



THE CUP April 2010
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 & Presbyterian Church located in Lawson, MO.
 816-296-3991



Love Spoken Here!

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Time 11 AM

USHERS

Matthew Morrow
 Mitchell Morrow
 Tylin Clark
 Jada Clark

WORSHIP LEADERS

April 4
 Bill Morrow
April 11
 Amy Kanning
April 18
 Teresa Herndon
April 25
 Marcia Petty



APRIL MISSION ITEM
 Toothpaste
 Toothbrush

COMMUNION
 Karen Morrow
 Tylin Clark
 Sharon Richards

AT-LRG

(A Visit With The Transitional Minister)

Robert Frost (1874-1963) is said to have been the most popular and beloved of the 20th-century American poets. Frost, winner of four Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry, wrote of the people and landscape of rural New England.

Over the years I have found that many of Frost's poems have provided fodder for sermons. For example in 1915 he wrote, "*Something there is that doesn't love a wall,*" reflecting on the ravages of a New England winter at the boundary between his farm and his neighbor's farm.

Can there be any doubt that we live in a world that builds walls? Walls are meant to separate and to hold people away from other people. We think they are meant to protect, and sometimes they do. But more often than not, the walls we build confine and imprison the builder. More often than not, these walls are imaginary barriers built in the heart and mind. We can't see them, but we know they are there.

Walls are real problems in the life of the church. There are times when Satan keeps us so busy building walls that keep people and ideas out that we forget or don't have time to do those things that churches do. The sickest and most distasteful churches I know of are the ones that are concerned only about their own survival, only about how many members they have, about how many dollars they take in, about how many dollars they can avoid spending.

Churches that build walls will eventually self-destruct, for they do not understand that the life of the church is always, always extending outside their walls.

The surest way for us to fail is to play it so safe that those who have some energy and who have some creativity will feel that they are no longer welcome. The most terrible thing we can do is to make this church a prison, confining folk who see a world of need.

And if we confine them, we will lose them and we will push them out. They'll go over the walls, and well they should, **for in the heart of God, something there is that doesn't love a wall.** My hope and fervent prayer for our church in the remainder of our time together is that we will remove the barriers that keep us from being the church God wants us to be. To do this involves certain risks of criticism and misunderstanding. But it puts us in good company. It puts us in the same league with Jesus Christ who was sent by God to tear down certain walls.

Another favorite poem by Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*, tells of coming to a fork in the road and forced to make a decision. Which way do we go? One road could easily be seen as a well-traveled one. Everyone, it seemed took that road. Probably because it was the easiest and the safest and took little effort to travel. The other had very few travel marks. No way of telling how many travelers had ventured to travel that route. No way of knowing the risks involved.

At journey's end the traveler wrote in his diary, "***I took the road less traveled, and that has made all the difference...***"

Dear UCPC friends, which road now? (LRG)

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

- 3 Christopher Schmidt
- 6 Paul Peterson
Caitlin Bailey
- 7 Lani O'Dell
- 9 Luke Phillips
- 11 Jammie Silvey
- 15 Mitchell Morrow
Matthew Morrow
- 24 Mary Beth (Cox) Kramer
- 26 Denise Stonum
- 29 Barbara Sloop
Melissa Morrow
Meghann Morrow

Happy Anniversary !

- 14 Roy & Jean Rinehart



WE ARE PRAYING FOR

Adult Care Centers: Geneva Hunsaker (Lawson Manor); Helen Monroe. Military Service Personnel: Luke Phillips; Sean Frazier; Matthew Germann. Other: Carl VanWinkle, grandson of Mike and Mary VanWinkle Buck Elliott, Michelle Osborn, Delbert King, Rachel Avise (Seizures); Junior Sheets, Uncle of Karen Lammers; Those special caregivers who assist our ill and hospitalized; weekly activities on our church calendar. Please help keep the above material accurate. Notify the church office or fill out a Prayer Card (at each entrance to the Sanctuary) when you have names to add or delete).



