



# THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS

March 4, 2011

March 6, 2011



Begins with Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
Includes lunch and childcare  
Ends at 2:00 p.m.

Led by Rev. Scott Woolridge, CCIW

<p><b>STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR</b></p> <p><b>MARCH 13</b> <b>2:00 TO 5:00 P.M.</b></p> <p>Led by Rev. Ed Taylor</p> <p>Desserts needed — please call the church secretary if you can provide a dessert.</p>	<p><b>JOIN US FOR</b></p> <p><b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>MARCH 20</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b></p> <p><b>LUNCH AT NOON</b></p>
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Daylight saving time begins on March 13th, don't forget to spring your clocks forward Saturday night before going to bed.



Week of Compassion Special Offering Sent!  
Thank you all for the many donations for the Week of Compassion! Our cheerful givers raised \$789 dollars to send for the offering, which will provide disaster relief for others from Nashville along the Cumberland River to Haiti on the Caribbean and back to Lake Charles along the Gulf!

World Outreach Team

Movie and Refreshments for Woodhaven Residents From stuffed animals provided by Nancy Parks and AVON to McDonalds cards and new jackets (raised \$1,600!), First Christian Church has a history of donating large to the residents of Woodhaven in Columbia, MO. Woodhaven, which is an affiliate of Disciples of Christ, offers "community-based supported living services for over 100 men and women with developmental disabilities," giving the residents a chance to live in the Columbia and Jefferson City areas (<http://www.woodhaventeam.org/>). They were so grateful for our years of support that in 2009, they visited our church to share in their extensive outreach projects and thank us for our contributions.

This time, we can support them in a fun evening out! On March 13 and 20, FCC will begin a new fundraiser for Woodhaven, a movie night for the residents. Jaime Freidrichs is the Director of Development indicated that Woodhaven loves to take it residents to the movies, but of course, the cost can be difficult to cover. Our donations will cover the cost of this night out for the residents. For \$10, one resident can attend a movie (\$6) and refreshments (\$4) at a local theater. Will you join us in buying a seat to the movies...maybe some refreshments...for a Woodhaven resident?

Blessings,  
World Outreach Team

**U-Night**

6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16

Fellowship Hall

Light Supper served at 6:00

Activities for adults and children of all ages.

Sign up on the Worship attendance slip, through the Church Secretary, or become a fan of U-Night on Facebook.

Thank you for the prayer shawl and your prayers. I am now on the road to recovery.

John Daily

Thanks to everyone for the calls, visits and cards I received while I was in the hospital and since returning home. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.



Sincerely,  
Lavonne Graven

**WE'RE GOING DIGITAL**

We are upgrading our newsletter to a digital format which means you will be able to receive it via email. Please update your email address with the Church Secretary at:

[fcc5@mchsi.com](mailto:fcc5@mchsi.com). A paper version will be available for those without email.

**Remember in Prayer**

Tara Sparrow, Tracy Hudson, Erma Short, Nancy Davis, Vic Tessman, Carol Bolsen, Jim Abderhalden, Lavonne Graven, Melbe Bales, John Daily, Seth Koons, Rodney Maxwell, Gavin Wright, Carol & Dale Piper, Charles Hutchcraft, Bev Alwerdt, Dave Dolan, Evelyn Hale, Marge Gaule, Father John Sohm, Grant & Erin Wade, Fran Dudley, Randy Righter, Wayne Gillenwater, Mary Bragg, Mike Culp, Shera Byers, Bob Lamendola, Ellen Ann Little VandenBrink, Sean Little, Russell Wiley, Bob Dudley, Robert Yaw, Bob, Don Stratman, Gary Kirkwood, Barb Vail, Bob Davis, Thomas Culp, Nancie Taylor, Jane Geiling, Rev. Darrell Statzer, Toby Shafer, Pat Burcham, Don Bragg, Marvene Walton, Mardelle Bolin, Celia Buesking, Bill Wood, LaVerne Braden, Dorothy Cook, Ruth Florini, Warren Hall, Archie Lowe, Dick Mills, Paul Hutchcraft

