

# Church Life

*at Yellowstone  
and Mayfield*

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## *The "Meet the Neighbors" Community Meal doesn't slow down in the summer time!*

*\*July 28. photos by Ron Werman*



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I think the date today is July 28. I spend so much of my time planning ahead that sometimes I forget what week we are in the middle of. For some examples: At staff meeting two weeks ago we made plans for the church calendar through the end of the year. To prepare for the fall, we have a deacon get-together this Thursday. We'll gather our officers and ministry team leaders together in a couple of weeks. We'll ordain our new elders the last Sunday in August and hope to meet in retreat with all the elders sometime in September. We have firm commitments from our keynoter and workshop leaders for the Nov. 5 Transformation Conference we are hosting. I'm looking at sermons months in advance. Oh and yes, there's time set aside this coming week for Prime Time fall planning. There's much more that I'm thinking about that's even further out there, but enough of that for now.

Sometimes, it just feels good to be focused on the day at hand. It's a good day. I've been working on Sunday's sermon that's based on one of my favorite texts – the feeding of the five thousand. Appropriately enough, this evening is the community meal, and I feel sure we have enough *loaves and fishes* for everyone who will come in to eat. Community meal day is always special around here.

I was similarly focused on the day at hand this past Sunday in our two worship services. It was good to be back preaching after being away for a couple of Sundays. I attended Disciples Go Global at Prime Time for another wonderful and well-attended presentation. It was good to catch up with so many of you – and it always feels good to see 15 Young Disciples coming forward at 9:00! I've had the sense all summer that attendance is pretty good. Maybe even better than pretty good. So, I decided this week to do some analysis. What I found blew me away.

Our summer attendance is up 40% over last summer. Wow. Give yourselves a pat on the back, and while you're at it say a prayer of thanks to your dedicated church staff and lay leaders who believe July programming is as critical to a church as what we plan for Christmas Eve. We are a 12 month church that believes in a 12 month gospel!

I was right – today is July 28. By the time you are reading this, August will have begun. I don't want to wish the rest of summer away. These long warm days ought to be precious to anyone who will live to endure another Cleveland winter. If you have more vacation time ahead, travel safely and have fun. Come back and tell us all about it. If you're staying at home and looking for some good news, your church community is here every Sunday singing God's praises. And most importantly, if you need to know of God's grace and healing love, you can find it here year-round.

See you in church –

A note: I will be away Sunday, August 7 so I can attend a wedding shower for our daughter Kate in Indianapolis. After a year of planning, wedding bells will finally ring on September 4. Thanks to Russ Goldner for stepping into the pulpit in my absence this week.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Chris".

## Ourselves

### Notes of Love and Gratitude ...

**Dear Members and Friends of DCC,** This is a big Thank You for accepting me into your hearts for the last thirty years. I feel so privileged to have had such a wonderful opportunity to sing with such a great choir under superb leaderships. Thanks also, to all who donated the special offering which I received, it was greatly appreciated. Memory is so wonderful and when I looked out into the congregation I would see, with my mind's eye, so many members who often gave me special greetings, members who are in their heavenly home; this emphasizes the long period of time I served at the church. Loving Greetings,  
*Cecelia Smith*

**Thank you!** It's so good to be back to church. Thank you all for the prayers, cards, flowers and visits. You are all appreciated so much. *Donna Beckner*

### **FROM THE MODERATOR:**

*Ephesians 3:20* "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (KJV). Wow, that is quite a statement! I don't even think Harry Potter can top that one. It is certainly a vision that we can aspire to as Christians. We are beginning another church year and we have many new board members and ministry leaders, as well as some returning ones, and we are all excited to serve you. I truly believe that this next year will be a continuation of the enthusiasm and growth that has been building here for the last few years. We have a very dynamic congregation with numerous ways that anyone can 'plug-in' to something that interests them whether it is music, service, outreach, or fellowship, just to name a few. If you have not yet been involved with a ministry, I challenge you to try one. Chances are very good that you will enjoy it. Additionally, if there is anything else that you have a burning desire to see started, come see me or one of the ministry leaders. We welcome your ideas.