Luke Phillips, Sean Frazier, Matthew Germann.

REMEMBERING OUR SENIOR ADULTS

The following are in area senior care facilities. Let us remember them with our prayers, cards and a note.

	Birth Date	Senior Care Center
Geneva Hunsaker	December 2	Lawson Manor 210 W. 8th Terrace Lawson, MO 64062
Marion Adams	August 12	Cameron Veterans Home 1111 Euclid Avenue Cameron, MO 64429



APRIL CANDLELIGHTERS

- April 4**
Rachel Radcliff and Dace Rodriguez
- April 11**
Taelor Silvey and Blaise Johnson
- April 18**
Church in the Park
- April 25**
Haley Schnetzler and Natalie Schnetzler

THE 2010 BIBLE READING GUIDE, "Embodying Hope," is available on the table at the back of the church.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER is April 23rd.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES
MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 1)
 At the United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.
 with Rev. Gentry, Preaching



GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL (April 2)
 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP (April 2)
 Old Union Church at 7 p.m.
 Josh Brewer, youth pastor at Lawson Assembly of God Church will be the speaker

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE (April 4)
 6:30 a.m. at UCPC
 Rev. Homer Davidson, Preaching

Easter Breakfast 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Easter Worship 11 a.m.

KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC) meets Tuesday's following school until 5:00 p.m. **MARCH 30TH** is the last KFC of the school year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER work meeting, Friday, April 2nd at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

THE CHURCH CABINET MEETING will be held Tuesday, April 6th at 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets every other Wednesday. The dates for April are the 7th and 21st at 10 a.m.

CARING AND SHARING Join me, Nancy Endsley on Thursday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m. I will be sharing two of my favorite hobbies birds and bird photography.

SAFE PLACE FRIDAY "SPF" will meet, for the last two times this school year, from 7:30-10:00 p.m. on April 9th and 23rd. "SPF" is for grades 5th-8th.

ELEMENTARY YOUTH EVENT APRIL 10TH AND 24TH: youth will be doing crafts with Dad from 2-4 p.m.

ELEMENTARY YOUTH EVENT: on Sunday April 11th for kindergarten through 4th graders. Skating in Liberty from 2-4 p.m. A light lunch of hot dogs will be served at the church prior to leaving. The cost is \$3.00 per person and includes admission, skate rental and a small drink.

BIBLE STUDY will begin April 11th in the evenings. The book "*Driven By Eternity*" will be used. Please contact Mike VanWinkle if you are interested to order a book at 580-7735.

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TASK FORCE will meet on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. The dates for April are the 14th and 21st.

CHURCH AT WATKINS MILL in the old church on April 18th at 11 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the service. Don't forget lawn chairs, walking shoes and/or bikes for fun after church.

SENIOR TUESDAY is April 20th at 11 a.m. We will have Veterans share their stories with us for the program. Invite a friend to enjoy a time of good food and fellowship!

OPEN SEWING/QUILTING/CRAFTING April 29th from 1-5 p.m.: Bring a project to work on and join us for fellowship.

A PRAYER FOR EASTER DAY

Don't just "pray" this prayer. Spend some time with it. Pray it several times during the day. Apply it to your life. Underline those words, sentences, and thoughts that speak to you personally.

O God, who rolled away the stone from the tomb of Jesus, roll away the darkness of ignorance and fear from my life. Let your gracious warmth and light fill me anew. O Lord Jesus, who steps from the veil of death to save us all, step into my life and fill it with your holy love. On this blessed day of Easter may I be raised too. May I be a miracle for Christ! May I be new in him who makes all things new! Amen.

THE BOARD MINUTES from the March board meeting are available at the back of the sanctuary.

A CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY will be held April 11-12 at the Second Baptist Church in Liberty. Look for more information on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will be meeting June 1st and September 7th at 7 p.m. at the Church.

A SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE sponsored by The Christian Church of Greater Kansas City is set for Saturday, June 5th, at the Park Hill Christian Church, 6601 NW 72nd Street, Kansas City (North of the River). A schedule and additional information is available in the east narthex and on the bulletin board in the office wing.

FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH is going to Colorado and the Rocky Mountains by Motorcoach August 29-September 4 and there is room for you (if you are interested). Look on the table at the back of the sanctuary and bulletin boards for the seven-day schedule and other details.

GLADSTONE PARKS AND RECREATION offers a variety of trips and adventures available on a "first come, first served" basis. There are tours of any length, in the Kansas City community and beyond. The current listing of events, complete with costs and needed information is available on the literature table at the back of the sanctuary.

**HOW ARE WE DOING?
Weekly Offering**

March 7	\$2,809
March 14	\$918
March 21	N/A

Attendance

	S.S.	Worship
March 7	55	97
March 14	39	
March 21	N/A	N/A

Easter Lilies given in Honor of

Steven Nolker & Loved Ones by Virginia Nolker
 Billy & Bessie Morrow, Bob & Kathryn Morrow, Pat Morrow Johnson, and Edythe Richards by Bill & Karen Morrow
 The Crowley & Bright Families by Betty Gray
 Hostetler & Little Families by Dan & Kathy Hostetler
 Lucille & Bob Crowley, Mary & Paul Toombs by John & Margaret Tipton
 Joseph & Daniel Clinesmith by Carolyn Clinesmith
 Gene & Laverne Jackson, Babe & Nora Luther by Tim & Rhonda Luther Family
 Loved Ones by Ken & Linda Brink
 Loved Ones by Larry & Barbara Lanning
 George Weems & Carol Kamarata Samples by Maxine Weems
 Clarence L. & Don Drew by Emma Lee Drew
 Carl D. Herndon, Rosie & Elmer Rhodus by Izetta Herndon
 Loved Ones of Bill & Melba Crouse
 Arthur & Mabel Boyson, Victor Swatt by Dorothy Swatt

EMAIL NEWSLETTER: In order to save on paper (be green) and postage cost to the church, we would like to offer the newsletter through email. If you are interested in this please contact the church office at 296-3991 to give Catina your email address and stop paper delivery.

THE MARCH-APRIL ISSUE OF THE UPPER ROOM is now available at each entrance to the sanctuary. Pick up a copy today!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TASK FORCE

Lord, we ask that You will be with us and our Capital Campaign Task Force. Guide this committee to do Your will; aid them to understand Your intentions for our church, our congregation, and our future. Please help us to respond and provide the resources needed for the growth of the church and sacrificial giving. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

THINKING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN UCPC? Rev. Gentry would be happy to visit with you about this. Or, if you wish, you may come forward during the singing of the Hymn of Commitment, bringing with you an index card with your name(s), address, and phone number, stating if you are coming by transfer of membership or profession of faith.

Congregational Prayer for the Pastor Nominating Committee

Lord, we love You with our whole heart and soul. Flood our souls with Your spirit and life. Shine through us so that we can be a light to others. We lift up our Pastor Nominating Committee to You. Lead them to a pastor who will help us move forward into the future You have planned for us. Give them wisdom and guide them as they seek to discern Your will. Let them hear and obey the voice of Your Spirit. Equip them and work through them to accomplish Your purpose. We pray for Your Spirit to rest upon our future pastor. Unite us in support of our minister and the ministry You are calling us to. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

2010 Mission Projects for Missouri Citizens

The Missions Committee met in November and has chosen to collect and assemble items for the Personal Hygiene Packs, Readin’ & Writin’ Packs, and Baby Bundle Packs. These packs stay in the state of Missouri and will not be shipped overseas. Along with the packs we will continue to collect the blankets, non-perishables for the Thanksgiving food baskets, and children’s underwear and winter outerwear for Christmas holidays, and conduct the annual mission dinner.

