



July 2017

# Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

## A Moment with Pastor La'Vetta

### *The Succession of Four Sweet Months*

First, April, she with mellow showers  
 Opens the way for early flowers;  
 Then after her comes smiling May,  
 In a more rich and sweet array;  
 Next enters June, and brings us more  
 Gems than those two that went before;  
 Then, lastly, July comes, and she  
 More wealth brings in than all those three.  
 -Robert Herrick

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Summer is in full swing and I could not agree more with poet Robert Herrick "July comes, and she **more wealth brings...**" We are encouraged as we look forward to the wealth of blessings before the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. 2017 General Assembly is just around the corner July 8-12 in Indianapolis, IN. This year, we will bid farewell to Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins who has served impeccably as General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We wish her well as she embarks on new and exciting ministerial duties.

While we are saddened to say goodbye to Sharon, we are hopeful and excited as we look forward to the future.

Meet the 2017 GMP Nominee Rev. Teresa "Terri" Owens  
 The General Board voted to forward the name of Rev. Teresa (Terri) Hord Owens to the 2017 General Assembly as the nominee for General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

I had the pleasure of meeting Terri this year during the Black Ministers Retreat in St. Louis. Rev. Terri was gracious in sharing her passion and vision for ministry. Rev. Owens is currently dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, IL.



—Pastor La'Vetta

#### Worship times:

Summer Hours  
 From Memorial Day through Labor Day  
 Worship 10am

## School Supplies Needed Convoy of Hope Event

Once again Crossroads is collecting school supplies for area elementary schools this summer. Please place all items in fellowship hall; the deadline for collection is Sunday, August 6. Thank you for your help and participation!



### Convoy of HOPE returns to East St Louis, IL Saturday July 22, 2017

I am excited about the upcoming opportunity to continue in partnership with other area congregations in serving the community. It is my understanding that Crossroads had significant participation in 2015 and I am confident we will be blessed and be a blessing to others by our participation again this year.

Organizers have great vision and lofty goals for this outreach community event with Convoy of Hope East St. Louis:

- 6,000 Guests
- 1,500 Volunteers
- 100 Churches Working Together
- 50 Businesses and Organizations
- \$66k Overall Budget (Crossroads gave a \$1,000 for the last event!)

It is my hope that Crossroads will have a showing of twelve volunteers this year. I am wonderfully confident in our collective ability to meet perhaps even exceed that goal!

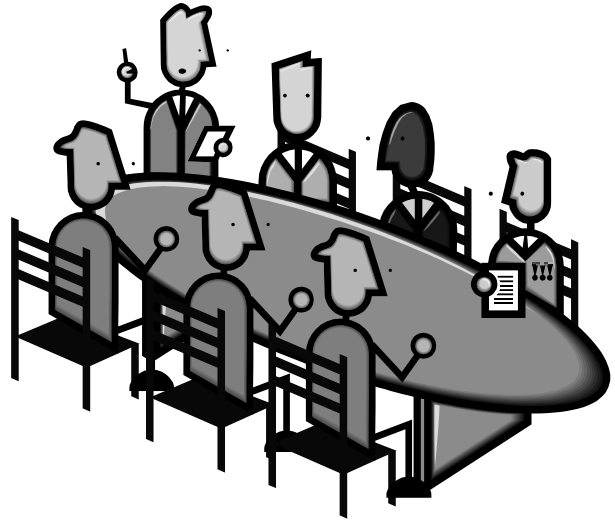
Please see Pastor La'Vetta for more information and to sign up to volunteer.