Respectfully,  
*Don Ehrlich*

**\*\*Save the Date:\*\***  
**Board and Ministry Meeting**  
**Monday, August 15 at 7 pm**  
**"Planning & Visioning**  
**for the Upcoming Church Year"**

## Our Church

### **Disciples Go Global**

This month, we'll go from Argentina to Greenland and nearly everywhere in between! The Goldners will discuss their travels to Argentina on August 7, followed by Debbie Humbert detailing her time in France on August 14. The Huffs will present for the rest of the month, with Mahala talking about the wonders of The Galapagos Islands on the 21 and Richard and his son whisking us away to Greenland. Don't forget to stamp your passport!

**Tweet Tweet!** Disciples Christian Church is now on Twitter. Follow us at [twitter.com/#!/GrowDisciples](https://twitter.com/#!/GrowDisciples) for updates about church news and events. Did you know we are also on facebook? Visit this address to "like" us: [facebook.com/DisciplesChristian](https://facebook.com/DisciplesChristian).

**Sunday Snacks:** In order to continue our delicious coffee and donut fellowship, your contributions are needed. We appreciate your willingness to give to this ministry! Find a basket on the coffee and donut table.

**Disciples Book Club** is on hiatus for the summer. See you in the fall!

### **Property Meeting:**

The Property Committee will meet Wednesday, August 3 at 5 pm in the chapel. All are welcome to attend—see Tom Haverdill for details.

### **Firewood:**

In the coming months, we will be in need of firewood for the Fireside Library's cozy fire. It's hard to think of having a fire now in this heat, but if you have any to spare for this fall and winter, please contact Tom Haverdill at 216-544-9807 or notify the office.

**New Voicemail System for the Church Phone –**

We have recently changed the voicemail system in the church office. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused, as we are still learning to use the new system.

**'Meet The Neighbors' Free Community Meal**

The next community meal will be Thursday, August 25 from 5 to 6:30 pm. Please sign up in the kitchen to volunteer. Your help is always needed and appreciated. See Carol Reed for details. Thank you.

**Musical Notes ♪**

One thing has become clear this summer: This congregation likes to sing – if you know the music. In Connections worship, as we've become more familiar with new songs, we have begun to sing with much more energy and joy. And singing in the traditional service has been wonderful as we've given voice to songs of days gone by, as well as new songs that have become favorites.

*Hymn requests:* Keep your music requests coming in for both services by leaving a note in the office, or by filling out one of the bright orange hymn request cards in the pews. So far we've sung a variety of songs, from "I Love to Tell the Story" to "Here I Am, Lord." What's your favorite? Just let us know!

*Summer Ensembles:* Through the rest of the summer, we'll continue offering choral music through our summer ensembles. Just join us 30 minutes before either service to rehearse the music for that day. It's fun to participate – especially since the congregation is so appreciative of your gifts of music!

*Looking toward fall:* 'Tis hard to believe, but true. Our fall music program is just around the corner. Choir rehearsals will begin during the first full week of September – Wednesday, Sept 7th for the Praise Ensemble and Thursday, September 8th for the Chancel Choir. If you've been thinking you'd like to sing in one of these groups, now is the time to give it a try. You'll be glad you did.

Musically yours,  
Linda Walling  
Director of Music

**A MESSAGE FROM KATHY SMITH:**

Wow, where do I begin? The General Assembly was quite an adventure. We did everything from creating a flash mob in the exhibition hall, discovering our Disciples heritage, feeling the holy spirit, providing a prayer station with Pastor Kris, helping sort clothing for the Dismus House to shopping in the local mall. Please ask myself, Emily Reed or Paige Campbell any questions that you may have concerning our experiences and check out our pictures. Also check out the General Assembly on the website <http://www.disciples.org/>. A special thanks to the congregation for supporting us on our journey. In two years the assembly will be held in Orlando, FL. Do you think we will have any youth that will want to attend?! I know I plan on going! I must say that I am more than pleased with the number of active young disciples this summer. Besides General Assembly, the Young Disciples have also been harvesting and weeding our Garden of Blessings. We have also been exploring the parables of Jesus followed by participating in Disciples Go Global where the Young Disciples stay for the first half followed by an activity from that country. Not to mention the community meal, participation in worship and various camps. I am pleased that these Young Disciples are so eager to be involved in God centered activities!

*Kathy Smith, Young Disciples Director*

**Our Community****You're Invited to "Learn About Disciples"!**

A "Learning About Disciples" Dinner, hosted by Pastor Kris, will be offered during this month's community meal on August 25 from 6 to 7:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for any recent members or current visitors to meet with Pastor Kris to learn more about our ministries, our denomination, how to join, and expectations of our members. Childcare is available. Please let us know if you can come!

