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Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m. Informal Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Scripture: Job 2:1-10

Sermon: "The Audaciousness of God"

Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll

COFFEE AND CONDIMENTS

We are in need of coffee, creamer, and sweetener for the kitchen/fellowship hour. Please purchase a little extra the next time you are at the grocery store if you are able, and bring it to the church kitchen.

We also need hosts and cookies for the Sunday fellowship hour. The sign-up clip board is on the south wall in the narthex, or call Ann Emry at 346-5501.

ELDERS' INSTITUTE UPDATE

There is a change of dates for the Elders' Institute. The meeting will NOT be held January 20-21 but has been postponed to March 2-3. Don Hiscox, Transitional Regional Minister, will be present at the March meeting.

Sermon Series for January 8-February 19 "Mining Job"

Digging under the surface of this well-known story for the lesser-known insights and wisdom, in hopes that we will all come away spiritually richer and wiser!

Remember that the Tuesday evening Pastor's Bible Study gives opportunity for in-depth discussion of weekly sermon topics and scriptures. Everyone is invited!

Fellowship Dinner



other dishes to share with everyone. We hope to see you all here.

Please plan to join us this Sunday, January 15th at noon in the fellowship hall. The Disciple Men are hosting the luncheon and will provide ham and brisket. They request that you please bring



NAMETAGS

A nametag order will be placed on January 23rd. Please submit your request by the 22nd. Please stop by the office or see Marcie Rollings for a form.

Regarding the Chronological Bible Readings:

We have discovered that the schedule for chronological readings differs significantly depending on which translation of the Bible you are reading from. The list published in our newsletter each month follows the *New Living Translation*. Feel free to follow whatever schedule is most convenient for you. The most important thing is to keep reading!



COLLEEN'S CORNER:

Mining is dangerous work! In spite of all the technological advances in the industry, everyone knows that whether mining for coal or diamonds, fossil or mineral, miners risk injury, illness, and death to do their work of harvesting the resources from the stubborn earth.

It is entirely possible that as we embark on a sermon series on mining the book of Job for its spiritual riches, we too may be at risk. We certainly will be at risk of a challenge to our thinking - you know me, I like to stir the thinking pot! I heard it said recently that the only difference between change and challenge is three letters. The person who said this was encouraging a group of people who were faced with a daunting task to take courage, to plod ahead and not give up.

I hope you'll invest the energy and risk to pick up the pick-axe and dig along in Job, if nothing else, for the sake of the riches we may discover along the way. But I also invite you to share your own experiences of discovery in the middle of the ash heap, those gems and treasures you already hold in your heart from suffering you have endured and survived. Miners work together, after all!

Three gems from Sunday's sermon about Job's response in the midst of the ash heap:

- Job *experienced* his grief (didn't run from, hide, or anesthetize his pain but tore his clothes, shaved his head and sat in ashes)
- Job *embraced* his grief (made the choice to learn from it rather than being victimized)
- Job *expressed* his grief—to God directly through worship

For those of you who wish to gain more than the short insights on Sunday mornings, I recommend Jeanie Miley's book, *Sitting Strong: Wrestling with the Ornery God*, Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys Publishing, Inc., 2006. Miley writes from her own journey of suffering and survival, and is a popular speaker and retreat leader. My mother gave me this book a year or so before she died, and I have found great comfort and wisdom in Miley's insights.

If you are in the midst of the ash heap of suffering at this time in your life, I pray the spirit of peace will find you there, hold you there, and grant you healing according to your needs.

Pastor Colleen ☺



Since the holidays are now behind us, we are moving forward with Growth Group planning. Training for the group facilitators – or “shepherds” – will begin in February, and we hope to start the sign-up process for the groups in late March or early April. Please be in prayer for this new ministry which will help to build relationships within the church and provide a safe place to share.

If you would like to participate in the book study in the Emmaus Travelers class on Sunday mornings beginning January 15, and do not have a copy of the book, *Split Ticket*, please let me know. I hope to order a few copies this week and they will be available for purchase.

