



August 2013

Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

Inside this issue:

General Assembly 2013	1
Board Chips	3
Elders Corner	3
Prayers	4
Worship Leaders	5
Calendar	6
Regional Assembly 2013	7

General Assembly 2013—Orlando, FL

Cool quotes

a smattering of wisdom and grace

We have S.A.D.D. - spiritual attention deficit disorder—Rev. Glen Miles

All are welcome at the table. We just need to remember our manners (paraphrase)—General Minister and President Sharon Watkins

Sometimes we need to practice impertinent compassion—Rev. Feliberto Pereira

To the committee who organized the children's busy stations, there are many stars added to your crowns from this parent. Thank you!

Eating the bread (of communion) is an act of defiance of scarcity—Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggeman

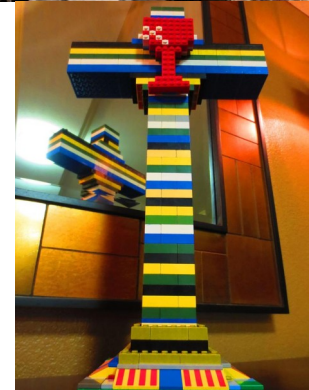
After opening worship tonight my 16-year-old stated that tonight made her proud to be a Disciple. Me too!

Pray with chutzpah—Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggeman

God's will must be done without prior investigation.—Rev. Feliberto Pereira

Don't stop at the Golden Rule. Go PLATINUM!—Rev. Dr. David Anderson

For a complete list of the business docket and resolutions, visit www.disciples.org



See you in Columbus, OH!

July 18-22, 2015

Worship times:

Summer Hours

From Memorial Day through Labor Day

Worship 10am



The Wednesday Dinner-Video-Discussion group (DVD) is currently viewing and discussing the 2010 PBS mini-series, *God in America*. The series examines the complex interaction between religion and democracy throughout the evolution of American society and its ideals.

Dinner-Video-Discussion

Many in our group have discovered stories of American history they've never heard before, and learned how religious ideas have shaped the ideals of the concept of American religious liberty.

Please consider joining us for dinner, a short video segment and discussion afterwards. We meet from 5:30 to 7 pm every Wednesday evenings.

This series will be the group's focus of study for the remainder of the year.

Faith

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.—Mother Teresa

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.—Henry Ward Beecher

Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.—Helen Keller

If patience is worth anything, it must endure to the end of time. And a living faith will last in the midst of the blackest storm.—Mahatma Gandhi

If I Really Knew Me

Save The Date!

SEGA Women's Retreat

September 13-14, 2013

First Christian Church

Kennett, MO

Dynamic Speaking from Indiana

Leah Doughty

Reminder!

Regular Worship Hours Return
Sunday, September 8, 2013

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 10:45am

Chips from the Board

- Renovation of ladies restroom in progress and completed soon.
- The Search Committee is continuing to work diligently on finding an interim minister.
- The Christian Church of Mid-America is holding its regional assembly in Sedalia, MO on October 12 beginning at 9:45am
- The board approved purchase of a \$25 ad for the BEACON annual charity auction to be held November 9th at Belleville West High School.

Crossroads Choir

The choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday August 21, 2013 at 7pm. The choir practices every Wednesday evenings at 7pm



from late August through Pentecost. All who are interested in sharing their vocal talents are invited to attend.

Elder's Corner

I want to use this space this month to talk generally about the process of searching for a new pastor and specifically, about the Search Committee and what it is doing. Along the way, I want to address the congregation's part in the entire process.

We all need to be reminded that the work of searching for a new pastor is an undertaking of God's work. The committee believes that God has a central role in that calling. To that end, what follows is a brief report to the congregation of what the committee has done:

May 19, 2013 First organizational meeting of the search committee

May 22, 2013 Congregational meeting with Area Minister Penny Ross-Corona

June 2, 2013 Distribution of the congregational survey

June 3, 2013 Committee met with Penny Ross-Corona to review potential interim candidates

June 1, 2013 Committee met with the Stewardship/Finance committee to discuss available funds

June 7, 2013 funds

June 15, 2013 Committee met to review job description and craft questions to ask of a potential interim candidate

The process is necessarily a slow one, and to that end we ask you to pray daily for guidance as we strive toward answering God's call with both an interim and permanent pastor.

