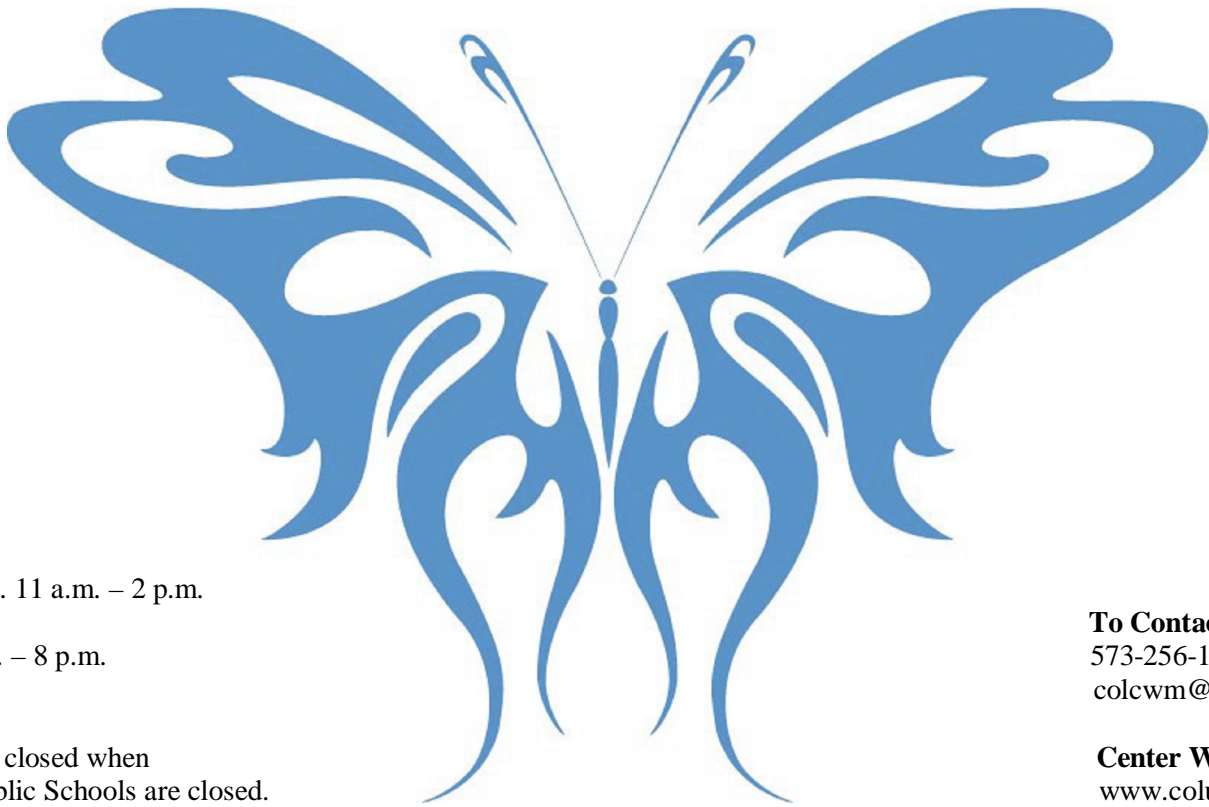


# Center News



## Hours

Daytime:

Mon. – Thurs. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Evening:

Thurs. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

## Closings

The Center is closed when  
Columbia Public Schools are closed.

## To Contact the Center

573-256-1799

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## Center Website

[www.columbiacwm.org](http://www.columbiacwm.org)



## Cinnamon Rolls

As noted in the Treasurer's Report, the cinnamon roll fundraiser continues to be a success. Stop by the Center to purchase rolls, which are available for immediate take home at \$10 a dozen. They are stored at the Center frozen and can either be baked directly from frozen form, or thawed first and then baked. Either way, they are a treat and fun to serve. At the same time, purchasing them helps out the Center. Yolanda Sekol has printed some fun and colorful flyers for us, if you would like to spread the word.

## NEWSWRITER(S) NEEDED

Help will be needed in putting out future newsletters. If you enjoy writing and have basic computer skills working in MS Word and ability to email this is your chance! There is also a need for someone with more advanced computer skills who can help with the layout. The newsletters are sent out four times a year: January, April, July and October.

## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As we start this new year, we praise God for the blessings He has poured out on us. Our Center is running well and Jesus IS on the Throne. With counselors coming and going and our individual schedules not allowing us all to be together and share “what’s up,” some may feel a little left out or disjointed. Hopefully this newsletter will bring you up to date on “what’s up.”

