



July 2013

Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

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Disciples General Assembly 2013

Our Disciples mission is to be and to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We're a pragmatic, active people who partner easily with others to make life better for our neighbors. As a movement for wholeness, we extend God's welcome to all at the Lord's Table. We're people who like to "do" as we extend welcome and seek wholeness.

Sometimes, though, we get too busy to pray.

Sometimes we are active in our community out of muscle memory (knowing we should and knowing how, but neglecting the "why"). We get a bit disconnected from God and from each other. Eventually our commitment to mission lags.

In the gospel of Luke, the original disciples cry out, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." They've already been busy preaching and prophesying and healing in Jesus' name. Their desire for prayer this far into their ministry reminds us that our motivation for action comes from our vital relationship with the living Christ. Our energy for

mission comes from the Spirit of God. We are fueled for our mission by a life of communicating with God through prayer.

The 2013 General Assembly theme, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray," calls us to pray deeply for God's direction, strength, courage, and initiative in mission. It offers the opportunity for praying communities of Disciples to connect with each other as the family of God.

Oh, Lord, as we move together toward wholeness, teach us to pray.

—Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President



The program and business docket for the 2013 General Assembly is now available online. It's also compatible with several mobile devices! Scan the code to the right to view it in your phone or view it online at:



<https://secure.disciples.org/ga/2013Docket>

Worship times:

Summer Hours

From Memorial Day through Labor Day

Worship 10am

Thank You

Thank you very much for the love gift presented to me on my last Sunday and for the wonderful lunch afterwards. I have always appreciated the generosity of Crossroads and for the times we have gathered around the table to eat! After 21 years of our ministry together, with 14 of those

with me serving as your pastor, I had a hard time making it through worship.



The combination of music, words, and emotions made it a challenge for me to stay composed. I wish you well as you continue The Journey into a future that I trust will be filled with hope and new possibilities.

Pastor Doug



Hope

There is hope in dreams, imagination, and in the courage of those who wish to make those dreams a reality.
—Dr. Jonas Salk

All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope.—Winston Churchill

Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one.—John Lennon

Recorder Ensemble

The Crossroads Recorder Ensemble is practicing on Wednesday evenings July 10 and 17 at 7:00pm. Bring your own Recorder (or the one your child or grandchild played in 4th grade), or let Lisa Cripe know that you would like to borrow or purchase one. Come prepared to laugh and learn!



New Address:

Doug and Staci Cripe
444 West Washington Street
Kennett, MO 63857

Their cell phone numbers and email addresses remain the same.

Chips from the Board

- Search Committee to meet with Area Minister Penny Ross-Corona June 30 to begin search for Interim Minister.
- Guest speakers to fill the pulpit each Sunday through August.
- Church to sponsor School Supplies Drive with list of needed items announced in July bulletins. Deadline will be Aug. 4.
- Family Movie Night dates announced: each Saturday at 6 pm June 29 through Aug. 24. Members are encouraged to distribute flyers to area businesses.
- Office Manager Pat McAllister hired for an additional day making his office schedule Monday through Thursday (4 hours per day).

School Supplies

Needed:

Crossroads is collecting school supplies this summer for the community elementary schools. A list of needed items will be available in the sanctuary or contact Patty Buckhannon.



The Journey towards Missional Transformation

During 2013 the Crossroads Journey team has met with leaders of the Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation and 5 other Southeast Gateway Area church partners during two separate weekends in February and June to discuss, strategize, laugh, dream, share, and learn from each other. The goal is to develop and foster leadership that works and thinks creatively, and puts a greater focus on God's mission and less on Church as an institution.

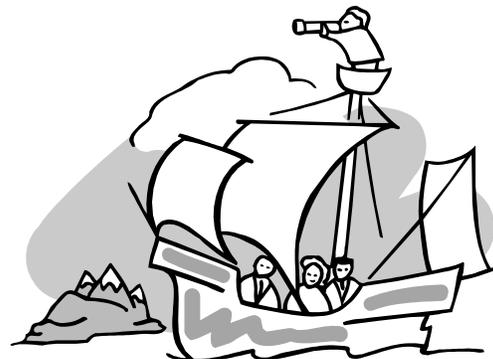
Each of the partner churches has completed a 21 day assignment following our June session in order to identify areas for improvement, things we can eliminate, and begin constructing a dream of how the church might appear in the next 5 years. We ask for your patience and prayers as we all journey through this process together.

