



February 2014

Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

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A Moment with Pastor Mike

Dear friends,

As an intentional interim pastor, one of my tasks is to help a congregation reconnect with its denomination. Crossroads Christian Church has a long and strong history as part of the Southeast Gateway Area of the Christian Church in Mid-America (SEGA), and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as a whole. Your pastors and lay members have served ably and well through the years on unnumbered committees, task forces,

Cripe (see note on page 2). On January 16th, I attended a gathering of clergy from over the whole area, and got to see many old friends and make some new ones. On February 1, Crossroads hosts the SEGA board meeting, and on March 1, we host the Dare to Lead teams from several SEGA congregations.

Let me update you just a bit on what it means to be part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) The graphic below is taken from Disciples.org.

We are Disciples of Christ,
 A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



Worship times:

Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Worship at 10:45 am.

and as leaders of events. Your most recent settled pastor, Doug Cripe, was moderator of SEGA not that long ago.

Our interconnectedness continues. Kay Marshall and I serve on the SEGA Division of Ministry, providing for the commissioning of lay ministers in our area. With Kay recuperating and unable to attend, I've spent two days in January hearing the stories and affirming the work of a wide variety of dedicated Christian workers, one of whom is Lisa

In a world like this, fragmented by ideologies, ethnic conflict, economic gaps, racism, homophobia, sexism and other forms of sin, isn't it good to know that when we gather around the Lord's Table, we extend a welcoming hand that reaches out beyond divisions and brokenness, and through Jesus Christ calls everybody into a new unity? It's good to be a part of that, and I'm proud to be a Disciple.

Grace and peace,

—Pastor Mike

Outreach News

In addition to our monthly loose change offering, we have initiated a 'reaching out further' campaign. Primarily, we are interested in giving the food pantry items that food stamps don't cover. As you have seen, (look at the collection in the narthex!) our January push has already kicked off with a theme of white, as in snow. We are already closing in on our goal of 31 (days in January) each of bars of soap, toilet tissue, paper towels, and facial tissue. That is fantastic since we lost the first Sunday due to the weather.



In February, we are not going to compete with Week of Compassion which is probably the best supported mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Stay tuned for news regarding Blanket Sunday in March and "Home Alone Coping Kits" later in the spring. If you have an idea to share, please don't hesitate to let me know, or contact your Elder. Thank you.

—Jan Evans

Did you know?—The Bible

- "Bible" comes from Latin *biblia*, meaning "books"
- The Bible was written from about 1450 BC to 100 AD
- The Bible was the first book to be printed, in 1454
- The Bible has been translated into over 2,000 languages
- The longest book in the Bible is Psalms
- The shortest book in the Bible is 2 John
- The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9
- The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35



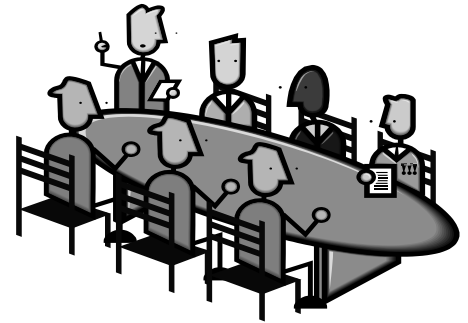
From ReligionFacts.com

Congratulations!

Our former music minister and still current member, **Lisa Cripe**, was welcomed into the commissioned ministry of SEGA, by action of its Division of Ministry. We're proud of Lisa on this new step of her faith journey.

Chips From the Board

- Welcomed the addition of Kimberley and Allen Romero as new members of Crossroads in December.
- Church to host SEGA Board Meeting Saturday, Feb. 1 and will provide breakfast and lunch for approximately 35 members.
- New outreach program has begun to benefit local Food Pantry. Committee is collecting “white” products not covered by government Food Stamps such as bathroom tissue, hand soap, Kleenex, etc. This will be an ongoing project each month.
- “Relational” dinner/meetings will begin the last Wednesday in January and meet on a monthly basis.



Epiphany Season Sermons

For most Protestant churches (including the Disciples of Christ), Epiphany is celebrated as a season beginning on January 6th and continuing until Ash Wednesday. The last Sunday of Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday. The season shows the many ways in which Jesus is “revealed” to us.

February 2, 2014

The Message: The Jesus Attitudes

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-10

February 9, 2014

The Message: Let Your Light Shine

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:11-20

February 16, 2014

The Message: Attitudes and Actions

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-26

February 23, 2014

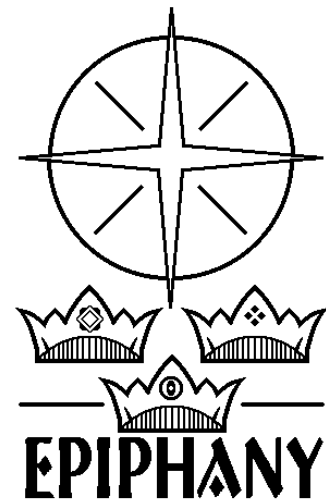
The Message: Christians under Construction

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

March 2, 2014 Transfiguration Sunday

The Message: My Son

2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9



Prayers

- Kay Marshall recuperating after falling at home
- David (father of David K.) going through a difficult time
- Chris (friend of Kay's granddaughter Sam) battling cancer
- Jen (cousin of David K.) medical issues
- Betty Allen suffering from bronchitis
- Betty's 2 grandchildren running high temperatures
- Kim Hampton traveling home; also prayers for her parents
- Death of Charles Kruta (brother of Vicki). Prayers for Vicki and son Chris
- Prayers for those with addictions and their families
- Bob Green will begin treatment for prostate cancer, the prognosis looks good
- Hamilton family (friends of Patty Peterman) loss of daughter
- Brumfield family (friends of Patty Peterman) loss of son, Miles

Week of Compassion Update

Water is life! This year as the church has been contemplating the Baptism of Jesus (in the liturgical calendar), we in West Virginia have also been made keenly aware of the precious place water holds in our life. Late last week the drinking water supply of a major portion of our state's population, including our capital city of Charleston, was tainted with a chemical that is not fit for human consumption. Suddenly our water was not life giving. As of Monday, it is still unfit to wash dishes with, bathe in, or drink. As much as one third of our state's population has been affected.