—Ken Holmes

Prayers

- Abbi (granddaughter of Wayne & Marie) healing prayers after surgery
- Family of Nathan Hubert, 2 yr. old who died after being left in a hot car. Nathan was in Lisa's Musikgarten class
- Rose (cousin of Trish D.) having surgery
- Jack (brother of Pat P.) struggling with Parkinson's disease
- Kathy (friend of Pat P.) mom is critically ill
- Marie Dyar recovering from surgery
- Steve Barbee upcoming medical procedure
- Samantha (niece of Tom P) upcoming surgery
- Micky (Jennifer's uncle) recovering from cancer surgery
- Pam (Jennifer's mom) upcoming medical tests
- Shelby (family friend of Wayne & Marie) healing prayers
- Samantha (Kay's granddaughter) health concerns
- Hugh (brother of Mary W.) in hospital in critical care
- Travis (neighbor of Hedy & Leroy) recovering from dog bite
- Dave (friend of Cathy & Gary M.) wife died from breast cancer
- Virginia (friend of Pat P.) health concerns
- Emily (daughter of Rod & Carol) going through a child custody proceeding
- Rick (friend of Hedy & Leroy) bone cancer
- Bonnie (aunt of Pat Mc) last scan after chemo shows no cancer
- Happy Birthday wishes to Helen Richter
- Birth of Logan Karl, new grandson for Rod & Carol
- Alex (grandson of Dale H.) having seizures

Week of Compassion Update

The Compassion in Action Fund is an allocation the Week of Compassion Advisory Committee makes each year to enable WoC to respond quickly to requests for emergencies, disasters and other urgent and unexpected needs that arise. It also enables WoC to respond to on-going, long-term needs such as chronic hunger and poverty, water and sanitation, education, and medical assistance. For 2013 the WoC Committee has allocated \$750,000 for the Compassion in Action Fund; it is the single largest item in the WoC program budget. In addition to what is budgeted for this fund, WoC receives designated gifts for the fund and for specific disasters, sustainable development appeals, and countries and situations that further enhance our capacity to respond to emergency and long-term needs.



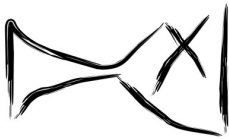
Our Homebound

Pat Beyer
 Ray Doctorman
 Rollie & Jodie Hoehn
 Vera Hudson
 Mary Moss
 Nelson Rodriguez-Arté



Lay Worship Leaders--August 2013

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Worship Leader	Dan Upton	Patty Buckhannon	Kay Marshall	Ken Holmes
Elder	Bob Green	Mona McAllister	Ken Holmes	Pat McAllister
Deacons Prepare	Carol Brookshier Pat Killian	Shirley Holmes Pat Killian	Marie Reichling Mary Weygandt	Susan Johnasen-Smith Virginia Johnasen-Smith
Deacons Serve	Mike Thompson Carole Thompson David Kennedy Jr. Jessie Hull	Curt Sutton Pat Hayes David Kennedy Jr. Mary Weygandt	Curt Sutton Pat Hayes Mike Thompson David Kennedy Jr.	Cathy Mielke Patty Buckhannon Jim Buckhannon Meredith Moder
Deacons Candles	Pat Hayes	N/A	Pat Hayes	N/A
Deacons Sanctuary	Carole Thompson	Carol Brookshier	Marie Reichling	Susan Johnasen-Smith
Greeter	Marie Reichling	Pat Killian	Curt Sutton	Marie Reichling
Audio-Visual	Kay Marshall	Jennifer Lewis	Kay Marshall	David Kennedy Jr.
Fellowship		Jan Evans		