Crossroads Journey Team:

Lisa Cripe, Jan Evans, Pat Hayes, Ken Holmes, David Kennedy Jr., Jennifer Lewis, Kay Marshall, Pat McAllister, Cathy Mielke

SEGA Partner Churches:

Affton Christian Church—Affton, MO
 Celebration Church—St. Peters, MO
 Centennial Christian Church—St. Louis, MO
 Crossroads Christian Church—Caseyville, IL
 First Christian Church—Bonne Terre, MO
 Liberation Christian Church—St. Louis, MO



Prayers

- James Dixon transitioning from USAF retirement and looking for work
- Rhonda, Carlos and baby Max (friends of Jacob and Natasha) baby has medical problems
- Jimmy (brother of Pat H.) successful medical tests and upcoming surgery
- Marie Dyar additional medical tests
- Jean (sister of Wayne R.) recovering after bypass surgery
- Abbi (granddaughter of Wayne & Marie) recovering after tonsil surgery
- Tornado devastation in Oklahoma
- Residents in the Metro East community impacted by recent storms.
- Mike Thompson successful foot surgery
- Jessica & Tari (cousins of Natasha H) both had healthy babies born recently
- Death of Shirley's friend Carmen
- Death of Brittany's grandfather
- Death of Margaret's nephew
- Sue (friend of Jan) unexplained medical problems
- Family of Colt Muerer
- Lisa and Rebekah traveling to Germany
- Larry (Jim's brother-in-law) cancer treatments
- Faye Pritz medical tests
- Death of Kay's brother-in-law Chuck
- Denise (friend of Cathy M.) health concerns
- Healing prayers for the family of J.D. Roth (former Caseyville chief of police)
- Melanie (niece of Mary P) cancer treatments
- Heather (great niece of Mary P) cancer treatments

Week of Compassion Update

Week of Compassion is continuing to monitor the wildfires in Colorado. About 9,000 people in more than 3,400 households covering a 55 square mile area have been evacuated. We are in touch with the Regional Office and with pastors in the affected areas, and will respond as needs emerge. We urge you to keep the communities impacted by the fire in your prayers.

Recently, Week of Compassion and Disciples Volunteering staff members have made pastoral visits to communities impacted by several headline-making disasters: the greater Oklahoma City area, struck by a series of tornados in May; West, Texas, site of a chemical explosion; and the towns of Cleburne and Granbury, impacted by tornados, as well.

While recovery is not an overnight process, it was heartening to see how quickly churches and communities were organizing around the long-term recovery process. Week of Compassion and Disciples Volunteering are continuing to strategize around the needs of these communities and will continue to keep you informed as to how we are working to partner with you to put our compassion into action.



Our Homebound

Pat Beyer

Ray Doctorman

Rollie & Jodie Hoehn

Vera Hudson

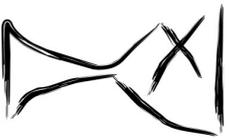
Mary Moss

Nelson Rodriguez-Arté



Lay Worship Leaders—July 2013

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Worship Leader	Jan Evans	David Kennedy Jr.	Pat McAllister	Marie Reichling
Elder	Ken Holmes	Jennifer Lewis	Pat McAllister	Jan Evans
Deacons Prepare	Susan Johnasen-Smith Virginia Johnasen	Shirley Holmes Pat Killian	Patty Buckhannon Mary Weygandt	Shirley Holmes Cathy Mielke
Deacons Serve	Steve Barbee David Kennedy Jr. Cathy Mielke Marie Reichling	Patty Buckhannon Jim Buckhannon Patty Peterman Curt Sutton	Steve Barbee Pat Hayes Carole Thompson Mary Weygandt	David Kennedy Jr. Cathy Mielke Patty Peterman Curt Sutton
Deacons Candles	Pat Hayes	N/A	Pat Hayes	N/A
Deacons Sanctuary	Marie Reichling	Pat Killian	Carol Brookshier	Shirley Holmes
Greeter	Curt Sutton	Marie Reichling	Pat Killian	Curt Sutton
Audio-Visual	Marie Reichling	Kay Marshall	Jennifer Lewis	David Kennedy Jr.
Fellowship				



July 2013

SEGA Prayers for the Month

7/7-7/13 Our General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins
 7/14-7/20 Flat River Christian Church, Park Hills, MO
 7/21-7/27 All congregations and pastors in transition
 7/28-8/3 First Christian Church, Festus, MO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:15 Musikgarten	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day Office Closed</i>	5	6 6:00 Movie Night
7 10:00 Worship	8 10:15 Musikgarten	9	10 5:15 Dinner/Video 7:00 Rec Ensemble	11	12	13 6:00 Movie Night
14 10:00 Worship	15	16 12:00 Lunch Bunch at Rachel's Garden	17 4:15 Elders Meeting 5:15 Dinner/Video 7:00 Rec Ensemble	18	19	20 6:00 Movie Night
21 10:00 Worship 11:00 Board Meeting	22 10:15 Musikgarten	23	24 5:15 Dinner/Video	25	26	27 6:00 Movie Night
28 10:00 Worship	29	30	31 5:15 Dinner/Video			

Happy Birthday!