As Disciples, you need to know that you have been here from the beginning, jumping into action. Our congregation in the heart of the capital, United Disciples of Christ, was checking on members and neighbors. The pastor and region were in contact and the region made immediate plans to deliver drinking water, wipes for bathing, and other essentials for our members and neighbors. Week of Compassion immediately provided funds for this need. Thank you, Disciples.

Many ask--what can we do? Well, we appreciate your prayers and solidarity in these days. Remember the poor, service workers, and businesses who struggle with closings. Make gifts through Week of Compassion so that the body can continue to be present when disaster strikes. This is the best and most appropriate vessel for holding our offerings! Come visit when we get this fixed. You will love West Virginia: it really is almost heaven! And we love you for your concern, compassion, and presence in the body. You make real the very presence of Christ, thank you for being life.

Christian sympathy is extended to Johnave and Houston Handley and family on the death of Johnave's mother, Dolly Shore.



Our Homebound

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



Lay Worship Leaders—February 2014


	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Worship Leader	Lori Burgess	Mike Thompson	Dan Upton	Jan Evans
Elder	Mona McAllister	Carole Thompson	Jan Evans	Bob Green
Deacons Prepare	Pat Killian Marie Reichling	Shirley Holmes Marie Reichling	Pat Killian Shirley Holmes	Mary Weygandt Pat Killian
Deacons Serve	Mary Weygandt Shirley Holmes David Kennedy Jr. Pat Hayes	Mike Thompson Maggie Daugherty David Kennedy Jr. Patty Peterman	David Kennedy Jr. Pat Hayes Mary Weygandt Jessie Hull	Mike Thompson Maggie Daugherty Jim Buckhannon Patty Peterman
Deacons Candles	Pat Hayes	N/A	Pat Hayes	N/A
Deacons Sanctuary	Pat Killian	Marie Reichling	Susan Johnsen-Smith	Shirley Holmes
Greeter	Marie Reichling	Jim Buckhannon	Pat Killian	Curt Sutton
Audio-Visual	Pat McAllister	Pat McAllister	David Kennedy Jr.	David Kennedy Jr.
Fellowship		Wayne & Marie Reichling		



February 2014

SEGA Prayers for the Month

2/2-2/8 Watson Terrace Christian Church, St. Louis, MO
 2/9-2/15 Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, MO
 2/16-2/22 First Christian Church, Troy, MO
 2/23-3/2 Webster Groves Christian Church, Webster Groves, MO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	3	4	5 5:15 Dinner/Video	6	7	8
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	10	11	12 5:15 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 	15
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Board Meeting	17	18 12:00 Lunch Bunch At Eckert's	19 4:15 Elders Meeting 5:15 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	24	25	26 5:15 BEACON dinner 7:00 Choir Practice	27	28	

Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Mike Dixon | 10 Jonathan Cripe | 23 Cameron Medley |
| 8 Kevin Daugherty | 11 Carole Thompson | Noelle Moder |
| Lee Smothers | 14 Amber Reichling | Bonnie Speraw |
| 9 Sophia Lewis | 21 Jared Ott | 27 Maggie Daugherty |
| | | 29 Doug Cripe |

Week of Compassion Offering—We Are One

“I HAVE GIVEN THEM THE GLORY THAT YOU GAVE ME, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE ARE ONE—I IN THEM AND YOU IN ME—SO THAT THEY MAY BE BROUGHT TO COMPLETE UNITY. THEN THE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT YOU SENT ME AND HAVE LOVED THEM EVEN AS YOU HAVE LOVED ME.” JOHN 17:22-24

For 70 years, Week of Compassion has made a difference in the lives of people and communities around the world by pooling resources, leveraging funds and serving through partnerships.

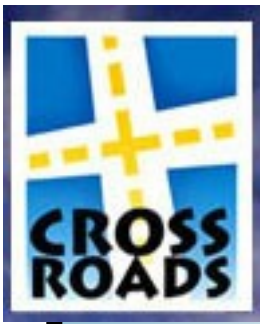
Gifts given through this special offering empower people in poverty to learn a trade, raise their own food, and grow in faith. United in Christ, we help to provide access to healthy food, good education, excellent health care, and shelter after devastating storms. Each time a gift is given a connection is made that builds a bridge or tears down walls. Each resource shared answers God’s call to love our neighbor, because in Christ Jesus, we are one family.

Christ’s work in the world healed the sick, fed the hungry and brought hope to communities burdened by challenges. As the Church, one body in Christ, our call is to carry on in Jesus’ name. For as long as one sister or brother is in need, we are all in need.

We Are One. Please give generously when our Week of Compassion special offering is collected on February 16 and 23.

SHARING RESOURCES.
CHANGING LIVES.





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

Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, February 18, the Lunch Bunch will meet at Eckert's restaurant in Belleville at noon. Sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.



Fellowship Hosts Needed

We are in need of hosts to serve refreshments on the second Sunday of each month for 2014. If you would like to host, please sign your name on the sheet in fellowship hall.