August 2013

SEGA Prayers for the Month
 8/4-8/10 Dover Place Christian Church, St. Louis, MO
 8/11-8/17 SEGA Board and its divisions
 8/18-8/24 Interfaith Partnership, St. Louis, MO
 8/25-8/31 Farmington Christian Church, Farmington, MO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 6:00 Movie Night
4 10:00 Worship	5 10:15 Musikgarten	6	7 5:15 Dinner/Video	8	9	10 6:00 Movie Night
11 10:00 Worship	12	13	14 5:15 Dinner/Video	15	16	17 6:00 Movie Night
18 10:00 Worship 11:00 Board Meeting	19	20 12:00 Lunch Bunch at Fisher's in Belleville	21 4:15 Elders Meeting 5:15 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	22	23	24 6:00 Movie Night
25 10:00 Worship	26	27	28 5:15 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	29	30	31

Happy Birthday!

- 5 Makunzi Olivier
- 11 Gustavo Tarqui
- 18 Katy Elfrink
- Pat Killian
- 20 Alyssa Weygandt
- 24 Jodie Hoehn
- 29 Natasha Hart

Happy Anniversary!

- 7 Jacob & Natasha Hart
- 14 Mike & Carole Thompson
- 18 Bob & Jill Green

Regional Assembly 2013

Christian Church of Mid-America (CCMA) Regional Assembly
“United in Christ” (1 Corinthians 10:17)
Saturday, October 12, 2013
First Christian Church, Sedalia, MO

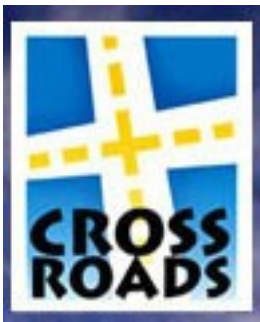
Registration Fee: \$25 per person (includes lunch, snacks, and child care)

Tentative Schedule

9:45 am	Arrive/check in/morning snacks
10:00 am	Singing
10:15 am	Worship (planned and led by new church pastors Rev. Dietra Wise of Liberation Christian Church in St. Louis; Rev. Michelle Scott-Huffman of Table of Grace in Jefferson City; and Rev. David Massey-Brown of Ozark Family Church in Ozark)
11:00 am	Break
11:15 am	CCMA Business Meeting
Noon	Lunch (“chat and chew”—opportunity to gather in interest groups)
1:00 pm	Area gatherings/business meetings
2:00 pm	Break
2:15 pm	Workshops (to be announced)
3:00 pm	Break
3:10 pm	Closing worship and communion (planned and led by youth ministry team)
3:30 pm	Dismiss

Some members of Crossroads are planning to attend, so if you're interested please contact Lisa Cripe.





Christian Church

2415 North 89th Street
Caseyville, IL 62232
(618)398-1587

Office Manager - Patrick McAllister
crossroadsdisciple@sbcglobal.net
Hours: M,T,W,Th 8-12

Music Director - Lisa Cripe
lacripe@charter.net

Nursery - Connie McAllister
Custodian - Richard Reichling

**We're Disciples: a movement for
wholeness in a fragmented world**

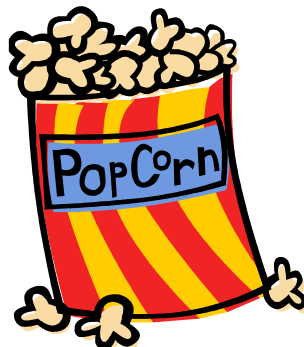
Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, August 20, the Lunch Bunch will meet at Fisher's Restaurant, 2100 W. Main St. in Belleville at noon. Sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.

Family Movie Night Schedule! all times 6pm

- August 3 Shrek 4**
- August 10 Monsters Inc.**
- August 17 Ice Age 4**
- August 24 Wall-E**



Summer Pulpit Supply

Here is our pulpit schedule for August. Be sure to mark your calendars!

August 4—Laurie Brown, Director of BEACON

August 11—Rev. Annie P. Clark

August 18—TBA

August 25—TBA