I believe everyone has been informed that our Director, Debby, on Saturday, December 29 went into a coma and we still don’t know why. The great news is that our God is faithful and answered our prayers for her and the family in miraculous ways. She was given a 1% chance of coming out of the coma...and yet she did. Since then all the tests showed all her systems except her kidneys were working fine. Today, January 11, she will be discharged from the hospital and will be going back for regular dialysis until her kidneys get going on their own. We are praying this will be soon. Please keep Debby and her family in your prayers as she recovers and regains strength. We do want to be mindful not to all call her at home for a time as she needs to heal and gain strength.

Our wonderful Marilyn Hogan, who has been on our Board since we started the Center is stepping down as a Board member, but will continue as a regular Wednesday staff person, and will be giving us her valued input as needed. We thank her for all the hours she has devoted to us as treasurer, counselor (not just for our clients), writer of numerous letters, computer “technician,” organizer of just about everything, prayer warrior, and a genuine warm and loving friend. Thank you, Marilyn from the bottom of our hearts.

This newsletter will be giving you some information on the two new Board members that God has given us. How can we thank Him enough for providing for all our needs.

I would like to end my note with a quote from John Boyer, Debby’s husband. He said, “We lose a day when we worry about today or tomorrow.” This really blessed me and I hope you, too, can be encouraged to give all your burdens to God, as He is faithful. As Debby would say to you, “May the Lord continue to bless others through you.”

Cherie Stott, writing for the Board

### Newsletter Team:

Marilyn Hogan  
Kathie Esbeck  
Yolanda Sekol

### CWM Board Members

Debby Boyer  
Dona Jones Cherie Stott  
Nancy Fedorchak  
Alice Schawo Yolanda Sekol



## CHANGE ON THE BOARD

Stepping down from the Board, but continuing to serve in other capacities is Marilyn Hogan. We are all so appreciative of her wonderful leadership and years of service, as Cherie more adequately expressed. New to the Board are Alice Schawo and Yolanda Sekol. To introduce themselves, they have each written a short bio. We are thrilled to have them serve with us in this capacity.

### Alice

I have a heart for ministry to women who are struggling and/or hurting. I have a love of the Lord and have served in various aspects of church ministry in many different roles. Through personal experience in my own life struggles, I have learned of God’s faithfulness and healing. I am a member of Evangelical Free Church here in Columbia. After almost twenty years in continuing education at the University of Missouri, I “recycled” my talents and am now working as a mental health counselor at Copen, Wright and Associates, Inc. (a Christian counseling center with offices in Columbia and Jefferson City.) Outside of work, I love spending time with my three sons, two daughters-in-law, and two grandchildren.

### Yolanda

I have lived in Columbia since 1989. My husband, Dave, and I have been married for 34 years and have one grown son, who lives in Springfield, MO with his wife. No grandchildren, but am looking forward to future grandchildren. I had a child daycare in my home for six years after moving to Columbia and later worked in a chiropractor’s office as an office assistant. Recently, I was assistant coordinator for Angel Food Ministry at Christian Chapel. I enjoy volunteer work and although I have not done any counseling at the Center, I enjoy helping the director with any office work that needs to be done. My husband and I attend The Revolution church here in Columbia. My hobbies include reading books that will teach me more about the deeper things of God, amateur photography, restoration of old photos, and crafts.

## FINANCIAL CORNER

We have been blessed at the Center as we continue to receive donations enough to cover our expenses. We have faithful donors who contribute \$10 and more every month. This type of regular donations helps us in our planning and we appreciate this (though we certainly welcome one-time gifts as well). We also continue to have success with the cinnamon rolls and last month sold more than usual (with the help of a large number of purchases from Woodcrest Chapel). We sold over 100 dozen!

Those of you who have contributed over \$100.00 to the Center this year will be receiving your 2007 giving statements soon. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Center. Thank you for your continued faithfulness with those donations.

Nancy Fedorchak, Treasurer

## LOVE INC

Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ) has come to Columbia! We are now an official affiliate of a 30-year-old national organization with branches in 150 cities around the country. The mission of Love INC is to mobilize the church to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. It provides a vehicle to help churches, collectively and individually, fulfill their Biblical mandate to reach out to their neighbors in need.

The Love INC office (which is located just above the CWM office in Kelly Plaza) will serve in much the same capacity for the churches of the city that a church secretary serves for a single congregation. The office is scheduled to open in February under the direction of interim executive director, Linda Dyer. We are currently assembling our network of partner churches and developing a directory of churches and their various resources/interests so that a clearinghouse can be established.

