



THE CUP June 2010
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Love Spoken Here!



<p>Sunday School 9:45 AM Worship Time 11 AM</p> <p>USHERS June Potter Dorris Bender Mike & Janice Vaughn</p> <p>WORSHIP LEADERS June 6 Lary Witcher June 13 Marcia Petty June 20 Mike Vaughn June 27 Frank Williams</p> <p>NURSERY ATTENDANTS June 6 Kysha Harris Jana Bailey June 13 Jada Clark Tylin Clark June 20 Sue Ballinger Carolyn Clinesmith June 27 Barb Avise Rachel Avise</p> <p>CHILDREN'S CHURCH June 6 Sherrie Silvey Jessica Silvey June 13 Dan & Kathy Hostetler June 20 Barb Avise Rachel Avise June 27 Casey & Lindsay Johnson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AT-LRG (A Visit With The Transitional Minister)</p> <p>To call these “exciting days” around Lawson UCPC doesn’t really tell the whole story. “God-filled” is a more accurate description. We have long said that “<i>God has someone in mind to lead you in doing His work.</i>” What some of us are asking is why it took Him 5 years. We are slow learners. We don’t like to acknowledge that God works in His time frame and not ours.</p> <p>Anyway, it’s the results that count. When you decided it was time to think seriously about searching for a full-time pastor God led you in selecting a blue ribbon Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and providing them with wisdom and guidance. They planned their work and then went about working their plan. The important thing is that they worked well together, supporting and encouraging one another and building a strong spiritual foundation for their work. I understand that they received and read one hundred resumes.</p> <p>God then led them to one particular resume, that of Rev. Mary Jean Bird. God said, “This is the one. You need look no further.” You heard God speaking and you accepted His recommendation unanimously. For any congregation to do this falls in the miracle category. Since her election and acceptance your enthusiasm has not waned. It’s increased! I hope you have taken time to thank both God and the PNC for their work on your behalf.</p> <p>I believe that Rev. Bird begins her ministry somewhere around the first of July. I know that I conclude my time with you on June 6. This date was purposefully set in order that we might sit together at the Lord’s Table one more time.</p> <p>Now, hear me out and please, please accept and understand the spirit in which I speak. After June 6, I will no longer be your transitional minister. I will forever be your friend, forever grateful that our paths in life have crossed. When I graduated from seminary in 1962 I signed a Code of Ministerial Ethics. To the best of my ability, and to my knowledge I have followed this code.</p> <p>Basically, this is what it says. Rev. Mary Jean Bird is now your pastor! I will support her in any way I can, doing nothing to interfere with her work here at UCPC. For me to do so is a disservice to her, the church, and the Christian ministry and would give my 42-years in the ministry a “black eye.” Any future contact with UCPC will be at Mary Jeans invitation. This does not mean that I will not worship with you but it will not be without her knowledge. In fact, it will be my intention to notify her every time I’m in town whether it be to eat chicken at Catricks, parade with the Shriners, watch Nathan Cates play football, or play some Pitch and/or Bridge. Again, my future involvement with you as a congregation will be at the invitation of your pastor and will be to assist her. Please help me in this.</p> <p>One more thing. Thank you for our time and experiences together. And never doubt my love for you. A day will never go by without my prayers for you. (LRG)</p>
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June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

- 7 Mitch Radcliff
 - 9 Rachel Radcliff
Emersen Harris
 - 15 John Bender
 - 16 Michelle Lammers
 - 18 Sara Jones
 - 18 Krissy Kinder
 - 19 Patrick Swope
 - 23 Barbara Wilber
 - 24 Linda Brink
Melodee Jones
 - 26 Kyra Clark
 - 29 Amy Kanning
 - 30 Marilyn Schmidt
Sarah Phillips
- Happy Anniversary !**
- 7 Mike & Debbie Swope
 - 11 Rodney & Bonnie Cates
 - 12 Bill & Melba Crouse
 - 14 David & Betty Paulsell
Jody & Michelle Hubbard
 - 15 Mark & Sid Germann
 - 25 Tim & Joy Tipton
 - 30 Nick & Barbara Sloop



