

# Keeping You *In Touch*

*Central Missouri USA Mission Center*

## From our President — Honor Your Uniqueness

I recently read an article by Julie Jordan Scott talking about ways to honor your uniqueness. She says, “One message we hear from the time we are children, is that it is better to give than receive.” She continues by saying, “True, and not so true.” She says we also need to recognize ourselves with love and compassion or we will not be able to give fully to another.”

Julie provides some simple steps you can take to honor your uniqueness everyday. Perhaps some or all of these will be helpful to you.

1. Take time for quiet daily. This can be a time of contemplation, prayer or mediation.
2. Treat yourself with as much care, if not more, than you treat others. Once you master caring for yourself, caring for others will become effortless and spring from the heart instead of duty.
3. Accept compliments from others with grace. Accept it as you would a treasure box or a long awaited gift.
4. Spend time investing in and cultivating close friendships. Incorporate friend building activities into your daily routine. Share meals together and keep in touch.
5. Give joyfully and receive with open arms. Recognize that giving and receiving are on the same continuum and not separate at all!
6. Become apart of a larger community. It may mean starting a small group who share your interest, goals and vision for the world. Synergy will empower you incredibly when you join in a community where you can equally give and receive on a regular basis.
7. Mentor someone simply for the pleasure of observing and becoming involved in their growth.
8. Live a purposeful, visionary, value and care-oriented life. Recognize and embrace that you are creating your life as a masterful artist each and every day.
9. Love yourself with all your heart, soul and strength without attachment to what you are achieving in your life today. Be compassionate and understanding while also standing firm in the knowledge that you are both incredibly unique and incredibly capable.

As we move through the year 2006, let’s make sure that we cherish what God has given to us and others — our uniqueness.

*Claude M. Rains, Jr., President, Central Missouri Mission Center*



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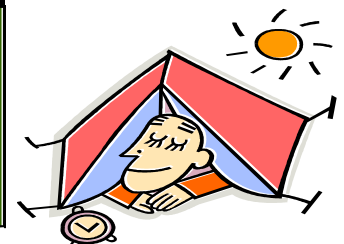
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**CHANGING CONCEPTS  
OF ZION**  
April 8, 8:30-4:30 pm  
Oak Grove  
\$17  
Larry Childers, instructor





The church's *World Community* program offers young people the opportunity to deepen their discipleship by completing creative projects and service activities. The program has three levels; *Light of the World* (for ages 8 and above), *Path of the Disciple* (ages 11 and above), and *Exploring Community Together* (ages 15 and above)



The children and grandchildren of



**HARRY and JOAN HAMILTON**

invite you to their  
**60th Wedding Anniversary Reception**  
**April 2, 2006, 2-4 PM**

Ray County Library Community Room

Clinton Community of Christ members Chris Blanco and Philip John Crowell (above) of Troop 2, Lonebear District, Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor Ceremony.

**SPECTACULAR PRACTICE — MARCH 26, 2-4:30 PM — First Christian Church, Warrensburg.** Bring ideas for T-shirt design and be ready to practice some volleyball and basketball. Food will be provided.



Call your friends that you plan to invite to SPEC and let them come with you to practice. Actual dates for SPEC is July 22-29. Don't delay, register today!



The Holden Community of Christ hosted Bible School in 2005 in cooperation with the Holden Area Ministerial Association. The theme was "Son Harvest County Fair." Eighty-nine children and over 40 adult and teen teachers and helpers participated. Six area congregations joined together to make this a success; First Presbyterian, First Christian, St. Patrick's Catholic, First Methodist, and the Kingsville and Holden congregations of the Community of Christ. The children donated over 300 food items for the food pantry.

**HARRISONVILLE BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 11-13, 2006, 6-8:30 PM**

There will be classes for age three through adult. Steve Veazey and Dale Luffman are scheduled to be guest teachers. Steve will be our guest on Sunday night and Dale on Monday night. Tuesday evening will be a fellowship night. The theme is "WE WANT TO SEE ..." Everyone is invited to join on any evening.

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Congratulations to Lee Smith who completed his "God and Country" class for Scouts. Thanks to Norm Eagleton who taught the class. Way to go!



**Kingsville Community of Christ Kid's Klub and Mid-MO Clowns sharing together at the Holden Manor.**

**2005 Summer Camps - Another GREAT Year!**

Over 100 youth shared in Central Missouri's youth camps this past summer and every camp was enjoyed by all of the campers and staff. Children's Camp, for our young people going into first, second or third grade, was held at Camp Palestine and had 13 campers. Junior Camp, for those youth entering third, fourth and fifth grades was also held at Camp Palestine with 39 campers attending. Central Missouri co-sponsored the summer's Junior High and Senior High Camps with other mission centers to help those youth meet other youth in the church and to also help relieve some financial stress of sponsoring a camp. Junior High Camp was held at Camp Chihowa with the Midlands Mission Center, with over 80 campers on the campgrounds. Central Missouri joined with Far West Mission Center at Camp Farwesta for Senior High Camp as 42 campers shared the week.

The planning for 2006 camps is well underway and all of the camp directors have some great ideas on making this summer's camps an experience of being *Grounded In Jesus!*

**SPECTACULAR and International Youth Forum (IYF)**

*Why Jesus* - it could be a question or it could be an answer. Over 800 young people from around the world came together at the Temple Complex in Independence, MO for a week of discovery and sharing of what *Why Jesus* means, during the fourth International Youth Forum sponsored by the Community of Christ.

