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# Church Life

At Yellowstone and Mayfield

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at Disciples Christian Church***



Dear Disciples,

You may have already anticipated the subject of this month's column. You may be expecting me to say something about how church doesn't close down in the summer, that the gospel message says nothing about this being a 9 month exercise.

You'd be right!

That said, I always expect summer to look different. People are away on vacations, attending family reunions, and some Sunday mornings it may just be tough to leave your backyard to come inside church for an hour. I'll be away a couple of Sundays and some weekdays myself. But our ministries will continue – the Meet the Neighbors meal feeds people all summer, our kids and youth have special programming, the Prayer Shawl ladies will still be knitting, the Garden of Blessings will need attention, and Mission Mondays will take us beyond ourselves to serving our community. In addition, new ministry initiative leaders are earnestly planning and preparing for a fall launch of a weekly Connections worship, various small group and study opportunities, and more.

Churches no longer have the luxury – if churches ever did – of closing up shop for the summer. We may show up in our cut-off jeans and shorts to pull weeds and planning sessions may be outdoors on someone's deck instead of inside the church, but our work will continue.

It's why we're calling our picnic on Sunday, June 6, *Spring Into Summer* – rather than the *end of the year picnic*. Nothing is ending, we are transitioning into the warmth and opportunity that summer brings.

Hope to see you around this summer – in Sunday worship or with a trowel in your hand on a Monday evening, doing the work of your faith.

Blessings –

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

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## ***Ourselves***

### **TO ALL TEACHERS:**

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our students this school year. A special thanks goes out to our Sunday School Teachers who volunteer their time: Karen Schmauder, Karen Walsh, Holly Coughlin, Lori Murphy, Kara Ladaika, Amy Campbell, Charlotte Mates, Carol Reed, Kim Ehrlich, Robin Phillips, Pat Hartman, Amy Cohn, Bill and Toni Laurenson, Carolyn Bruce, and Lauren Wicks. Thank you so much!

### **THANK YOU:**

† **Dr. and Mrs. Rice** have once again generously donated beautiful hanging baskets at the Sanctuary entrance. Thank you!

† **Toni:** For all your hard work the last three years, with happy smiles for us, we thank you. You will be missed in the office, but we're glad you will still be in the pews. We wish you good health and happiness in your retirement. Love,

Your Church Family

We will honor Toni at our June 6 worship and picnic.

### **RUTH PERCY**

Long-time member Ruth Percy passed away May 17 in Florida. There will be a memorial service held for her on Saturday, June 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow.

### **LUCAS ANDERSON WATTS**

was born May 20 in Columbus. He is great-grandson to Janet D. Narten and great nephew to Chris and Kara Ladaika. Congratulations!

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Our librarian Rev. Cynthia Barnard-Sheldon has been recognized for 50 years of volunteer service to the Cleveland Orchestra. During that time she has been a performing member of both the Cleveland Orchestra and Blossom Festival Choruses, a member of the Chorus Operating Committee, editor of the Chorus newsletter (Chorus Lines), coordinator of post European tour photo exchanges, manager of the primary tour fund-raising project, an usher and ticket taker, and a C.O. store clerk. She is a life-time member of the Women's Committee of the Cleveland Orchestra and has also volunteered for United Way, Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, the Cleveland Institute of Music, the WCLV Marathon, the Right to Read Program, as well as this and many other churches.

### **NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:**

Hello, everyone!

My name is Anne Ward, and I'm delighted to be joining the Disciples Christian Church as Office Administrator! I have a B.A. in Religious Studies from Cleveland State University, and I plan to attend John Carroll in the fall to continue my education into graduate studies. I recently returned from living and teaching English in Japan. My hobbies include singing, dancing, knitting, and trying new foods! It's so nice to meet you, and I look forward to seeing you around!

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### **MARISA BUCHHEIT:**

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, our Soprano Intern Marisa Buchheit was crowned Miss Maple City 2010. A local preliminary of the Miss America Organization, this title represents Norwalk, Ohio and the surrounding area.