**REQUEST A PRAYER:**

**Write** – use the blue paper near the Prayer Box at the back of the sanctuary

**Call** – Call the church office at 216-382-5344

**Click** – email [amy@discipleschristian.org](mailto:amy@discipleschristian.org)

**Dear Members and Friends:**

Thank you for your Mission Outreach grant of \$500 for the United Protestant Campus Ministries in Cleveland. We want to excerpt Matthew Pedone's statement of what UPCaM meant to him as a Cleveland student at CWRU: *"I was not plugged into any religious/Christian organizations on campus ... many were too polarizing or too aggressive. I found UPCaM is accepting, welcoming, caring, compassionate, and most importantly, does not judge those around us. For example we had a meal with the LGBT center and we created a faculty-led study of science and faith as to how the two are not mutually exclusive. We were able to show everyone that being a Christian does not mean being part of an exclusive group of people who only seek to serve themselves."* Already Harry Farmer and I greeted over 300 incoming freshman last week. You can further support UPCaM directly (Interfaith Ctr, 11205 Euclid Ave, Cleveland 44106) or give through the church. God bless,  
*Harry Farmer and Russell Goldner, UPCaM trustees*

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

- ✠ *Duane Mayhew, Fairmount Health Center, Hospice Care*
- ✠ *Lois Rice, broken hip, rehab, Laurel Lake*
- ✠ *Dr. Richard Rice, rehab, Laurel Lake*
- ✠ *JoAnne Humbert, surgery recovery*
- ✠ *Richard & Mahala Huff, home*
- ✠ *Karin Shumway, broken leg, home*
- ✠ *Jean Shirey, Homewood Residence*
- ✠ *Kristen Walling, Peace Corps, Madagascar*
- ✠ *Clark Hungerford, Judson*
- ✠ *Jackie Keresman, on staff at Camp Christian*
- ✠ *Ryan Walling, Wilmington camp July 31- Aug 6*

You can send Ryan Walling a letter at the following address while he is at camp (July 31-Aug 6):  
*(Campers Full Name)*  
 Camp Christian  
 Magnetic Springs, OH 43036

Or fax to: 937-348-2845

**CONTINUED PRAYERS ...****OUR EXTENDED FAMILY**

- ✠ *Jennifer Kless, daughter of Ed Kidd, MS*
- ✠ *Shawn Waterman, grandson of John and Phyllis Alaburda, Marines in Afghanistan*
- ✠ *Henry Harrison, husband of Christie Harrison, UH*

**OUR MEMBERS AT HOME**

*Barbara Seaver, Summerville of Mentor; Barbara Harold, Homewood Residence in Richmond Heights; Marjia Hehr, home; Barbara Ross, Grande Pointe, Lois Valentine, home; James Famer, Laurel Lake; Dick and Lois Rice, Laurel Lake; Clark Hungerford, Judson; Chuck Hood, home; Gerry and Ruby Povall, home.*

**Our World****Hygiene Kits = 30**

Thank you for your continued generosity. 8 more kits have been assembled by Kathy Smith and our young disciples. Can we bring the total to 50 by the end of August? In order to complete the last of our emergency kits we are in need of fingernail clippers, hand towels (16"x20") and zip lock bags (the kind that actually zip). With these items we can reach 50 kits! Let's go for it! Please place them in the basket in the Fire-side Library. Thank you!

**WEEK OF COMPASSION**

The drought in East Africa is the worst in decades—as a result, food security has deteriorated for most households in all arid and semi-arid regions in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia as well as other countries. In a word, the situation has become a crisis. You can make a difference.

Donate at [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org). Thank you in advance for your prayers, concern and generosity.

**Have something you'd like to share in the next issue?**

Email, mail, or bring any articles, photos, or other submissions to Anne Ward in the church office ([anne@discipleschristian.org](mailto:anne@discipleschristian.org)) no later than Aug 23!