I leave you with these words from Saint Augustine:

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”

Have a blessed week.

Pastor Brad

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Department is pleased to announce that our pledges for 2012 to the General Fund are \$134,220. Additionally, \$29,216 has been added above and beyond previous pledges to the Building Fund.

Praise be to God for his abundant generosity. Jesus and our faith is clearly and dearly living within our hearts.

One side note: One recent visitor was impressed with the welcoming and friendliness of our church saying it has the flavor of a country church and so quaint...she coming from a big city Disciples church. She really enjoyed worshipping with us.

Stewardship Chair, Merle Harrison
Nancy Johnston & Sara Reiter



STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

Last week, we welcomed our new class to Stephen Ministry training 2012. It was a time of excitement and perhaps a bit of apprehension as we embarked on this new journey together. Much of the time was spent getting acquainted with each other and becoming familiar with the training materials.

One thing that we encouraged our Stephen Ministry trainees to consider is the practice of spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are a way to make sure that our own spiritual cups are being replenished so we can be the best possible caregivers to others. A few examples of spiritual disciplines are prayer, daily devotionals, Bible study, meditation, and worship. Practicing spiritual disciplines help us to keep our spirits “in shape” in the same way that eating nutritious foods and exercising keeps our physicals bodies healthy.

We often think of Stephen Ministers caring for those who are experiencing grief, an illness, divorce, or job loss, but Stephen Ministers also care for those who are experiencing spiritual difficulties. We’ve probably all had times when we just couldn’t seem to pray or we lost interest in study or worship. If you’re experiencing one of these times, a Stephen Minister might be appropriate for you. For more information, contact Bonnie Canaday, Referrals Coordinator at 573-345-9856.

Dear Church family,
Thanks to the many hands who prepared the Christmas bag with so many thoughtful items. The homemade cookies were a real treat! Thank you for remembering me!
Happy New Year to all!

Love, Ron Phillips & family

Thanks for all the thoughts, prayers and cards in the passing of my father. I miss everyone and look forward to being back in service with you all soon.

Love, Sonny McDowell

SATURDAY HELPERS

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who came to the church last Saturday to take down our Advent and Christmas decorations and put things back in order! We had a wonderful showing of helpers, and the work went smoothly and joyfully. Some items were even cleaned or repaired before being put away for the year, which is an extra plus. Again, thank you everyone!

The Worship Department



Soup Kitchen

Come join us in this new ministry! On the second and fourth Tuesday of the winter months, we prepare and serve a nutritious meal for those who need it. This is a joint venture with Foundation Fellowship Church. We will be meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m. and would love to have your help!



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***Our mission at Community Christian Church is...
 "to Proclaim Christ's love to all people through Worship, Study, Fellowship, and Service."***

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Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, January 11

8:00 a.m.	Exercise Class
9:00 a.m.	Pastoral Staff
9:30-2:30 p.m.	Quilters
10:30 a.m.	Brown Bag Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	Handbells
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 12

9:00 a.m.	Prayer Force
11:30 a.m.	Sharing & Caring Meeting
5:30 p.m.	Triple C Basketball
5:30 p.m.	Soup Kitchen Planning
6:30 p.m.	Ministers Conference

Friday, January 13

7:30 a.m.	Coffee Talk
8:00 a.m.	Exercise Class
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl group
5:30 p.m.	Mental Health First Aid

Saturday, January 14

8-5 p.m.	Mental Health First Aid
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Sunday, January 15

8:30 a.m.	Informal Worship
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner

Monday, January 16

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 a.m.	Exercise Class
5:30 p.m.	Triple C Basketball
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 17

6:30-9 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 a.m.	Exercise Class
9:30-2:30 p.m.	Quilters
10:30 a.m.	Brown Bag Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Newsletter Crew
6:00 p.m.	Handbells
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Hours given in service week ending 1-8-12 : 124