April	Toothpaste, toothbrush
May	New or gently used items for the baby bundles. Hit the garage sales or watch for coupons and sales on diapers.
June	New or gently used items for the baby bundles. Hit the garage sales or watch for coupons and sales on diapers.
July	New or gently used items for the baby bundles. Hit the garage sales or watch for coupons and sales on diapers.
August	Assemble a Readin’ & Writin’ pack during the Back to School Sales
September	New or gently used blankets
October	Annual missions dinner and Silent Auction
November	Non-perishables for holiday food baskets
December	Children’s socks, underwear, mittens, hats, glove, scarves

<p>Personal Hygiene Pack: 1 fluoride toothpaste, 6 oz. or more 1 toothbrush in original, unopened pkg. 1 deodorant 1 hand towel 2 disposable razors 1 washcloth 1 bath-size bar of soap 1 bottle skin lotion (11-14 oz.) 1 bottle shampoo (11-14 oz.) 1 comb or brush</p>	<p>Readin’ & Writin’ Pack: 6 new pencils with erasers 1 box of 24 crayons 12” ruler 2 spiral or tape bound notebooks (Total 140 pages) 2: eraser 1 pair of child-sized metal scissors 6 folders with pockets 2 ink pens (medium point) 1 pencil holder</p> <p>Place small items in pencil holder. Place all items in a 2 gallon zip lock bag. If you do not have 2 gallon bags, the church will supply them, just submit the pack in a some other type of sack.</p>	<p>Baby Bundle: 2 receiving blankets 1 sweater or sweatshirt for warmth 8-12 diapers (cloth or disposable) 2 undershirts or onesies 2 sleepers (1 piece or gown) 2 diaper pins (if cloth diapers are enclosed)</p> <p>The sizes should be newborn up to 6 months, but not larger than 6 months.</p>
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2010 Board Members

Roy Rinehart-Board Chair, Bonnie Cates-Vice Chair, Marcia Petty-Clerk of Sessions, Dan Hostetler-Treasurer, Chris Lanning, Janice Vaughn, Kevin Avise, Bill Crouse, Sharron Smith.



**Crowder State Park
Northwest Area Disciples of Christ
Camp 2010 Spiritlife**

Completed K-2nd Grade
1-2-3 Go Camp
July 6-July 8
July 22-July 26



Completed 3rd-5th Grade
Jr. Camp
July 9-13
July 22-26

Completed 6th-8th Grade
CHI RHO
July 17-July 21
July 27-July 31

Completed 9th-12th Grade
CYF
June 29-July 4

Musical Theatre Camp August 2-August 6 with a performance Friday evening August 6th
Forms should be available online or through the church office.

Anyone needing assistance with funding for camp please contact Larry Lanning at 580-7263.



**Heartland Center
Summer Camp
Be A Hero
Living Like Jesus**



Day camp is available for students who completed Kindergarten-5th grades. Many dates are available and the cost for this is \$140.00. There are several overnight camps available for students who completed 2nd grade-12th grade. Please visit heartlandcenter.org for a complete date and price listing. If you would like a paper registration please call 816-891-1078. Register by April 30 and receive a 10% discount off the cost of camp.

**2010 Vacation Bible School
At United Christian and Presbyterian Church**

Well, Vacation Bible School is right around the corner for us and the first planning meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 7:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Saddle Ridge Ranch" and will be as it was last year with the young children at Church and the Middle School people out at The Smith Ranch. The date is going to be August 1st thru the 5th with a get together Friday August 6th at the Smith's. Mark your calendar now.

As last year we will feed the kids and then break into the tribes for lessons about Adam and Eve, Joseph, Zacchaeus and the thousands that were fed.

If you would like to help with food, crafts, skits, registration, decorations or "driving the cattle" please join us April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Kathy and Dan Hostetler Directors 580-4165 home Kathy's cell 816-225-8217

Kathy's work 816-792-6348 Dan's cell 816-225-8080 Dan's work 580-4941



Pastor Nominating Committee Update April 2010

When we think about the characteristics we want in our next minister it is hard to put aside personal likes and dislikes and consider the greater good of the church. These are not easy times for churches as witnessed by the number that close their doors every month. Many of those doors closed because the congregations were more concerned with their personal wants and needs than that of the God they are serving or the community they are supposed to be reaching.