Marisa will be going on to compete in the Miss Ohio Competition held in Mansfield from June 10<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>. Upon winning her local title and the talent award, Marisa was awarded a \$1,025 scholarship. She will be presenting an opera aria in the talent competition at Miss Ohio. Marisa feels very blessed to be serving as a member of the Disciples Christian Church Chancel Choir, and asks for your well wishes and prayers.

### **Congratulations to 2010 Graduates...**

Kyle Harris, son of Heather Harris, grandson of Jeanette Barclay and nephew of Alex Barclay graduated on May 8 from the University of Toledo in the Business School (finance major). His entire family is proud of his achievement.

Emily King, daughter of Debbie Humbert and grand-daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John Humbert. Emily is graduating from Cleveland Heights High and plans to attend Oberlin College.

Kristin Walling, daughter Gary and Linda Walling, sister to Ryan Walling, graduated from American University in Washington D.C. She has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will be leaving for Africa in July.

## ***Our Church***

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

\* Join us at Disciples Christian Church in the sanctuary on **Friday, June 4** at 7:00 p.m. to hear soprano soloist Kellie Rumba, tenor soloist Jake Andricks and our own music director, Susan Schoeffler, in a joint recital. The program will include selections by Bellini, Hahn, de Falla, Brahms and Rossini. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Disciples Christian Church Music Ministry. A reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

\* Then come to Severance Hall on **Saturday, June 5** at 7:00 p.m. to hear our own Dylan Moffit, percussionist for

Connections Worship, perform Louis Andriessen's *Workers Union* during a mid-concert interlude. Tickets for this free event are going quickly. Call Severance Hall 216-231-1111 to obtain tickets.

\* Join us **Sunday, June 6** for a special outdoor worship service and the 'Spring into Summer' picnic. The **11:00 a.m. service** on the lawn will be casual. Come dressed for a picnic because after the worship, the Chicken Olympics return! This multi-generational event will be fun for the whole family.

The main course and beverages will be provided by Family Ministries. You are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert.

Invite your friends to celebrate the kick-off of summer with us at 11:00 a.m. on June 6 – Be a Chicken Olympian!

### **FROM PASTOR TIM'S COMPUTER:**

I can't wait to spend this summer with our youth! I am looking forward to seeing them visit on Thursday—but I am also looking forward to visiting with you. This summer if you are interested in sitting down and talking with me, please call or email and we will set up a time to talk. I enjoy spending summers getting to know new and old friends, and I hope this summer is no different.

☛ Summer Fun is here!!! It's like VBS every Sunday! Starting June 20, Summer Sundays will start. All children grades K - 6 will join Pastor Tim and volunteers downstairs in Oakridge to experience Renew VBS and learn Kristal Bells every Sunday after the Young Disciples' moment throughout the Summer. Can't wait to see you there.

☛ CYF & Chi Rho "Tripping Thursdays" are coming to Disciples Christian Church starting June 24 with a picnic and hiking trip out to Nelson-Kennedy Ledges State Park. Most Thursdays Chi-Rho kids will meet from 10 - Noon in the basement of Oakridge for a service project, activity (such as a movie), or tournament. We will end the afternoon with pizza. (*If you can provide pizza for a day, please contact Pastor Tim*). CYF kids are welcome to come hang out from 1-3 in the basement for

activities, pizza and fun. Please feel free to drop by any time and leave when you have to. Pastor Tim will be hanging out all day with the kids.

- ◇ July 1 - Movie (Blind Side)
- ◇ July 8- Cornhole tournament
- ◇ July 15- movie
- ◇ July 22- Bocce Ball tournament
- ◇ July 29- Movie
- ◇ Aug 5 - TBA
- ◇ Tripping Thursdays will end on Aug 12 with a trip to a water park!
- ◇ Always available ping pong, foosball and chill time.

June 24: please RSVP if your youth plan to go hiking and picnicking with Pastor Tim. Drivers needed!

Attention all graduates: it is not too late to contact Pastor Tim if you are graduating this year.

