



THE CUP March 2010
A Monthly Publication of Lawson United Christian
& Presbyterian Church located in Lawson, MO.
816-296-3991



Love Spoken Here!

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Time 11 AM

USHERS

Bill & Karen Morrow
 Charlie & June Hughes

WORSHIP LEADERS

March 7

Lary Witcher

March 14

Kevin Avise

March 21

Jilana Lanning

March 28

Bob Endsley

NURSERY

ATTENDANTS

March 7

Erin Murphy

LeeAnn Funnk

March 14

Karen Lammers

Barb Avise

March 21

LeeAnn Funk

Rachel Avise

March 28

Rachel Avise

Amy Schnetzler

CHILDREN'S

CHURCH

March 7

Sherrie Silvey

Jessica Silvey

March 14

Donna Vermillion

Janice Vaughn

March 21

Dorothy Swatt

Linda Brink

March 28

Joy Tipton and Family

COMMUNION

Dorothy Wollard

Janice Vaughn

AT-LRG

(A Visit With The Transitional Minister)

I hope you don't mind my returning to the topic of my last visit with you. Do you remember what it was? **Worship!** Few congregations do more than scratch the surface when it comes to understanding and doing worship. Perhaps this is why our Worship Committee is implementing some minor, but important improvements to our Sunday morning worship experience. (You do know, don't you, that there is more to worship than what we do at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning? But for the time being this is where we are focusing our attention, for this should be our finest hour in any given week.)

Let me begin with this question. *Why in the world do you come to worship?* Take time to think about your answer. Some come out of habit. Some, I suppose, even attend worship against their will.

Others of us may attend worship because we are struggling with God. We are grieving or we are hurting. We are lost or we are lonely. Our attendance at worship is part of our search for answers. We do not worship because we want to **escape** something, but because we want to **find** something or Someone.

Worship in the Sanctuary can never be oblivious to what is happening outside the Sanctuary. If we want our worship on Sunday mornings to be true worship, we bring with us all the baggage of what is happening in our lives and in our world.

One of the Psalmist (Psalms 86:6-7) pleads, *"Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me."* It is a natural part of worship to bring with us the concerns of our lives. We bring the fears of life, the worries of our family, the concerns of the world and we lift them up in prayer, seeking God's comfort and guidance.

True worship focuses on God. This is where many of us make a mistake. We assume that worship focuses on us. True worship always begins with an awareness of God's holiness. Worship is a two-way street, God reaching out to us while we at the same time, are reaching out to God.

And now, a word about those changes. The "announcements" have been moved to the very beginning of things. To be blunt, we want to get the announcements behind us so that we can do what we came to do. **Worship!** You can make your own announcement or you can give it to the Worship Leader to make.

Following the announcements we move into the prelude where we are asked to *"be still and know God"* that we and those around us may prepare to worship God. Mary has taken the time to prepare music for our inspiration. Isn't it somewhat rude of us to talk through it?

How can we hear God if we are talking? Thank you for understanding these changes and our intentions behind them. Do you have additional thoughts on worship. We hope you will share them with us. (LRG)

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

- 4 Betty Paulsell
- 5 Pat Modin
- Kathy Hostetler
- Kylan Clark
- 7 Rich Busby
- 10 Debbie Swope
- Sarah Lammers
- 11 Jim Renner
- 12 Michael Cates
- 13 Bill Morrow, Jr.
- 13 Karen Morrow
- Adam Peterson
- Eric Peterson
- Barb Avise
- 14 Nick Sloop
- 15 Teresa Herndon
- Dan Hostetler
- 23 Sid Germann
- 26 Bonnie Cates
- 27 Jane Foreman
- 31 Jean Rinehart

Happy Anniversary !

- 11 Gary & Sharron Smith
- 14 Marion & Bob Stonum
- 18 Teresa & Mitch Radcliff



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

MARCH CANDLELIGHTERS

- March 7**
- Maycee Hubbard and Morgyn Hubbard
- March 14**
- Emerson Harris and Kyra Clinesmith
- March 21**
- Chloe Mansfield and Lauren Mansfield
- March 28**
- Samantha Osborn and Caitlin Bailey

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


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 DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER is March 22nd.

KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC) meets Tuesday's following school until 5:00 p.m.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will be meeting March 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Church. Other Christian Ed. Meetings scheduled for the year are June 1st and September 7th at 7 p.m.

SAFE PLACE FRIDAY "SPF" will meet from 7:30-10:00 p.m. on March 5th and 19th. "SPF" is for grades 5th-8th.




Missouri and Kansas play on Saturday, March 6th. Wear the colors of your favorite team (unless you're "chicken") and come join the fun at Catrick's at 5 pm for a 2 piece chicken dinner! Cost is \$10/person which includes drink and tip. Contact Marcia Petty ASAP at 296-7413 to reserve your seat.

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TASK FORCE will meet on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. The dates for March are the 10th and 17th.

CARING AND SHARING will be hosted by Tylin Clark sharing gardening tips. It is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11th.

THE NOURISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE is asking for donations of gently used books for all ages. These need to be collected by March 14th.



SENIOR TUESDAY is March 16th 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 March 25th from 1-5 p.m.: Bring a project to work on and join us for fellowship.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE UCPC EASTER PLAY: The play this year is about a group of kids backstage before their big performance. The play will be performed on Saturday, March 27th at 4 p.m. at UCPC followed by a soup dinner. Hope to see everyone there!

A NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP has formed and open to all denominations. We plan to meet every two weeks. The first meeting was February 24th. The group meets in the fellowship hall and community service projects are scheduled throughout the year. The book chosen for study is titled New Christian's Handbook: Everything New Believers Need to Know by Marx Anders. Contact Marcia Petty at 296-7413 if you would like to join us.....and bring a friend!

CALL TREE: attached to this Cup is a call tree for notification of church cancellations and emergencies. Consider this to be a "living document" that changes as our congregation changes. Please carefully check the list and if any corrections or additions need to be made, contact the church office at 296-3991.

EASTER SUNDAY
 Sunrise Services
 6:30 a.m.
 UCPC
 Rev. Homer Davidson, Preaching

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

EASTER LILIES

Please use the form below to place your orders for Easter Lilies. Easter is April 4, 2010. For your convenience, you may place the order form in the offering plate, or give it to Mike Vaughn. Lilies are \$8.50 each, please make check payable to **Mike Vaughn**. Orders will be taken until March 21st. Lilies will be in the sanctuary Easter Sunday. If you have questions please contact Mike Vaughn or Melba Crouse.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

How many Lilies: _____ Easter Lilies are \$8.50 each

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

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.

March	Deodorant, razors, skin lotion
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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**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 March 31st and receive a 10% discount off the cost of camp.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE would like to thank the congregation for responding to our “Cry for Help.” The committee had decided to assemble Health Kits to send to Haiti after the earthquake had devastated many lives. We had only one week to collect and assemble these kits. Thanks to everyone—we received \$346.60 in donations. This enabled us to buy items we needed to complete 94 kits which were valued at \$12.00 each, totaling \$1,128.00. To explain the 100 kits—Steve Phipps brought six kits and \$29.00 from Old Union Christian Church. We had to add some items to their kits and added them to our 94 kits, making 100 kits totaling \$1,200.00. The volunteers checked each kit and placed the kits in boxes which were marked and taped. The 100 kits and a check for \$200.00 to cover shipping were delivered to a Methodist Church in Liberty. Other churches and individuals were arriving while we were there to fill the trailer with their kits. These kits were transported the next day to Festival of Sharing in Columbia, MO. Thank you for responding to our “Cry for Help.” You really surpassed our goal of 50 kits. Thank you again and I am sure the people in Haiti thank you too.

Missions Committee

SAFE PLACE FRIDAY SCHEDULE 2010

March 5th 7:30-10:00 p.m.
 March 19th 7:30-10:00 p.m.

April 9th 7:30-10:00 p.m.
 April 23 7:30-10:00 p.m.