**BASIC CALCULATOR**  
**3 RING LOOSELEAF NOTEBOOK PAPER**  
 (wide-ruled)  
**3 RING SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS**  
 (wide-ruled: red, blue, green, orange, yellow)  
**PLASTIC (3 prong) POCKET FOLDERS**  
 (red, blue, green, orange, yellow)  
**#2 PENCILS**  
**COLORED PENCILS**  
**HIGHLIGHTERS**  
**4 PK. DRY ERASE MARKERS (fine-tipped)**  
**ERASERS (pencil top & large pink)**  
**BOXED TISSUES**  
**ELMER'S GLUE & STICK GLUE**  
**WASHABLE MARKERS (thick)**  
**CRAYONS (24 count)**  
**WATERCOLOR PAINTS**  
**SCISSORS**  
**HAND SANITIZERS**  
**ZIPLOC PLASTIC BAGS (sandwich & snack size)**  
**BOXED WET WIPES**  
**HALF-CIRCLE PROTRACTOR**  
**12 IN. RULER (inches & centimeters)**  
**PLASTIC SCHOOL BOX**



## Chips from the Board

- Another Crossroads night with the Gateway Grizzlies is being planned
- Kay Marshall appointed as Crossroads General Assembly Voting Delegate
- The loose change offering for July will go to the Restoration Christian Community Church fund to purchase new chairs



## July Sunday Sermons

July 2, 2017                      4th Sunday after Pentecost  
 The Message: A Pen By Any Other Name  
 Scripture: Psalm 13 and I Peter 4:8-10  
 Loose Change Offering: Restoration Church Chair Fund

July 9, 2017                      5th Sunday after Pentecost  
 The Message: Angels in the Outfield  
 Scripture: Psalm 34:1-10 and Hebrews 13:1

July 16, 2017                      6th Sunday after Pentecost  
 The Message: Welcoming Strangers  
 Scripture: Psalm 33:13-22 and Matthew 25:34-40

July 23, 2017                      7th Sunday after Pentecost  
 The Message: Alien Love  
 Scripture: Psalm 47 and Leviticus 19:33-37

July 30, 2017                      8th Sunday after Pentecost  
 The Message: Open Arms, Open Hearts  
 Scripture: Genesis 18:1-8 and Romans 15:1-7



## Prayers

- Jim Buckhannon recent stay in the hospital for pneumonia
- Prayers for those serving in the Armed Forces defending our freedom
- Gay Lang (daughter of Mary Weygandt) experiencing knee pain. Pray for effective treatment and reduced pain
- John Lang (son-in-law of Mary Weygandt) recent skin cancer has spread. Prayers for the family and the new medicine
- Pat Hayes continuing to do well after additional chemo
- Jennie Dahlheimer doing better after recent health concerns
- Terror attacks in London

## To Remember

The most destructive habit.....Worry  
 The greatest joy.....Giving  
 The greatest loss.....Loss of self-respect  
 The most satisfying work.....Helping others  
 The ugliest personality trait.....Selfishness  
 The most endangered species.....Dedicated Leaders  
 Our greatest natural resource.....Our Youth  
 The greatest “shot in the arm”.....Encouragement  
 The greatest problem to overcome.....Fear  
 The most effective sleeping pill.....Peace of mind  
 The most crippling failure disease.....Excuses  
 The most powerful force in life.....Love  
 The world’s most incredible computer.....The brain  
 The worst thing to be without.....Hope  
 The deadliest weapon.....The tongue  
 The two most power-filled words.....“I Can”

Everyone needs this list to live by.....pass it along!

—from the faculty newsletter of Belleville East High School



**Thank You**

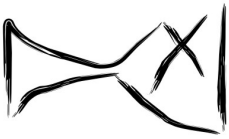
With love and eternal appreciation, I want to thank my Elder, Tom Petrekovich, and Mary for taking me to Barnes and sharing in the celebration of my cancer-free examination. All praise and glory to God.