2 Marsha Blanford
 Shyann Brazel
 4 Pat Peterman
 10 Bob Green

17 Pat McAllister
 19 Helen Richter
 21 Trish Dueland
 22 Ron Goff
 Louis Hayes

25 Ralph Schneider
 27 Jared Elfrink
 Andrea House
 28 Olivia Kraus

Happy Anniversary!

6 Maggie & Kevin Daugherty
 20 Mary & Bob Clay

Elders Corner

From the imaginings of Jennifer Lewis

The Top Ten Reasons I will not come back to your church after only one visit...Paul Shaffer, can we get a drum roll please!

10. You lack a Safe Sanctuary Policy. If you expect me and my family to attend, you really need to have a policy that protects my kids, your church and your members of the church. You must really have guidelines of how you will honor God and God's



children when people cannot seem to control themselves. I mean, aren't you guys the group of people "known" for hurting kids? So aren't you the ones who should be fixing this?

9. No one greeted me without the body language of judgment. A church needs to be a place for learning. I felt judged from you. Perhaps next time I should wear a three-piece suit instead of my studded-leather dog collar. Hey! To each their own!

8. It's a shame that Sunday mornings have to follow Saturday nights. The church was dark and it took everything in me not to fall back asleep. Open some windows, turn on some lights. Convict me of this hangover I still have.

7. I noticed that if I wanted to bring my wheelchair-bound sister to this church, you might think we are playing crash-dummy obstacle course. No, we are not the children of Evel Knievel, we are just trying to use the restroom and find a place to park in the sanctuary. What if my sister wanted to eventually serve in the church? Should we try to jump the stairs leading to the table? That might be fun. Bet we could sell tickets to that show. It might be one way of getting people in the church.

6. If you really want me to show up, tell me where to go. I drove around the block several times before I could find the parking entrance. Once I parked, I had no idea what door to use. I chose door #2, fully expecting Monty Hall and a donkey to appear. Instead, I walked around looking for people. What I got was the door that led to the FRONT of the sanctuary. Nothing feels more welcoming than when everyone is staring at you!

5. Did I smell freshly baked goods and coffee after church? I like coffee. Is this coffee only for the "elect"? I'm new here, invite me.

4. Psst. I happened to think Bertha's singing was beautiful and from the heart. If you'd like to insult her, please save it for after church, when a visitor is not sitting right behind you. And, I'm pretty certain that Agnes would prefer you not whisper about her ex-husband's new girlfriend. I'm sure Agnes would prefer I not know this about her. I guess she trusted you when she told you about the pain. I won't make that same mistake.

3. The worship felt like I was in a time-warp. I did feel nostalgic when all of my grandma's favorite hymns were sung. And I'm certain she would have loved the sermon that came straight from the social issues of 1950. She would have really related to the message. I could not.

2. Ignoring me when we are supposed to be passing peace does not fulfill the calling of actually passing the peace.

And the number one reason I will not visit this church again...
If you expect me to learn from you, the least you could do is learn my name.

—Jennifer Lewis



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Nursery - Connie McAllister
Custodian - Richard Reichling

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

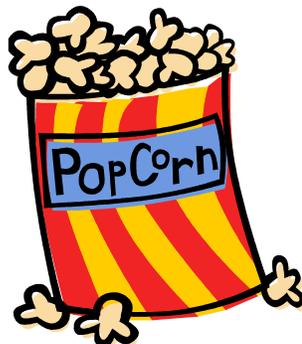
Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, July 16, the Lunch Bunch will meet at Rachel's Garden, 3917 Frank Scott Parkway in Belleville at noon. Sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.

Family Movie Night Schedule! all times 6pm

- July 6** Up
- July 13** The Muppets
- July 20** Shark Tale
- July 27** Tangled
- 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 July & August. Be sure to mark your calendars!

- July 7—Jaime Freidrichs, Dir. of Development at Woodhaven
- July 14—Pat McAllister
- July 21—Marie Reichling
- July 28—Howard & Darlene Goodrich
- August 4—Laurie Brown, Director of BEACON
- August 11—Rev. Annie P. Clark
- August 18—TBA
- August 25—TBA