



# The Dialogue



**Serving on Sunday,  
February 5, 2012**

**DEACONS**

Jim Adams	Jessica Alldredge
Charles Anctil	Beth Booker
Colin Cline	Keith Evans
Marsha McClain	David Kratz-Mathies
Melissa Miles	Linda Riddle
Kim Tullis	Dave Tushaus
Lynn Tushaus	Erin York
Richard York	

**Prayer for Offering:**

Susan Zion

**Prayer for Cup & Bread:**

Shelley White

**WORSHIP LEADER:**

Evelyn McBride

**COMMUNION PREPARER:**

Louis Parmalee

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

Dave & Lynn Tushaus

**February Greeters:**

Marsha McClain & Kelly Welch

**Welcome New Member!**

On Sunday, January 29, Sheila Murray joined First Christian Church by transfer of membership. Sheila is retired but very active in community events and organizations. You may send her a note of welcome at: 5211 Mockingbird Lane St. Joseph, MO 64506



**Buddhist and Christian Spirituality**

On Sunday mornings in February, FCC's own David Kratz-Mathies will be leading a study of the connections between Buddhist and Christian Spirituality. David teaches philosophy of religion and comparative religions at Missouri Western. The study will take place at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and learn!

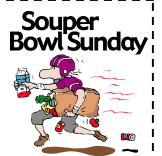


**Women's Study Group, Tuesday, February 14th**

The next meeting of the Women's Study Group will be Tuesday, February 14 at the Peoples home (1814 Lovers Lane Terrace) 6-8 PM. Bev Grienke will be leading a study of "The Bad Girls of the Bible." All women are invited to attend— young and old, members and non-members, etc. Last month's meeting was a great time for people to get to know one another, but even if you did not make the last one, you are welcome to attend!

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

The upcoming NFL Super Bowl is a big event for sports fans, but InterServ and St. Joseph churches have an even bigger event planned! Churches throughout St. Joseph are planning food drives to support InterServ's Calvin Center Food Pantry. Our church goal is **\$500 in cash and 500 food items.**



Although FCC collects food every Sunday all year long for the Calvin Center, we want to make an extra push coinciding with the SOUPER Bowl. If you've been meaning to donate food items but haven't done so, Feb. 5th is the time to do it! Here are the kinds of items most needed: **dry cereal, oatmeal packets, spaghetti and sauce, pasta-type dinners (e.g. macaroni and cheese), and canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, etc.).** Cash donations will also be accepted on this day. With money donations, the Calvin Center can buy food as needed through Second Harvest for around 19 cents a pound.

This fundraising event helps provide low income and financially strapped individuals and families with food to help them stretch their precious food dollars. InterServ's Food Pantry has seen a drastic increase in the number of clients needing emergency assistance during the past twelve months.

**“For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face.” 1 Cor. 13:12****Over 1168 miles!!!!**

1168 miles! That’s the number of miles FCC’s own Sheryl Webb drove in 2011 for Faith in Action. Primarily, she has driven elderly people to doctor’s appointments and for specific treatments. These folks are members of our community who cannot drive themselves and lack family to do so. They need more than a ride; they often need someone to give them an arm to lean on as they walk to the car and a hand to hold as they wait at an appointment. Sheryl has provided all these things as a Faith in Action volunteer.

During worship services, you may have heard me mention Faith in Action, one of the ministries of our church. First Christian helped start FIA back in the early 1990’s to organize volunteer caregivers for people with HIV/AIDS in our community. Over time, the county health department took over that role (FCC’s own Kelly Kibirige is the HIV/AIDS nurse for Buchanan County and would be glad to talk with you about volunteering). Faith in Action evolved into an organization that helped people with a variety of medical conditions through volunteers coordinated by Heartland Hospital. Eventually, Heartland and area churches decided that needs could be better met if the churches made this ministry their own.

In 2008, I was a part of the reorganization of Faith in Action and today I serve as chairperson of its governing board. Although FIA still receives some support from the Heartland Foundation (free office space at Hope House, etc.) and some logistical support from Heartland Hospital (IT support, etc.), the organization is governed and financially supported by St. Joseph churches. First Christian is one of them. Rather than being a non-profit organization, FIA is a coalition of 29 churches and organizations that provide volunteers to help low-income people (often seniors and disabled people without family support) in a variety of ways. If St. Joseph churches choose not to make FIA happen, it simply disappears.