WE ARE PRAYING FOR

Adult Care Centers: Geneva Hunsaker (Excelsior Springs Nursing & Rehab); 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); Virginia Tamayo (Karen Lammers' Mother). 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	Excelsior Spring Nursing & Rehab 1003 Meadowlark Lane Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
Marion Adams	August 12	Cameron Veterans Home 1111 Euclid Avenue Cameron, MO 64429

COMMUNION

Betty Gray
June & Charlie Hughes

JUNE MISSION ITEM

New or gently used items for baby bundles

JUNE CANDLELIGHTERS

June 6

Dace Rodriguez and Rachel Radcliff

June 13

Taelor Silvey and Kyra Clinesmith

June 20

Haley Schnetzler and Natalie Schnetzler

June 27

Maycee Hubbard and Morgyn Hubbard

THE MEN OF THE CHURCH meet each Saturday morning for breakfast and prayer from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. It's a great way to begin the week-end. The fellowship is great, the tales wild, and the prayers helpful. If you are not now in the habit of attending why not consider doing so.

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets every other Wednesday. The dates for June are the 2nd, 16th, and 30th at 10 a.m.

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.

A DINNER FOR REV. LOYD GENTRY will be held Saturday, June 5. There will be a gathering at 4 p.m. with a dinner following at 5 p.m. Feel free to share your testimonial of what Loyd has meant to your faith. The meat will be provided by the church. **Please bring a side dish or dessert.**

BIBLE STUDY Sunday evenings from 6-7 p.m. through June 6th.

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TASK FORCE will meet on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. The dates for June are the 9th and 16th.

CARING AND SHARING will meet June 10th at 6:30 p.m.

THE LAWSON MANOR SERVICE is June 13th at 2 p.m.



SENIOR TUESDAY is June 15th at 11 a.m. Janice Vaughn and Marilynn Witcher will be serving lunch. Tylin Clark, master Gardner will share her talent. Invite a friend to enjoy a time of good food and fellowship!

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER is Wednesday, June 23rd.

OPEN SEWING/QUILTING/CRAFTING We won't be meeting the last Thursday of June. Stay tuned for what is coming!

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.

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

September 10th and 11th in Wichita, Kansas Julie Clinton, Author/Speaker/President of EWomen will present the Extraordinary Women's Conference. This is an opportunity to hear Extraordinary women from around the country give their testimonies. A complete list of guest speakers is located at www.ewomen.net. Also Christian music artists perform for an uplifting experience. The cost for the conference is \$50.00 for the two days or if you would like to volunteer your time and talents the conference is free to volunteers. For more information or to register go to www.ewomen.net or contact Catina Green.

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

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

PRAYER MINISTRY: A "Prayer Box" has been placed in the east narthex. You are encouraged to place your personal prayer request in this locked receptacle. Several times each week Rev. Gentry will take these requests into the sanctuary and pray personally over each one in depth. Signing one's name is optional.



Pastor Nominating Committee Update
June 2010 — Final Report



On May 16th a congregational meeting was held immediately following worship during which Reverend Mary Jean Bird was affirmed by a unanimous vote to be the next spiritual leader and Solo Pastor of United Christian & Presbyterian Church. Prior to the meeting Rev. Bird led us in worship and delivered a sermon entitled “Now What?” based on the scripture reading of Acts 1:1-11. Just as the Disciples were entering a new phase in their ministry, we also are about to embark on a new chapter in our church history and we very well can ask the question “now what?” as we begin writing this new chapter.

One of the first things the PNC did as a committee was to write and sign a covenant that outlined our agreement with each other and with God as to how our committee would function. The covenant covered three basic categories: prayer, communication and accountability. It is hard to say if the covenant made a difference—would we have been as faithful and prayerful and cohesive without it? -Maybe, but it sure didn't hurt.

As we go forward into this next chapter, we, as a congregation, need to also form a covenant with God and with each other to unanimously support Rev. Bird on a daily basis through prayer, communication and accountability. Let's always put God's Church ahead of our own agendas, our own desires and our own preferences and let's write a chapter that will make us instruments of blessings and peace in our community and for the Kingdom of God.