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.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

Your help is needed! This is an opportunity to help people in your community who are facing a life-threatening illness. Liberty Hospital Hospice is in need of caring individuals to be part of our hospice team, as volunteers. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles such as sitting with patients and families, and running errands. The time commitment is flexible, based on your availability. For more information, please call Carmella Kovach, Volunteer Coordinator or Sandra Thibodeaux, Hospice Coordinator at 816-407-2200. Volunteer orientation/training is scheduled for :

- Session 1—Sat., March 13, 2010 (9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)
- Session 2—Sat., March 20, 2010 (9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)
- Session 3—Sat., March 27, 2010 (9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

Lunch and snacks are provided. Attendance at all three sessions is required and will be held at **Liberty Hospital Hospice Office, 1134 W. Kansas Street, Liberty, MO.** To RSVP please call 816-407-2200.

**HOW ARE WE DOING?
 Weekly Offering**

February 7	\$1,819.51
February 14	\$2,009.00
February 21	Church cancelled
February 28	\$

Attendance

	S.S.	Worship
February 7	64	94
February 14	43	88
February 21	Church Cancelled	
February 28		

Average

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE would like to thank Casey for getting the bunk beds together. We really appreciated you offering to help.



PASTOR
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pastor Nominating Committee Update March 2010

When is bad news really good news?...When it is evidence of God's presence in our lives. This past month we thought we might be on the trail of God's next pastor for UCPC but as it turned out God revealed His plans and they were not ours. However, the evidence of God working in our process keeps us on track, softens the disappointment, and enhances the excitement for the day He reveals our path. We are very thankful for His presence and the challenge before us!

So it is back to meeting twice a week with some excellent new candidates to pursue. We are honored and humbled that our congregation continues to trust and pray and have faith in our deliberations. Please know that we welcome your questions and comments and especially know that your prayers are felt and appreciated.

Paul's letter to the Colossians 1:11-14 reminded us all of our purpose: "We also pray that you will be strengthened with all His glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to His people, who live in the light. For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins."

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

WHEN YOU HAVE HOUSE GUESTS please bring them to church with you. Some people feel obligated to stay home when they have company. Don't! Please invite them to attend with you, or else tell them you'll continue the visit with them when you get home from church.

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*

MARCH 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 Choir Practice 6 PM Cub Scouts Mtg 7 &8 PM	2Exercise Class 8 AM KFC 3:30 PM Christian Ed. Mtg 7 PM Boy Scouts 7	3	4Exercise Class 8 AM Girl Scouts 6 PM	5 “SPF” 7:30-10 PM	6Men’s Brkfst 8 AM Chicken at Catricks
7	8 Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice 6 PM GS 6PM CS Mtg 7 &8	9 Exercise Class 8 AM KFC 3:30 PM Boy Scouts 7PM	10 Capital Campaign Task Force Mtg 6 PM	11 Exercise Class 8 AM Caring and Sharing 6:30 PM	12 Girl Scouts Mtg 7 PM	13 Men’s Brkfst 8 AM
14 Girl Scout Sunday Board Mtg 7 PM	15 Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice Cub Scouts Mtg 7 &8 PM	16 Exercise Class 8 AM Sr. Tuesday 11 KFC 3:30 PM Boy Scouts 7PM	17Capital Campaign Task Force Mtg 6 PM	18 Exercise Class 8 AM Girl Scouts 6 PM	19 “SPF” 7:30-10 PM	20 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8 AM
21	22Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice 6 PM GS 6PM CS 7 & 8 PM	23 Exercise Class 8 AM KFC 3:30 PM Boy Scouts 7PM	24	25 Exercise Class 8 AM Sewing 1-5 PM	26	27 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8 AM Easter Play 4 PM
28	29 Exercise Class 8 AM Choir Practice 6 PM CS 7 & 8 PM	30 Exercise Class 8 AM KFC 3:30 PM Boy Scouts 7PM	31			

The deadline for material for the April CUP is Monday, March 22nd.