—Jan Evans



## Lay Worship Leaders—July 2017

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Kay Marshall	Mike Thompson	Lori Burgess	Dan Upton	Ken Holmes
<b>Elder</b>	Mike Thompson	Carole Thompson	Dan Upton	Tom Petrekovich	Pat McAllister
<b>Deacons Prepare</b>	Patty Buckhannon Mary Weygandt	Patty Buckhannon Pat Hayes	Pat Hayes Mary Weygandt	Patty Buckhannon	Pat Hayes Mary Weygandt
<b>Deacons Serve</b>	Jim Buckhannon Pat Hayes	Patty Buckhannon Meredith Moder	Jennie Dahlheimer Pat Hayes	Patty Buckhannon Jim Buckhannon	Jennie Dahlheimer Meredith Moder
<b>Deacons Candles</b>	Pat Hayes		Pat Hayes		Pat Hayes
<b>Deacons Sanctuary</b>	Mary Weygandt	Patty Buckhannon	Mary Weygandt	Patty Buckhannon	Mary Weygandt
<b>Greeter</b>	Pat Killian	Jim Buckhannon	Pat Killian	Jim Buckhannon	Pat Killian
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	Pat McAllister	Pat McAllister	Pat McAllister	Pat McAllister	Kay Marshall



# July 2017

SEGA Prayers for the Month  
 7/2-7/8 First Christian Church, Matthews, MO  
 7/9-7/15 Our General Minister and President  
 7/16-7/22 Flat River Christian Church, Park Hills, MO  
 7/23-7/29 All congregations and pastors in transition

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 Worship	3	4 <i>Independence Day (Office Closed)</i>	5 5:30 Dinner/Video	6	7	8
9 10:00 Worship	10	11	12 5:30 Dinner/Video	13	14	15
16 10:00 Worship 11:00 Board Meeting	17	18 11:30 Lunch Bunch	19 5:30 Dinner/Video	20 7:00 Elders Meeting	21	22
23 10:00 Worship	24	25	26 5:30 Dinner/Video	27	28	29
31 10:00 Worship	<b>Happy Birthday!</b> 2 Marsha Blanford Shyann Brazel 4 Patty Peterman 10 Bob Green 17 Pat McAllister 19 Helen Richter 21 Trish Dueland 22 Ron Goff Louis Hayes 25 Ralph Schneider 26 Sandy Dixon 27 Jared Elfrink 28 Olivia Kraus			<b>Happy Anniversary!</b> 6 Maggie & Kevin Daugherty 20 Mary & Robert Clay		

## General Assembly July 8-12 Indianapolis, IN

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.

*John 17:20-21a*

**WORSHIP** as one

**LEARN** in community about transformational leadership, worship, resources and justice

**ELECT** a new General Minister and President

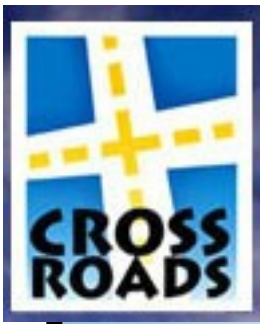
**HEAR** the results of Mission First!

**EXPLORE** new ideas



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**JOHN 17: 20-21a**



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Custodian - Richard Reichling

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

## Upcoming Events

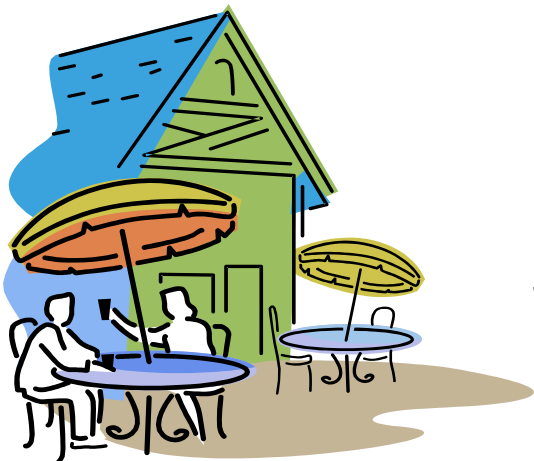
### Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, July 18, 2017, the Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30am, at a location to be determined. A sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.

## Coming Up...



Independence Day  
Tuesday, July 4, 2017



Disciples of Christ General Assembly  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
July 8-12, 2017