## **OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER**

### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

This summer during our Chancel Choir's hiatus and staff vacation schedules, our soloists will provide special music for us each Sunday as in past summers. In addition, each third Sunday during 10:00 worship – June 20, July 18, and August 15 – we will worship in "Connections" casual and contemporary style.

Rather than having monthly Connections worship at 11:30 during the summer, the Connections Worship Team will be planning and developing this service into a weekly opportunity beginning in the fall. If you are interested in joining this worship team, contact Amy Campbell, Bill and Susan Schoeffler, or Pastor Kris.

### **SUMMER MISSION MONDAYS:**

Summer Mission Mondays begin on June 14<sup>th</sup> and continue every Monday through July 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at church each week at 6 p.m. and will do projects either around our property or in our community. Some of the projects include: rebuilding the

fence around the Garden of Blessings, staining the children's playground, gardening at Hope Garden and at Edendale (our friend Dennis Miller's group home), and preparing apartments for new tenants at New Life Community.

Join us for evenings of hard work and fun fellowship!

### **ADOPT-A-BED:**

Individuals or families are wanted who would be willing to take responsibility for weeding and keeping trash out of small areas of landscaping around our church property. This could be done anytime at your convenience once or twice a month. Please call or e-mail Gail Haverdill if you can 'adopt-a-bed' at 216-486-1108 or gailmh46@gmail.com. Let's keep our church beautiful this summer. Thanks to the Trish Burton family, Bill & Carol Edwards, Lauren Wicks, Elaine Mates, Claudia Vondriska, the Narten family and the Campbell family, who have already adopted a bed.

## **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES AT DISCIPLES:**

### **PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP:**

Right after worship each Sunday, two of our Elders will be in Pastor Kris' office. They will pray for the needs of our church as well as the wider community. They will also welcome anyone who feels the need for individual prayer to join them in Pastor Kris' office so they can lift those concerns together. Finally, those in worship can submit prayer requests by completing a provided form in the bulletin insert and placing it in the offering plates. Those forms will be delivered to the Elders for prayer that day.

### **DISCIPLES' PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:**

Since its inception in 1998, The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to grow, extending its message of hope around the world. Countless volunteer knitters and crocheters now take part in this exciting tradition of faith. It is their work that sustains a tidal wave of caring as they turn

yarn into wraps that are interwoven with prayers. Those who receive these handmade expressions of love are buoyed by the spiritual comfort they experience while wearing their prayer shawls. Perhaps you would rather make a baby blanket or a lap robe. That would be fine. As we work, we will think about and pray for the person who will receive the finished piece. We will pray happy memories into our knitting along with thoughts of strength, peace and healing. Our meetings are held each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in The Chapel. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, please come anyway. We have several members who can teach these skills. We are hoping that this new ministry will help us discover all the ways that our creativity can bring healing, joy, and comfort to others.

#### **TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN:**

This ongoing ministry offers an opportunity to enlist others to pray for people and situations that can use the prayer support of many. Prayer requests can be made by calling Donna Beckner at 216 382-0527.

#### **EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN:**

This new ministry will allow those with email access an opportunity to both request prayer (by sending an email to the Prayer Chain Group) and to offer prayer (based on the email prayer requests they receive). If you wish to be a part of this new ministry, send an email to Amy@discipleschristian.org requesting that you be added to the chain.

#### **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

##### **Our Church Family**

- † *Nick Schmauder*, back surgery
- † *Richard Troha*, rehab at home following knee surgery
- † *Judy Griffith*, chemotherapy
- † *The Family of Ruth Percy*
- † *Cy McFarlin*
- † *Bob Yocum*
- † *Jim Farmer*, rehab, Crown Center at Laurel Lake
- † *John Ross*, treatment for leukemia
- † *Don Ehrlich*, work assignment in Mexico

##### **Our Extended Family**

- † *Daniel Lake*, cancer/chemotherapy, brother of *Patrick Lake*
- † *Pam Wilkinson*, cousin of *Mark Ritchey*, died of esophageal cancer.
- † *Jean Sukyla*, Christopher Ladaika's *grandmother*, recently diagnosed with breast cancer

##### **Our Members at Home**

*Barbara Seaver*, Summerville of Mentor;  
*Barbara Harold*, Homewood Residence in Richmond Heights; *Margaret Beer*, Broadview Manor; *Louise Consilio*, home; *Marian Green*, Breckinridge; *Marjia Hehr*, home; *Frank and Avena Jayne*, The Fairways; *Barbara Ross*, Grande Pointe; *Lois Valentine*, home.

