



October 2013

# Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

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## A Moment with Mike

Peace be with you! It's a joy to begin serving you as interim pastor. Over the last few weeks, we have met many of you, renewed old acquaintances with some of you, and look forward to meeting the rest of you. We're trying to learn names as we go along. If I accidentally call you by a name other than your own, please don't be offended. Sometimes even when I know a person's right name, the wrong one will slip out. If that happens, just call me Bob or Pete, or something like that.

I've discovered that meal times are great times to get to make new church friends.

When groups get together for dinner after church, for Wednesday evening supper and study, or for the Lunch Bunch, we get to know each other better. We share our stories as we share our food. Eating together is a great thing. It builds bonds of community. It also helps remind us that for Jesus, dinner fellowship was of great importance. Eating is a joyous sacrament in itself, because it is God who gives us that good food.

The Lord's Supper was originally observed as part of a larger meal. As we eat the bread and drink from the cup, we remember Christ and affirm his presence with us. World Communion Sunday falls on October 6, the same day that we observe the Tenth Anniversary of the merger that formed Crossroads Christian Church. World Communion Sunday always stirs my imagination. Just think—Christians of all sorts gather from the north, the south, the east, and the west to meet at the Lord's Table. Disciple Christians, Baptist Christians, UCC Christians, Lutheran Christians, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic and

Orthodox Christians, charismatic and liturgical Christians, radical, liberal, moderate, conservative and fundamentalist Christians, are all guests at one table. They gather in old cathedrals stretching to the sky, urban storefronts, white frame churches in open country, thatched-roofed sanctuaries by jungle rivers, log sanctuaries in northern forests, and huts and homes just about everywhere, and some will gather on October 6 at Crossroads Christian Church in Caseyville.



Christians who gather in various places will speak all languages, be of all races, have a wide spectrum of political philosophies and ideologies, but they will be one in Jesus Christ. It is a day when we remember that despite all our differences, we are God's children, Christ's brothers and sisters, and have the privilege and opportunity to gather around a family table that stretches around the world. Will you gather with us?

God is doing great things around the world, and here at Crossroads Christian Church. Again, you are welcome to be a part of God's work and fellowship.

Grace and peace,  
Mike

## Worship times:

Sunday  
School at  
9:30 am.

Worship at  
10:45 am.

## A Fond Farewell

On Sunday, September 29th we bade a fond farewell to our Music Director, Lisa Cripe. Lisa has served faithfully as choir director and organist with Hillcrest and subsequently Crossroads for 21 years. In addition to her talents that she shares with us each Sunday; Lisa has served other organizations in the area including choir accompanist for the Fulton and Carrier Junior High schools in O'Fallon and the Emge Middle School in Belleville. She currently teaches piano and organ lessons to a number of students as an independent instructor.

During the development of the Chalice Hymnal, Lisa was instrumental in its completion as a project assistant and proofreader. She has participated in the

Masterworks Chorale and the Metro East Community Chorale, and is a volunteer for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Union Avenue Opera, the Boy Scouts of America and SEGA.

Lisa will be serving at Webster Groves Christian Church as their organist and choir accompanist as she enters the process toward Commissioned Ministry through the Order of Ministry of the Mid-America Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Crossroads will be represented on the Commissioning Team which will guide and nurture Lisa throughout the Commissioning process.

We wish the best of luck to Lisa and all of her future endeavors serving in the ministry of Christ.

## Vision

In order to carry a positive action we must develop here a positive vision.—Dalai Lama

It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision.—Helen Keller

The eyes of the soul of the multitudes are unable to endure the vision of the divine.—Plato

Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others.—Jonathan Swift

### Thank You!

A special thank you for all of our busy workers behind the scenes recently:

**Tom Petrekovich**—plumbing in men's restroom

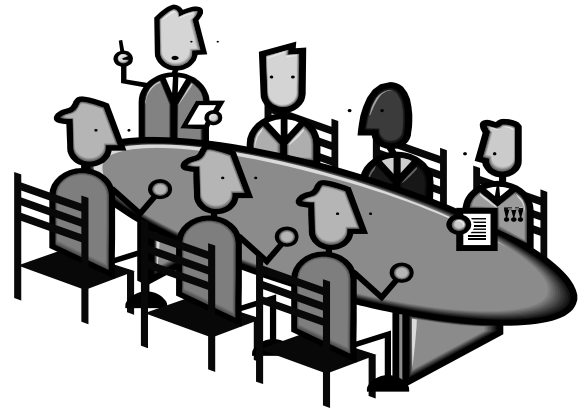
**Marie Reichling**—cleaning the Pastor's office

**Jim & Patty Buckhannon and Carol**

**Brookshier**—nursery renovation

## Chips from the Board

- Resignation of Lisa Cripe as Director of Music effective Sep. 30. Lisa has accepted a position as organist/accompanist with Webster Groves Christian Church in St. Louis.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Oct. 6 – Carry-in dinner and program
- Air-conditioning system currently under repair
- Jan Evans and Shirley Holmes have agreed to serve as voting delegates to Regional Assembly in Sedalia, MO in October.
- In connection with Beacon, *Relational Ministry* to begin in January with a once-a-month dinner, short devotional and instructions on basic life skills such as food preparation, child care, car maintenance, etc. Open to anyone in the community needing help who would like to have a comfortable place to come and worship for a short time and have a meal. Beacon will provide speakers and the church will provide food. More information to follow.



