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BLANKET SUNDAY

The Church World Service Blanket Sunday Program will be promoted through our Mary-Martha Circle/C.W.F., on Sunday, March 15th, when a special offering will be taken at the Morning Worship Service. Every \$5.00 given to this project provides a good wool or cotton-blend blanket for people whose homes may be in rubble due to disaster, or to those who simply need a warm wrap or a measure of security and shelter. Church World Service also provides the funds for disaster areas to have tools, seeds, fishing equipment and training through their “Rainbow of Caring” program designed for disaster areas. Please make your checks payable to Mary-Martha Circle/C.W.F.

Upcoming Events

DEACONS MEETING

There will be a Deacons Meeting on Sunday, March 8th, in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 AM. All Deacons are urged to make plans to attend this meeting.

NEW BEGINNINGS CLASS MEETING

The New Beginnings Class will meet on Saturday, March 21st, at 5:00 PM. They will be going out to eat. Watch your Weekly Bulletins for the name and location of the restaurant.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8th. Remember to turn your clocks ***ahead one hour*** before you go to bed on Saturday night so that you will not be late for Sunday School and Morning Worship Service.

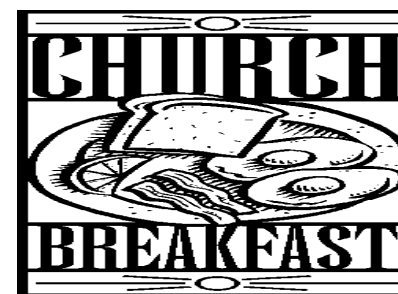
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

It is almost spring! That means Lent and Easter are almost here. Prepare for Easter by attending the Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays beginning on February 25th. Bible Study will be at 1:00 and 6:30 PM so that you can come to either in the afternoon or evening. On the weeks of Prayer Meeting we will only have the 1:00 PM Study. We will study Jesus' Last Week, Holy Week, and walking with Jesus through all he went through.

EASTER "SONRISE" SERVICE

On Easter Sunday Morning, April 12, 2009, at 8:00 AM in the Church Sanctuary, our young people will lead us in a service of worship

celebrating the resurrection of the Son of God, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

The Ministry of Membership invites everyone to come and join them on Easter Sunday Morning, April 12th, for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be Breakfast Casserole, Fresh Fruit, Hot Chocolate and Coffee. Breakfast will be served from 8:45 – 10:00 PM.



Procession of the Palms

On Sunday, April 5th, make plans to attend our Morning Worship Service where we will have our traditional Children's Palm Parade. The children will parade around the Sanctuary singing and waving Palm Branches reminding us of the joy and celebration that accompanied Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem years ago. Following the Children's Parade we will have a blessing of the Palm Branches which everyone will receive as we come to worship on this special Sunday.

YOUTH GROUP LUNCHEON

The Youth Group invites everyone to come to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 15th, immediately following the Morning Worship Service

for a special luncheon. The menu will be Soup, Sandwich, Fruit, Dessert, Drink and a Skit for the fee of \$5.00.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

At the last Official Church Board Meeting, Moderator John Kelly appointed the following people to serve on the Constitutional Review Committee: Stephanie Comstock, Carolyn LaFave and Miranda Ham.

PRAYER CHAIN

We are in need of some more people to serve on our Prayer Chain. If you would be willing to serve on this committee, please call the Church Office and let them know. They will then have you assigned to a Prayer Chain Captain.

FAITH IN ACTION

At the last Board Meeting, the Board voted for Woodson Chapel to partner with "Faith in Action." We will have a team leader that will act as the liaison between the Church and Mary Norris, coordinator for FIA. This person will have a list of members who are willing to do certain tasks and when Mary calls with a need the team leader will contact the members and see if they are available and if so, give them the necessary information and then let Mary know if we are able to help in that situation or not. We have had a couple of people say they are interested in doing respite work. Some other tasks could include: driving, running errands, handyman work, building ramps, respite care, visiting, and others you may think of that are a need. If you are interested in serving God by helping others please let Pastor Lois know and also if you are interested in being a team leader let her know.

