These Camps fill up fast. I highly recommend sending in your forms before May 1st. All forms are located in Owen's office.

~Owen

New Administrative Assistant and New Church Treasurer

We are excited about **Connie Adams** accepting the Administrative Assistant position of the Church. Due to responsibilities of this new role it was necessary to accept Connie's resignation as Treasurer of the FCC Administrative Board. Thank you very much Connie for your dedication and hard work as our Treasurer. **Bruce Begley** was nominated and approved as our next Treasurer. The effective date for this change was 3/16/09. Good Luck to both Bruce and Connie in their new roles.

Elders To Launch Congregation Care Ministry

Our Elders, as spiritual leaders, seek to share God's love with the people of our congregation, through a ministry of caring and communication. They will be praying regularly for members, visitors, and staff of the church. They will also be making calls each month, to touch base with each person (children, too). If you have a prayer concern or have a desire to serve God, please feel free to share these with your Elder. If you don't hear from one of the Elders in the next month, please contact Dr. Betsy to make sure your name is included on our list. Also, please let us know of any changes in contact information. (We will be doing an update of our directory listings and want to establish an email base as well.) Thanks to our Elders for serving God in this caring, loving way!

Piano Dedication (save the date)

Sunday, May 31st, 3:00 p.m.

Dedication of the baby grand piano donated for the Fellowship Hall by Shannon Johnson in loving memory of his wife, Janet.

Reception to follow.

GRACE AND DEAN GATWOOD HAVE MOVED TO TENNESSEE

The Gatwoods have left Richmond to live with their son in Tennessee. Their new address is:

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**Grace & Dean Gatwood
109 South Dodd Dr.
Martin TN 38237**

Grace and Dean, our love and prayers go with you, from your church family at First Christian!

Birth Announcement!

We celebrate the birth of **CARSON THOMAS HERBST**, son of Joey and Randi Herbst, grandson of Bobby and Sue Ann Herbst, and great-grandson of Bob and Janet Herbst. Carson has a big sister, Kaci Jo. Carson was born Wed., March 11, at 8:27 a.m.— at 8lb.3oz. and 20" long.

Church Meetings

- **Board – Monday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.**
- **Leadership Council – Thursday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.**
- **Leadership Retreat, Friday—Saturday, April 17-18**
- **Elders – Sunday, April 19, Noon**
- **Worship Ministry Team – No meeting in April**

Disciples of Christ to Gather at General Assembly

YOU are Invited: July 29 – August 2, 2009 - Indianapolis, Indiana

“What a wonderful experience it is to share in worship and fellowship with thousands of other Christians! It’s like a big Disciples family reunion,” says Dr. Betsy, who encourages members of our congregation to consider attending part or all of the General Assembly! All members of Disciples of Christ are invited to attend. Our Board will soon be designating who our voting delegates will be for business sessions.

Disciples from all walks of life will gather in Indianapolis Wed., July 29 to Sunday, August 2, 2009 for the church’s biennial Assembly. Attendees will come from across the United States and Canada – and in many cases from around the world – to worship, learn, fellowship and discuss the future of our Church. The 2009 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will center its work around Revelation 22:2:”*And the leaves of the trees shall be for the healing of the nations.*” The theme and logo for the Assembly select several key words from the Revelation text, which is expressed simply as***For the healing of the nations...***

During the five-day event, Assembly participants are invited to examine what it means to strive to be whole and to bring healing – not only for ourselves but for all God’s creation. The theme of healing will infuse the entire General Assembly, and will be explored through worship, learning track sessions, resource groups, and mission work. Well informed theologians, clergy, scholars and lay leaders will share their insights on the General Assembly theme and its implications for our work, our witness and our future. In addition, people of all ages will engage in discussions on the Church’s future and what it means to be a mission-driven and priority focused church in the 21st Century. The theme of the Assembly also underscores the Church’s desire to create church-wide events that are “green” and ecologically responsible.

Attendees will be able to pick from a variety of quality, yet affordable downtown hotels, all within easy walking distance of the Indiana Convention Center. The presence of children, youth and young adults will be well-integrated into all aspects of the ’09 Assembly, with a host of activities and learning options for people of all ages.

To register and to learn more about the Assembly schedule, speakers, guidelines for greening, and the sights and sounds of Indianapolis visit www.disciples.org

FCC Easter Lilly Order Form

Given By: _____

In "Memory" of _____

or In "Honor" of _____

Total number of lilies _____ Cost of each lily is \$17.50. "Please print and include all information exactly as it is to appear in the newsletter. Return the completed form along with your check to the church office. Deadline for ordering Wednesday, April 7. Form can be mailed, given to church secretary or left in drop box outside church office

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