	<b>August 7</b>	<b>August 14</b>	<b>August 21</b>	<b>August 28</b>
(9)-Connections (11)-Traditional				
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Janie Morrison (11)	Mark Ritchey (11)	Sue Curtis (11)	Toni Laursen (9) David Eggert (11)
<b>Ushers</b>	Carol Reed (9) Calvin and Rosalyn Belle (11)	Holly Coughlin (9) Pat and Concetta Lake (11)	Trish Burton (9) Trish Burton and Elaine Harkless (11)	Sue Curtis (9) Richard and Thon Burlingame (11)
<b>Elders</b>	Robin Phillips (9) Cy McFarlin (11)	Bill Edwards (9) Carol Edwards (11)	Holly Coughlin (9) Karen Walsh (11)	Janie Morrison (9) Ed Kidd (11)
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>-Available-</i>			
<b>Diaconate</b>	<i>The new deacon schedule is currently under construction! Deacons will be notified of their schedule soon in a separate document.</i>			
<b>Sound/Visual Tech</b>	S—Ryan Walling (9) V—Chris Ontko (9) S—Todd Campbell (11) V—Amy Campbell (11)	S—Ryan Walling (9) V—Melanie Cohn (9) S—Lauren Wicks (11) V— <i>available</i> (11)	S—David Eggert (9) V—Chris Ontko (9) S— DJ Dohanyos (11) V— <i>available</i> (11)	S—David Eggert (9) V—Bill Laursen (9) S—Alec Coughlin (11) V—Amy Campbell (11)
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Elaine Mates			
<b>Chancel Flowers</b>	<i>-Available-</i>			
<b>Happy Birthday!</b>	1-Robin Herrington-Bowen, Amy Iosue; 2-Gerry Povall, Barbara Ross, Carol David; 4- Alex Iosue; 7-Kelsey Cohn; 11-Gary Walling, Cynthia Barnard-Sheldon; 19-Abe Cohn; 23-Richard Rice; 24- Hannah Ladaika; 25-Bev Kean; 27-Claudia Vondriska; 28-Herb Agnor; 30-Mike Kersman; 31 - Calvin Moore			
<b>Happy Anniversary!</b>	24—Alex and Kara Barclay; 27—Don and Kim Ehrlich			



# *Ourselves, Our Church, Our Community, Our World:* **Growing Disciples Transformation Conference**

**November 5, 2011**

- ✦ 8:30 am Registration & Breakfast
- ✦ 9:15 am Worship & Keynote
- ✦ 10:45 am Morning Workshops
- ✦ 12:00 pm Lunch
- ✦ 1:15 pm Afternoon Workshops
- ✦ 3:00 pm Worship

*Registration Deadline October 15, 2011*

*Early Registration \$30*

*After Deadline & Same Day \$40*

*Register online: [ccinoh.org](http://ccinoh.org)*

*or call 216-382-5344*

*Keynote Speaker Randy Spleth Presents*

*“Detours—The Challenging Journey of the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century Church”*



Whether you serve an organic, emergent, come-back, or multi-site congregation, you are on a road which is under construction. Building and sustaining ministry in the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium is a missional journey on an unknown path. We go where no one has gone before. What we see with clarity is many of the old roads are blocked or closed off. How do we find our way? Which direction is right? What are the land marks that will guide us? Where will the detour lead us? Detours are an opportunity to think strategically about your journey, to evaluate your ministry plan, define success and failure and discover ways to go around or through the roadblocks.

## *Workshops will include:*

- *“A Jump Start for Evangelism” - Robin Hedgeman*
- *“Christian Coaching—A Panel Discussion” - Janet Mers*
- *“Creating A Culture of Generosity” - Bruce Barkhauer*
- *“Widening God’s Circle Brings Spiritual Transformation” - Franklin Circle Christian Church*
- *“From Our Doorsteps” - Janet Long*
- *“Church Transformation: The Fruit of Long Range Planning” - Jim Singleton*
- *“What’s Worship Got To Do With It?” - Linda Walling and Kris Eggert*

### *Hotel Information*

*\*\*Please request the*

**Disciples Christian Church Group Block**  
*when making reservations!\*\**

**Clarion Hotel\*** (216)831-5150  
26300 Chagrin Blvd, Beachwood, Oh 44122  
\$79.00/night, single or double

**Residence Inn\*** (216)831-3030  
3628 Park East Dr, Beachwood, Oh 44122  
\$95.00/night studio suite  
\$105.00/night one bedroom suite

*\*Please reserve your stay by October 10, 2011*

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\*Photo by Sue Curtis

*Whether it's outdoor worship, the General Assembly, Going Global, or the Community Meal,  
Disciples know how to have a good time!*



\*Photo by Kathy Smith



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