During sessions with World Church leadership and various classes and other activities these young people came together to celebrate and claim their place in the Community of Christ.

Open to students who will be entering their freshman through senior grades and the current year's graduates, Central Missouri had 14 young people attend the July event. The next IYF will be held in 2009.

And the *Why Jesus* theme continued during the following week at SPECTACULAR on the campus of Graceland University. Central MO had 21 SPEC campers and experienced a week of hot temperatures but cool fun! Many of the attendees from IYF moved up to the university's dorms and shared in a week of sports, classes, leadership development and worship. The 2006 SPECTACULAR dates are July 22-29. Registration forms are available on the mission center website.

**Marshall Chicken Suppers** are served every month on the second Saturday. Next one is April 8! Fried or baked chicken with the trimmings from 5-7 pm for only \$6 for adults; and children (4-12) \$3.50 Carry outs are available. Everyone is welcome!



**Warrensburg Congregation** collected over a ton of soup for the Annual 'Souper' Bowl. A total of 13,347 cans of soup was collected by churches, schools and businesses in Johnson County. Approximately 1,020 individuals are served monthly.

**2006 YOUTH CAMPS & SPEC**

<i>CAMP</i>	<i>COST</i>	<i>DATES</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
<i>Sr High</i>	<i>\$140*</i>	<i>June 17-22</i>	<i>Camp Farwesta</i>
<i>Jr High</i>	<i>\$140*</i>	<i>July 9-14</i>	<i>Camp Chihowa</i>
<i>Junior</i>	<i>\$ 75**</i>	<i>July 5-8</i>	<i>Camp Palestine</i>
<i>Children</i>	<i>\$ 75**</i>	<i>July 5-8</i>	<i>Camp Palestine</i>
<i>Spec</i>	<i>\$265/215</i>	<i>July 22-29</i>	<i>Graceland University</i>

**CAMPER GRADES**

<i>CAMP</i>	<i>Right Now In Grades</i>
<i>Senior High</i>	<i>9th, 10th, 11th, 12th</i>
<i>Junior High</i>	<i>6th, 7th, 8th</i>
<i>Junior</i>	<i>3rd, 4th, 5th</i>
<i>Children's</i>	<i>Kinder., 1st, 2nd</i>
<i>Spectacular</i>	<i>10th, 11th, &amp; 12th</i>

*Registration forms are available at your congregation or on the mission center's website, cmcofchrist.org.*

*\*Add \$25 if not paid in full by May 31.*

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**HARRISONVILLE NAUVOO TRIP — Memorial Day Weekend**

The congregation has been busy raising money for a charter bus. We have had a garage sale along with the citywide garage sale. Wilson and Betty Jones have donated proceeds from their honey sales. We have had two game booths at the Freeman Homecoming, and have collected lots of loose change. We are looking forward to an exciting and learning experience about the history of our church.

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## GROUNDED IN CHRIST

WOW! What a way to start the New Year; Grounded in Christ! Twenty-one youth attended the New Years Celebration in Camdenton. We started with community building games, like stanticky, fanticky, Lim Po Po and Tin Pan Bang Bang! The games kept everyone moving and thinking about topics like reconciliation, acceptance, diversity, compassion, inclusion, following and cooperation.

For dinner we had chicken and beef kabobs. After which we watched a movie called "Road to Redemption." This lead into a wonderful campfire service with Gwen Lind. The youth acted out a drama as Gwen read the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den. After campfire, we saw the New Year in with plenty of noise!

On Sunday morning the youth participated in a prayer and testimony service with the Camdenton congregation lead by Gloria Dampier. We continued worshipping together through the communion service. Erica Crabtree shared special music with us, and Rick Goeking brought the morning message.

Thank You's go to all those who participated and to the Camdenton Congregation for hosting this event, for the kabobs and for the potluck dinner following church. A special thanks to Bailey Everhart for being an "inviter" and to all of her friends who came with her!

A special thanks to Cindy Howard and Betty Crabtree for helping with the event. But most of all, thanks to all of the youth that accepted the invitation to start the New Year Grounded in Christ!

**Anita Norman, Camdenton Youth Leader and Event Coordinator**



**LADIES OF  
CENTRAL MO  
MISSION CENTER**  
are you rrrrready to  
Rrrrrumble? ... or  
Rumba .... or

**Relax .... and Refresh? Oh Yeah!!!!**

We are excited as plans are shaping up for the Fall Ladies Retreat. Please mark your calendar for September 15-16; we want to make certain you are available to attend. We have secured a beautiful location at Heit's Point on the Lake of the Ozarks and are now finalizing plans for Guest Ministry. Our theme will be a Healing SPA — Healing BMS (Body, Mind and Spirit). Please save the date, and watch for details.

We will have a CMMC Ladies' Luncheon on Saturday, April 1 at Pleasant Hill Church, 10AM-3PM. Bring a meat, fruit, veggie or dessert salad to share. Bring a white elephant gift for a fundraiser for the Fall Women's Retreat. Bring a friend. Fun worship, music and SISTERship. Please contact Vicky Eagleton, 816-779-5202 or email her at eaglenv@casstel.net.

Excitement is growing for these two events. Your ideas, voluntary services and prayerful support will be most appreciated.

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