A great thing about FIA is its diversity. Member churches include Roman Catholic, mainline Protestant and evangelical Protestant ones. FIA churches come from downtown, southside, northside and the east side of town. Each church provides volunteers who provide ministry to people through transportation to doctor visits, building wheelchair ramps, minor home repair, phone calls to seniors living alone and many other ways. Here are some highlights from the

wonderful work done by FIA over the last year:

2,235 Volunteer Hours

12,122 Volunteer Miles driven

875 rides provided

7 wheelchair ramps built

Numerous home repairs: new handrails, a screened-in porch, storm doors, kitchen cabinets, fixing a leaky roof and weatherizing windows

During these difficult economic times, FIA helps people who would otherwise not be helped. The clients helped are often referred by social service agencies that for one reason or another cannot provide what is needed. These folks would fall through the cracks without the volunteers from St. Joe churches. An important by-product of the work of FIA volunteers is that low-income seniors who do not have support from family are able to live independently in their own homes rather than facing the choice of moving into a care center or possibly becoming homeless.

I am very grateful to Melissa Miles who took on the role of First Christian’s FIA team leader. She is the one to talk to about volunteering with FIA. If you can drive, call a lonely senior once a week on the phone, drop off food from Second Harvest, perform minor home repairs or do yard work, you can volunteer for FIA. Is God calling you to serve by putting your faith into action?

Grace and Peace,  
Chase

## Prayer Study

Starting Saturday, February 25 and continuing until Saturday March 31, we will be studying a variety of prayer practices. Prayer is more than talking to God. It is also listening, walking, sitting, creating, and being in nature. We will experience a variety of ways to pray with this study. We will be using the book "Creating a Life with God: The Call of Ancient Prayer Practices" by Daniel Wolpert. You do not need the book to participate. We will meet at 9 a.m. for a light breakfast and the practice will be from 9:30-10:30. We could also use people to volunteer to provide breakfast. If you have questions, please call Mike or Barb Edwards, 816-689-5312

## Coffee and Donuts

**Sunday, Feb. 5 @ 10 AM**

Join us for coffee and donuts this Sunday. Recent visitors have been invited to come, so plan on giving them a warm welcome.



## Week of Compassion

During the week of February 19-26, 2012, we are celebrating the "Week of Compassion" at FCC. Our special offering goal is \$1,000. Half of these resources will be combined with offerings from thousands of other congregations in eight denominations across the United States to provide:

- ◆ homes, medical clinics, and clean water and sewage facilities in vil-lages devastated by natural disasters (such as earthquakes and floods) and poverty,
  - ◆ safety, shelter, and food for refugees fleeing oppression and violence,
  - ◆ self-sufficiency through education, job training, health care, and life skills.

Half of the resources will stay in Saint Joseph, Missouri to benefit local needs. The FCC Outreach Committee will distribute these funds.

## Ash Wednesday, February 22

At 6 PM on February 22, we will gather for our annual Ash Wednesday service. During this 45 minute service, we will reflect upon the beginning of Lent, experience the imposition of ashes and take communion together.



**LENTEN FAIR** **Lenten Fair** - Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18 from 9:00-12 for the Lenten Fair as we journey toward Easter. From 9-10 there will be a pancake breakfast (find out why) followed by activities from 9:30-12 for all to learn about this special, contemplative season. Learn about the significance of many familiar symbols--pretzels, hot cross buns, butterflies, eggs (color a paper egg card with pysanky symbols), We will also need volunteers to supervise the variety of activities and help cook breakfast. Call Barb Edwards, 689-5312 to volunteer or for more information.



## First Christian Ice Skating Party

First Christian Ice Skating Party  
Bode Sports Complex  
Saturday March 10 11am-12:30pm  
Cost: \$2.00 per skater

The Christian Education committee is sponsoring a private party for family and friends of First Christian. You are welcome to bring your own snacks or the concession stand will be available. Everyone is welcome to join us! The smallest size skates they have available is a child's size 8.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, February 5th

Sunday School 9:30am  
Coffee Hour 10am  
Worship 10:45am  
FCC FIA Volunteer Meeting in board room 12:30pm

### Tuesday, February 7th

Open Door Food Kitchen 11:30am

### Thursday, February 9th

Girl Scouts 5pm  
Choir Practice 7pm

### Sunday, February 12th

Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship 10:45am  
Christian Ed. 12pm  
Outreach 12:30pm  
Valentines' Day Symphony Concert & Reception 2pm

The FCC calendar is available at any time on the church web site:  
[www.fccstjo.org](http://www.fccstjo.org)

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

*Week of January 29, 2012*

*The People Came: 104*  
*The People Gave: \$ 2,189.12*

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
927 FARAON STREET  
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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM  
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JEREMY GREGOIRE, ORGANIST  
BUCK WEKAMP, CUSTODIAN  
KELLY MEDSKER, AND KLECI  
PARMER, NURSERY  
RAY BLILEY, SOUND TECHNICIAN