As a founding board member of CWM, and now vice president of the Love INC board, I believe that Love INC will serve to make CWM more visible to the community and encourage greater participation by local churches. If you would like to know more about Love INC, you can go to our local website: [www.columbialoveinc.org](http://www.columbialoveinc.org). You may sign up to receive bi-monthly email updates at [columbialoveinc@centurytel.net](mailto:columbialoveinc@centurytel.net).

Jane Williams,  
Vice President, Love INC

## COMMUNICATION 101

Our first discussion will cover email. The first and most important point is that we want to communicate with you! We hope to eventually send the Newsletter via the Internet, but also want to let you know about scheduling changes, important notices, prayer needs, and the like. To do this we need your *current* email address. Please re-submit addresses just to make sure. Send to [colcwm@mschi.com](mailto:colcwm@mschi.com).

## LIBRARY EXPANSION



Dona Jones and Yolanda Sekol will be expanding on the excellent foundation laid by Laurie Bobbitt to computerize our resources for easy access. All of us have appreciated the many hours of work Laurie put in organizing, cataloging and selecting books and media to develop the library we now have. Building on this, Dona and Yolanda are making entries by Title, Author and Subject in Excel, so books will be alphabetized in each category. Titles of specific books may then easily be found from a computer, which will be kept on the front desk. Books will be shelved in subject groupings and then alphabetically by authors' last names.

Check-out will still be by log book, but this, too will be entered into the computer, so please also *check in* your material when you return it so that your item is cleared. In an effort to make as much material available to everyone as possible, the check-out period will be limited to one month. Let's all resolve to search our shelves for material we may have forgotten to return. We can all take part in caring for our valuable resource, and in doing so, show our appreciation to those who have made it available!

## Of all we do, **PRAYER MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT**

By Marilyn Hogan



Recently I was challenged by Oswald Chambers in his devotional MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST. Some of his thoughts have been filtering through my mind ever since, especially on Wednesdays at the Center. There is a small group of faithful prayer warriors (with many others in and out as their schedules allow) that meets regularly from noon-1:00 p.m. every Wednesday that the Center is open. However, Chambers comments that ‘prayer does not equip us for greater works—prayer *is* the greater work. In the teaching of Jesus Christ, prayer is the working of the miracle of redemption in me, which produces the miracle of redemption in others, through the power of God.’

We have seen Him answer in ways we could not have imagined, and certainly not always the way we prayed.....but we pray for His will to be done, and He has surprised us on more than one request. Chambers writes that ‘when you labor at prayer, from God’s perspective there are always results.’ We rejoice for the way He provides counselors, finances, office staff, substitutes, but most of all we are humbled by His faithfulness in answering prayers of this group and those they represent. If you find yourself in our area during that time, feel free to join us. We are doing ‘the greater work,’ and the invitation is always open. Come and seek His face with us.



### **CWM OPENING IN FULTON**



We at the Columbia Center are thrilled to share that plans are under way to open a CWM in Fulton, MO, in April. Jewel Holt, who took the training at our Center and was involved in a Leadership in Training (LIT) conference with National CWM, saw the need in Fulton and has been involved in the organization of this new Center. There are currently 21 women taking the training. They have a building (currently being remodeled for their needs), and the Lord has already provided some financial support.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

**Making Peace with Your Past:** Alice Schawo will be teaching this class and writes the following: Many of us grew up in homes that were not nurturing or healthy—that in fact were dysfunctional. Unless we learn new patterns of behavior, those same learned behaviors may continue to plague us. In this 13-week face-to-face support group we will look at old situations, identify how they continue to affect us, and learn and apply steps for healing and recovery. Daily individual study and weekly small-group interaction will help you make peace with yourself and your past.

The book costs \$15.00 and will be made available for purchase at the first meetings. Please call Alice Schawo, who will be teaching the class, at 474-0243 to reserve your place. Group size is limited. Pre-registration is required by January 25<sup>th</sup>. The first session is Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Center.

**Financial Peace University:** This is Dave Ramsey’s highly recommended course on managing money for anyone wanting to gain control of their finances. Deatra McGary will be teaching the course *if* we have at least 15 people. The cost will be \$45 for 13 sessions, which will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. weekly probably on a Tuesday or Wednesday at the Center. If you would like to be put on a waiting list, please call the Center (256-1799) *immediately*.

**Counselor Training:** The dates for the upcoming training session have not yet been set. Jackie Scott will be teaching the course, possibly as soon as February. Contact the Center (256-1799) *without delay* if you or someone you know would like to take the class. This course is required before volunteering as a counselor or in support work of any kind. If you have not considered this before, it may be that the timing is right for you to become involved! We ask that you prayerfully consider it.