"THIS PERFECT ENDING"

Sunday, March 22nd, we will have special guests for Worship. The Praise Band, "This Perfect Ending" will lead us in Worship. This is a group of young men who love singing praises to God. We are inviting the

community and would appreciate your help in spreading the word. After the service, all are invited to Fellowship Hall for a free Taco Lunch provided by the Young Adult and Genesis Sunday School Classes. During the month of March, the Sermons will be about different expressions and on the 22nd, the Sermon title will be "Expressions of Praise – Psalm 149.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The Congregation of Woodson Chapel Christian Church collected and donated 8,603 cans of Soup to the Inter/Serv Food Pantry for Souper Bowl Sunday. King Hill Christian collected 1,694 cans of Soup.



We have invited the Congregation of King Hill Christian Church to celebrate Maundy Thursday with our Congregation on Thursday, April 9th. We will have our traditional Candlelight Communion Service in our Sanctuary beginning at 7:30 PM with special music by the Choir. A time of fellowship will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments. We hope that everyone will make plans to attend this special event celebrating the Passover meal, celebrating the breaking of bread, the drinking of juice, and the crucifixion leading to the resurrection.

CRAFT/GAME NIGHT

Get all your friends, neighbors, and family and come enjoy an evening of fun, relaxation and it is free! Friday, March 13th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall will be Craft/Game Night. Come bring a Craft to work on or a Game to play with others and a Snack to share. Or just come and

visit and enjoy the evening. On Tuesday, March 31st at 6:00 PM will be Movie Night in the Sanctuary. Come watch a movie on the screen (watch the Bulletin for the title of the movie).

PASTOR'S CABINET

Pastor's Cabinet is Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:00 PM. Read Chapters 2 and 3 in the Ministry Momentum Book. Lots of ideas have been bubbling up since our last meeting. Share what God has been laying on your heart and hear what others have been receiving from God. Anyone who wants to be a part of the visioning process for our Church is welcome to attend.

FOOD PANTRY

Don't forget to bring food items on the first Sunday of the month. Cereal is always needed as well as kid friendly food. Thank you to everyone who donated Soup for our Souper Bowl Soup drive. You are all amazing and I enjoyed seeing your excitement build as you realized how many you feed. Jesus said "I was hungry and you fed me."



Congratulations to Jon-Paul and Ashley Shores on the birth of their son, Jurgen Timothy Shores. He was born on January 28, 2009. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

INTER/SERV

Inter/Serv is celebrating 100 years of service to the community. To celebrate they have a goal of raising \$50,000. As an incentive they are offering a gift for donations of \$100 or more. This gift is a book that has been written about the history of St. Joseph's major Churches along with Inter/Serv's contributions to the social fabric of the community. I

understand this book has beautiful photographs and features various Churches including Woodson Chapel. The title of the book is "Expressions of Faith: An Architectural History of Houses of Worship in St. Joseph, MO., A History of Wesley House and Interfaith Community Services, 1909 – 2009." It would be wonderful to have a copy of this book for our Church Library. If you would like to donate please indicate that it is for Inter/Serv Book donation.

D.L. EDUCATIONAL FUND

The Elders will be sponsoring a fund for David Long for his education fund for his Pastoral Certificate. It will be titled the "D. L. Educational Fund." This will be an ongoing fund for a three year project. Anyone who wishes to donate to this fund may do so. We will have more information to follow at a later date.

INCOME FROM PLEDGES AND DONATIONS

The Treasurer reports that income from Pledges and Donations for the weeks listed below amounted to:

January 25, 2009	-	\$ 1,445.85
February 1, 2009	-	\$ 1,605.10
February 8, 2009	-	\$ 1,324.74
February 15 2009	-	\$ 1,015.73



EASTER LILIES

There is an order blank in this issue of the Chapel Call for ordering Easter Lilies. We have also made arrangements with the florist to purchase Daffodils, Tulips and Hyacinths. The cost of all the plants will be \$7.50 per plant. There will also be order blanks in your Weekly Bulletins. Many of you have expressed the desire to add some color to our floral display; therefore, you have been given the option of four types of flowers. Some of you have also expressed the desire to make a donation to a charity instead of purchasing a flower. If you want to make a donation to your favorite charity, please send your donation directly to the charity of your choice and they in turn will acknowledge your donation.



YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

ELEMENTARY YOUTH

March 3, -	4:00 PM
March 10, -	4:00 PM
March 17, -	4:00 PM
March 24, -	4:00 PM
March 31, -	4:00 PM

Dear Church Family:

Several members have asked me about my recent decision to follow where God is leading. In January, I started attending classes at the Missouri School of Religion in Jefferson City. I am pursuing a Certificate of Pastoral Ministry. I will continue with my present job and travel to Jefferson City about once a month for the next three years. Some courses will be available on line. This is a wonderful and curious journey, one I don't want to do alone. I am asking for your support of prayers and words of encouragement while working toward this goal. I do not know what type of ministry I will pursue or where I will be led. I leave that in God's hands.

My schedule for the next few months is: March 13-14 and April 17-18: "Preaching as a Christian Art", May 21-23: "Social and Global Mission", and June 5-6, July 10-11, and August 7-8: "Worship and Music".

Your Timothy, David Long



CHURCH CAMP 2009

"Breakthrough to Jesus" is the theme for the 2009 Northwest Area Christian Church Camps. All camps are held at Crowder State Park, Trenton, MO. The dates are as follows:

1, 2, 3 - Go! July 21 - July 23

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Junior Camp I July 6 - July 10

Junior Camp II July 16 - July 20

Chi Rho Camp I July 11 - July 15

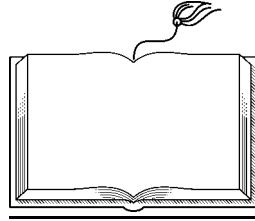
Chi Rho Camp II July 24 - July 28

CYF Camp June 29 - July 4

Musical Theatre Camp Aug. 3 -7 (Wyatt Park Christian Church)

FOLLOWING JESUS

Would you like to learn more about following Jesus? Are you interested in learning about giving your life to Jesus and being baptized? Join us for the Pastor's Class. The time will be decided by determining the schedules of the participants. The class will start the week of March 23rd. Contact the Church Office or Pastor Lois if you are interested.



MEMORY CHALLENGES

During each week, you have been challenged in your Weekly Bulletins to add one or more of these passages of scripture to your memory including the reference.

Jonah 3:6 (NRSV) Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.

II Corinthians 9:15 (NRSV) Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Mark 1:36 (NRSV) And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him.

II Kings 5:4 (NRSV) And Naaman went and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel."



With Sympathy

We extend our deep sympathy to Villera Beattie and her family on the death of her brother, Virgil L. Henderson. He passed away on January 18, 2009 in Kansas City, MO.



Dear Friends in Christ:

Please accept our sincere thanks for your recent donation of 62 food items. With rising costs all around, it is through your generosity that we are able to continue important services such as our food pantry.

David G. Howery, LCSW, Executive Director, Inter/Serv

Dear Church Members:

I would like to thank everyone who donated money for my dental work so I can get on the Kidney Transplant List. This has been heavy on my mind. I'm very thankful to everyone and I want to thank Rev. Lois for getting it started. God bless you!

Gregg Sollars

Carole and I want to thank everyone for their concern, cards, calls, etc., during my recent surgery and recovery. Special thanks to Dennis and Margaret Jean for being there during surgery and to Lois for being there, her visits, prayers and SOUP updates. I will be out of commission for a while but see you all soon.

Don Gamble

Thank you to everyone that supported the Youth by buying Submarine Sandwiches and to those that came to the Valentine's Luncheon.

The Youth Group

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR

PASTOR

We are in the season of Lent, the 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter. During Lent some people decide to give something up. Usually it is chocolate or sweets and then they can't wait for Easter to arrive so they can indulge again. Yet this is not what Lent is about.

Lent is a time of reflection, growth and transformation. It is a time to reflect on all God has done, what God calls you to do and how you responded. It is a time for repentance and change. What should be given up for Lent and beyond in a behavior or sin that is keeping you from living the life God wants you to live.

Rather than looking at what to give up look at what you can add that will transform your life and deepen your relationship with God. Adding spiritual disciplines to your life or strengthening those disciplines you already practice will help you towards that goal. These disciplines can include spending time daily in: prayer, meditation on the scriptures, silence and solitude, fasting, worship, service, study, confession and guidance. Use Lent to deepen your relationship with God, listen to what God is telling you and act on how God wants you to serve and share with others.

One way to accomplish this is to come to the Lenten Bible Studies on Wednesday during Lent at 1:00 or 6:30 PM.

Rev. Lois Kelley



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Number of Lilies: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Amount Enclosed (\$7.50 per plant) _____

_____ **Daffodils** _____ **Tulips** _____ **Hyacinths**

(Remittance must accompany order)

Deadline for ordering: April 5, 2009