We know of course that every person's wants and needs cannot be matched perfectly. For instance we want a minister that is a dynamic preacher that will stir our souls every Sunday and at the same time not be too long winded. We desire a pastor that will fix any problems that arise but not change the things we hold sacred.

We need a pastor that is conservative and progressive, humble yet certain, and a strong leader that never over steps their bounds. We want a creative and innovative, program oriented pastor that doesn't ask too much of us. We want someone with a family but that will be available for our every need 24/7.

And most of all we want a well educated, successful, experienced pastor that is willing to work for a pittance compared to any other profession or calling.

The minister described by your list of characteristics may be very different from that of your neighbor or even your spouse. There is no perfect candidate according to our wants and needs but there is a perfect candidate according to God who knows exactly what our true needs are.

How open are you to welcoming the minister that God calls to United Christian and Presbyterian Church Are you going to be looking for flaws and faults or are you going to be looking for ways that you can demonstrate grace and love the way that God welcomes us daily.

We are currently in the interviewing process with two candidates that we feel are extremely qualified and gifted ministers. We will keep you informed and in the meantime please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Grace and Peace from the PNC
 Bob Endsley, Chairman
 Mike Vaughn, Vice Chairman
 John Tipton
 Bonnie Cates
 Mary Russell

Kathy Hostetler, Secretary
 Dorris Bender, Chaplain
 Joy Tipton
 Erin Murphy

2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chris Lanning, *Buildings and Grounds*
 Kysha Harris, Amy Kanning, *Christian Education*
 Lindsay Johnson, Lisa Kinder, *Development and Nourishment*
 Larry Kanning, *Finance*
 Dorothy Swatt, *Missions*
 Bill Morrow, *Personnel*
 Bob Endsley, *Worship*
 Dan Hostetler, *Financial Task Force*

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS– Please let the church office know if you don’t see your scheduled event on the Calendar. It can be listed in the Sunday Cup if you would like to announce it and you missed the deadline for publication in THE CUP. Please keep the office informed of any change in your meeting schedule. .

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Exercise Class 8 AM Girl Scouts 6 PM	2 Teacher Mtg 9AM	3 Men’s Brkfst 8 AM
4 Easter Sunday	5 Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice 6 PM CS Mtg 7 &8	6 Exercise Class 8 AM KFC 3:30 PM Cabinet Mtg 7 Boy Scouts 7PM	7 Women’s Bible Study 10 AM	8 Exercise Class 8 AM Caring and Sharing 6:30 PM	9 Girl Scouts Mtg 7 PM “SPF” 7:30-10 PM	10 Men’s Brkfst 8 AM Crafts 2-4 PM
11 Skating 2-4 PM Board Mtg 7 PM	12 Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice Cub Scouts Mtg 7 &8 PM GS 6PM	13 Exercise Class 8 AM KFC 3:30 PM Boy Scouts 7PM	14 Capital Campaign Task Force Mtg 6 PM	15 Exercise Class 8 AM Girl Scouts 6 PM	16	17 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8 AM
18 Church at Watkins Mill Lawson Manor 2 PM	19 Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice 6 PM CS 7 & 8 PM	20 Exercise Class 8 AM Sr. Tuesday 11 Boy Scouts 7PM VBS Mtg 7PM	21 Women’s Bible Study 10 AM Capital Campaign Task Force Mtg 6	22 Exercise Class 8 AM	23 CUP Deadline “SPF” 7:30-10 PM	24 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8 AM Crafts 2-4 PM
25	26 Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice 6 PM GS 6PM CS 7 & 8 PM	27 Exercise Class 8 AM Boy Scouts 7PM	28	29 Exercise Class 8 AM Sewing 1-5 PM	30	

The deadline for material for the May CUP is Friday, April 23rd.