## HOSPITAL/LONG-TERM CARE/HOSPICE/CONDOLENCES/PRAYER LIST

*Sharing joys and concerns among the congregation and friends of the church. To add information to this page please contact the church office at 233-2556, Rev. Chase Peeples, or one of the Elders. In order to manage the size of the prayer list, names will remain the list for one month and then removed. Church members are asked to update the church office if they would like a name to remain on the list longer than four weeks.*

HOSPITAL/REHAB: Emma Jean Neudorff LC S207

LONG TERM CARE: Leona Swope-Arbor View RM 100,

HOSPICE: Kathleen Bartley (Jane Frick's mother), Betty Darnell (Kelly Kibirige's mother), Louise Wilcox

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF: Pete Guardado, Wayne Morgan

### PRAYER LIST

CHURCH MEMBERS— Greg Butchart, Bill & Jeanie Byous (on Jamaica mission trip), Tammy Hess, Brenda Hines, Kem Hines, Herschel Stone, Buck Wekamp

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS— Anonymous (friend of the church with a breast cancer diagnosis), Pual Adams (Jim Adams father), Patty Adams (Jim Adams' step-mother), Kenny Cantor, Bob Carter (Barb Edwards' uncle), Charlotte Donaldson (Sharon Graves' sister), Laura DuBose (Marion Kearnes' niece), Jennifer Frost (Anita Meehan's daughter), Michelle Jacobs, Jennifer Jennings (Jesse Jennings' sister), Amy Johnson (Mike Edward's neice), Mervin Johnson (Mike Edwards' father), Jennifer Kar (Andrew Kar's sister), Vicky Masterson (John Welter's mother), Joshua Mayberry (Amber Walter's nephew), Keith McMillen (Bernard McMillen's brother), Kelley Meyer, Wayne Osbourne (Tammy Mort's brother), Gene Rizer (cousin of Susan Zion), David Scott (soloist Josh Scott's father), Johs Scott, Raymond Tracy, Johnathan Warner, Roger Walters, Caden Wekamp (grandson of Buck Wekamp), Benjamin Williamson

## ***Disciples of Christ Regional and Area Opportunities***

*FCC St. Joseph is a part of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. We connect with other Disciples churches in Missouri through the Mid-America Region and in northwest Missouri through the Northwest Area. Here are some exciting opportunities in the area and region that you should know about.*

### **Northwest Area Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ CAMP 2012 @ Camp Crowder State Park, Trenton, MO**

**123 – GO** (children who have completed grades K-2)  
July 11-13 or July 24-26

**Jr. Camp** (children who have completed grades 3-5)  
July 14-18 or July 27-31

**Chi Rho Camp** (youth who have completed grades 6-8)  
July 6-10 or July 19-23

**CYF Camp** (youth who have completed grades 9-12)  
June 29-July 4

See Suzanne Shay for registration forms and more information. Suzanne will be directing Jr. Camp (July 14-18) and attending 123 – GO Camp (July 11-13)

### **Mid-America Region Young Women's Retreat: "Balanced Diet"**

**March 23-24, 2012 @ the Rickman Center, Jefferson City, TN**

The retreat has been planned specifically to listen to and minister to young women, and to help identify what kinds of tools they need to accomplish the ministry God has set out for them.

The retreat is for women 18 to 30 years of age. FCC will sponsor any young women who wish to attend the retreat and cover costs for transportation, meals and lodging.

The theme "Balanced Diet" offers opportunities for small group discussions revolving around three areas of health: physical, emotional, and spiritual. There will also be a synopsis of the Disciples Women's history and information about mission opportunities across the Mid-America Region.

Contact Rev. Peeples if you are interested in attending this exciting retreat.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHURCH ELDERS**

#### **Third Annual NW Area Elders Retreat "A Gathering of Eagles: an Elder's Tale of Isaiah 40:30-31" March 16-17 @ Conception Abbey**

This retreat for current or former elders is led by a group of elders from FCC Lathrop, MO. They will share how the ministry of their elders became a means for the transformation of their congregation. For more information, contact Rev. Peeples or visit the NW Area web site: [www.nwarea.org](http://www.nwarea.org).

#### **Mid-America Region Elder's Institute" "Pause. . . Reflect. . . Engage" March 2-3 @ Rickman Center, Jefferson City, MO**

Keynote Speaker: Bob Priddy,  
News Director of MissouriNet

Music by The Brothers and Sisters Quartet

For more information visit the Mid-America Region's web site:

[www.mid-americadisciples.org](http://www.mid-americadisciples.org).