From the very first meeting we felt God calling us to be patient and thorough in the process, to not cut any corners, to not settle for less than God's will for us, and to be open to all possibilities. We believed from the beginning that if we were faithful to the process God would bless us and we believe He has. He has not only blessed the congregation with Rev. Bird, he also has blessed each of us on the committee with a renewed faith and a much deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

You supported us with prayer, patience, confidence and encouragement and we are so grateful to you for that. We are grateful to our spouses and families that made it possible for us to devote an amazing amount of time to the work of this committee. Without their support and willingness to take up slack for us in other areas, we would not have been able to do this.

We also want to thank member of Heartland Presbytery and Northwest Area Disciples that were great resources and offered support and encouragement all along the way: Charles Spencer, Executive Presbyter; Bob Grant, Liaison from the Presbytery Committee on Ministry; Beverly Barr, Liaison from the Presbytery Committee on Ministry, and Bill & Donna Rose-Heim, NW Area Disciples Ministers.

And of course we want to thank Reverend Gentry for all he has done for our church and our committee. He started us off on the right foot and continued to support us throughout the journey.

This has been an extraordinary experience for each of us and again we think you for your confidence and support. It has truly been an honor to serve in this capacity.

Grace and Peace from the PNC

Bob Endsley, Chairman
Mike Vaughn, Vice Chairman
John Tipton

Kathy Hostetler, Secretary
Dorris Bender, Chaplain
Joy Tipton

Bonnie Cates
Erin Murphy
Mary Russell

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 1, Pre-School thru 6th graders started meeting in the church social room. Seventh graders thru 12th graders are meeting in the High School Sunday School room. This schedule will continue until the 2010-11 Sunday School Kick-Off on August 15. All adult Sunday School classes will continue to meet as usual. Don't let summer activities prevent your study of God's Word.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (New International Version) and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEKLY LEADERS

May 2– Joy Tipton	July 4– Joy Tipton
May 9– Lisa Kinder	July 11– Sherrie Silvey
May 16– Mary VanWinkle	July 18– Marcia Petty
May 23– Sherrie Silvey	July 25 Lisa Kinder
May 30	August 1– Joy Tipton
June 6– Joy Tipton	August 8
June 13– Mary VanWinkle	August 15– Sunday School Kick Off
June 20– Sherrie Silvey	
June 27– Lisa Kinder	

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.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Weekly Offering

May 2	\$2,768
May 9	\$2,216
May 16	\$1,547
May 23	\$637
May 30	

Attendance

	S.S.	Worship
May 2	33	
May 9	41	86
May 16	41	135
May 23	29	78
May 30		

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.

June	New or gently used items for the baby bundles. Hit the garage sales or watch for coupons and sales on diapers.
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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.

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.



**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.

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

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.

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

JUNE 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 Christian Ed. Mtg 7 PM	2 Women's Bible Study 10 AM	3 Exercise Class 8 AM	4	5 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 AM
6	7 Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice 6 PM CS Mtg 7 &8	8 Exercise Class 8 AM Boy Scouts 7PM	9 Campaign Task Force Mtg 6	10 Exercise Class 8 AM Girl Scouts 6 Caring & Sharing 6:30 PM	11 Girl Scouts 6	12 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 AM
13 Lawson Manor 2PM Board Mtg 7 PM	14 Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice Cub Scouts Mtg 7 &8 PM GS 6PM	15 Exercise Class 8 AM Sr. Tuesday 11 Boy Scouts 7PM	16 Women's Bible Study 10 AM Capital Campaign Task Force Mtg 6	17 Exercise Class 8 AM Girl Scouts 6	18	19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 AM
20	21 Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice 6 PM CS 7 & 8 PM	22 Exercise Class 8 AM Boy Scouts 7PM	23 Capital Campaign Task Force Mtg 6 PM Cup Deadline	24 Exercise Class 8 AM	25 Girl Scouts 6	26 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 AM
27	28 Exercise Class 8 AM GS 6PM CS 7 & 8 PM	29 Exercise Class 8 AM Boy Scouts 7PM	30 Women's Bible Study 10 AM			

The deadline for material for the July CUP is Wednesday, June 23rd.