Our military serving our country



## Attendance Report

**“We count people-because people count!”**

Feb 20 Worship Service.....	110
Feb 27 Worship Service.....	113

## Stewardship Report

Feb 20 Offering.....	\$3,154.00
Feb 27 Offering.....	\$3,467.00
Weekly Budget for 2010.....	\$5,000.00

## Messages and Scriptures

Mar 6— “God’s Best—Think About These Things....”—Scott Woolridge, Guest Speaker

Mar 13—First Sunday of Lent— “A Letter from the Virgin Mary”—Luke 2:25-35

Mar 20—Second Sunday of Lent— Youth Sunday

Mar 26—Third Sunday of Lent— “A Letter from Joseph of Arimathea”—John 19:38-42

April 3—Fourth Sunday of Lent— “A Letter from Simon Peter”—Luke 22:47-62

Visit our website at [www.fccsullivan.org](http://www.fccsullivan.org) for a highlights from our Sunday Worship Services and pictures from church events.

## Community Calendar

Blood Drive  
Tuesday, March 8, 2011  
11:45 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
Sullivan American Legion

2011 Legacy Tournament Trail  
Lake Shelbyville  
April 16, 2011  
5:00 a.m. Registration & Check-in at  
Wolf Creek State Park Ramp

See office bulletin board for more information

## Family Matters

A couple of things for you related to youth and families here at FCC.

1. Youth Sunday is coming soon! Mark March 20th on your calendar! Our youth have been working on putting together a very special service for us that day. It will certainly be something you won't want to miss. For lunch that day we invite and encourage you to join us as the youth will be providing lunch in addition to our worship service. Both of these things will be great ways for you to support our youth as they share their heart for serving others.
2. U-Night continues to be a great time for parents and children to interact with one another. As I write this, we're expecting a big turnout for U-night (tonight). To make U-Night successful requires some wonderful volunteers. There are many who cook for us and do a great job - if this is something you would be interested in helping with, please let us know. Also, we have some great people who volunteer with our children each U-Night, but we're in need of some others to join the rotation. If you don't know already, we have some really great youth here! Being able to spend time with them and invest in their lives truly is a joy. If you're available on (1st and 3rd) Wednesday nights to hang out with a group of kids, would you please let us know? I know I've said this before, but I'll say it again: time spent with children and youth is probably as much a blessing to the adult as it is the child or youth.

Pastor Grant

## VISITATION REMINDER

Please call our Church Secretary when you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital. Because of confidentiality laws we are no longer automatically notified. Also call when you or a loved one would like a visit from the Pastor or an Elder. We want to be helpful in your times of need.

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

9:00 AM Morning Worship  
10:15 AM Church School  
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Pastor's e-mail: rsi@mchsi.com  
Family Pastor's e-mail: grant@fccsullivan.org  
Pastor's Cell Phone 217-273-9766  
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Office Hours: M-F 9:00—12:00  
1:00— 4:00  
Rev. Rebecca S. Ingram, Pastor  
Rev. Grant Wade, Family Pastor  
Michelle Liddiard, Secretary  
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**Becky's By-Line**

It is great to be back from vacation! Oh, don't get me wrong...I really would like to be back in the warmer weather. But experiencing warmer weather reminds me that the weather will change here in Illinois one of these days. And if we're lucky, it will be a change to warmer days!

As Christians we also have reminders that give us hope. We are soon to enter the Lenten Season when we especially consider what Christ Jesus has done for us in the scope of eternal life. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter much as Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. Jesus came to us as a child but it the adult Jesus who lived among us and showed us how to love God and love one another. It is the human Jesus who was persecuted and died a torturous death. It is the divine Jesus who took on our sin on that cross and bore the agony of separation from God. And it is Christ Jesus who overcame the restraints of death and arose on the third day.

What hope! If just a little sunshine can give us hope for better weather to come, just think how much hope Easter gives us for life to come...for all eternity.

Join us on Sundays where we will experience life "Beneath the Cross" and gain a better understanding of the hope we can find in the cross and in the resurrection.

Serving Christ together,

Rebecca S. Ingram, Pastor