## Elder's Corner

Jesus was born to serve, not to be served. He calls us to be no less. To serve one another is our goal as disciples. We begin on Sunday at the table, as we serve each other during communion. He commands us to go out from the church doors into the community and serve wherever there is a need. The need is great wherever we go. A smile to a stranger could work wonders in that person's life at the moment. To our friends and family a hug or listening ear may be what they need for



whatever is going on in their daily life. Helping in the community in different ways; food pantries, call for help (listening), monetary assistance can be the answer to so many in need. Sometimes we need not look too far around us to find someone to serve. Isn't that what God requires of us as His disciples?

—Mona McAllister

## Prayers

- Death of Mike Sodam, husband of BEACON'S program director Jade Sodam
- Tom Petrekovich yearly cancer scan negative
- Jill (daughter of Jan) car accident, vehicle totaled
- John (friend of Kim's son Tim) deployed to a mission overseas
- Prayers for all those serving in our armed forces
- Emil (friend of Jan) starting chemo & radiation
- Death of Rick (friend of Hedy & Leroy)
- Joan (friend of Hedy) family emergency
- Steve Barbee additional medical tests
- June (mother of Kim Hampton) in hospital
- Dennis (friend of Ken & Shirley) undergoing chemo after brain surgery
- Tom Hull more scans and decisions for new chemo
- Chris Kruta looking for work
- Those impacted by Colorado floods
- Victims of Navy Yard shooting
- Leroy Madison recovering after knee surgery
- Marie Reichling feeling better after brief hospital stay
- Larry (friend of Ron & Jan) recovering after heart surgery
- June (mother of Kim Hampton) recovering in rehab nursing home
- Kim Hampton prayers for safe travels back to Ohio



## Week of Compassion Update

Continuing heavy rains that began the week of September 8 continue to cause severe flooding in Colorado. Sadly, fatalities have been reported. Additionally, hundreds have been injured and many more reported missing. At this early stage 1,500 homes have been destroyed and another 17,500 are damaged, according to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management. The flooding along the North Fork Thompson River, the South Platte River and others waterways in the drainage system ranges from Fort Collins to Canon City, CO.

During disaster such as this, now is the time to remember that the most important humanitarian donation that an individual or congregation can make is cash. There are already reports of heaps of used clothing piling up in Colorado: clothing and other materials that do little to restore the dignity of survivors. Remember, financial help is best.

Thank you for putting your Compassion in Action by responding to this disaster. We are grateful for all that you enable us to continue to do to reach out to those most affected by this devastating situation. Please note "Week of Compassion" on the memo portion of your check.





## Lay Worship Leaders—October 2013

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Marie Reichling	Dan Upton	Patty Buckhannon	Kay Marshall
<b>Elder</b>	Jennifer Lewis	Jan Evans	Bob Green	Mona McAllister
<b>Deacons Prepare</b>	Pat Killian Carol Brookshier	Mary Weygandt Marie Reichling	Carol Brookshier Pat Killian	Shirley Holmes Pat Killian
<b>Deacons Serve</b>	David Kennedy Jr. Marie Reichling Pat Hayes Jessie Hull	Curt Sutton Mike Thompson Carole Thompson David Kennedy Jr.	Mike Thompson Carole Thompson Curt Sutton Pat Hayes	Marie Reichling Patty Buckhannon Jim Buckhannon Meredith Moder
<b>Deacons Candles</b>	Pat Hayes	N/A	Pat Hayes	N/A
<b>Deacons Sanctuary</b>	Shirley Holmes	Pat Killian	Carole Thompson	Marie Reichling
<b>Greeter</b>	Marie Reichling	Pat Killian	Curt Sutton	Marie Reichling
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	Pat McAllister	Kay Marshall	David Kennedy Jr.	Pat McAllister
<b>Fellowship</b>		Dan Upton		



# Regional Assembly October 12, 2013 Sedalia, MO

## Christian Church of Mid-America (CCMA) Regional Assembly

“United in Christ” (1 Corinthians 10:17)

Saturday, October 12, 2013

First Christian Church, Sedalia, MO

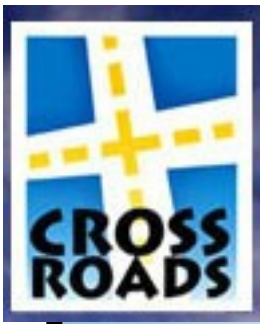
**Registration Fee: \$25 per person (includes lunch, snacks, and child care)**

### 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

**Registration forms for this event are located in the rear of the sanctuary. The registration deadline is October 1.**





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Nursery - Connie McAllister  
Custodian - Richard Reichling

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wholeness in a fragmented world**

## Upcoming Events

### Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, October 15, the Lunch Bunch will meet at Lotawata Creek, 311 Salem Place in Fairview Heights at noon. Sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.



### Birthday Celebration

Join us after worship on October 6 for a carry-in luncheon celebrating the 10 year birthday of Crossroads Christian Church.