##### **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

For those of you who may have wondered what happened to our CWF meetings, here is a brief message to explain: When the Disciples' Prayer Shawl Ministry began in February, there was so much enthusiasm for our stitchery projects that the group wanted to meet weekly on Tuesdays. Most of our group belong to CWF. In fact we had more knitters each week than we had at our CWF meetings. Therefore, we decided that one Tuesday a month would be devoted to CWF. We could still work on our prayer shawls but at the same time enjoy our CWF projects. We have a couple of ideas for programs but haven't a firm schedule as yet so we will let you know as soon as possible.

Patricia McNeilly and Karen Walsh

We would like to thank the women of C.W.F. for their gift of \$25.00, to be used for gasoline purchase, to the small group of youth that had intended to make the trip to Indianapolis, Indiana on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to attend the conference featuring the Dali Lama. Unfortunately, they had to cancel the trip due to transportation difficulties. Thank you again for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity.

Pastor Tim, Trish Burton, and Sue Curtis

## **WHEN YOU REMOVE A BOOK FROM OUR LIBRARY:**

Please be certain to sign your name on the card in the back of the book and then leave the signed card on the desk in the Library. Please plan to keep the book no longer than three weeks so others have an opportunity to enjoy it, too.

## ***Our Community***

### **MEET THE NEIGHBORS UPDATE**

DON'T FORGET OUR "MEET THE NEIGHBORS" MEAL GOES ON ALL SUMMER! We hold our Community Meals throughout the summer, still on the last Thursday of each month from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Our next meal is June 24. Please drop by the kitchen and indicate on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board how you can help. If you can donate food and/or your time, your "neighbors" (and that includes all the other volunteers) would appreciate your help! Thanks,

Cathy Ausperk

### **HUNGER FOR MUSIC, MUSIC FOR HUNGER:**

Many thanks to all who were involved in the Hunger for Music for Hunger benefit for the Heights Emergency Food Center. The benefit featured the band, The Fabulous Out of Tuners, as well as Don Ehrlich on the guitar, and Mark Ritchey with the Young Disciples. The event raised \$400 and a great deal of non-perishable food for the Hunger Center.



## **BLESSINGS GARDEN**



## ***Our World***



Ohio Regional Assembly

Columbus Marriott Northwest

October 15-16, 2010

It's not too early to be thinking about attending the Christian Church in Ohio Regional Assembly! Our General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins, will preach the opening message on Friday evening and the closing on Saturday afternoon. There will be interactive discussion groups, informational workshops and dynamic worship.

Pastor Kris will be a speaker at the Transformation Team event on Friday morning and will lead a workshop that afternoon. If you are interested in attending all or part of the Assembly, talk to Pastor Kris or find more information on-line at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org).



**WEEK OF COMPASSION:** Week of Compassion is serving on our behalf everyday. Our offering was \$2206.05. Your generosity makes a difference—gifts may be made at anytime and specified. Right now the needs are great in Nashville, TN as a result of the flooding.

### **VOLUNTEERING**

This spring, Week of Compassion and Disciples Volunteering teamed up to support the Church World Service Ecumenical Build in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Several Disciples Churches joined the volunteer efforts. Josh Baird of Disciples Volunteering recently represented us at the Media Day event. Learn about this project by dropping by the website:

<http://www.neighborhoodcedarrapids.org/>

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You are invited to the  
**Spring into Summer  
Worship and Picnic**  
Sunday, June 6th  
A special worship time - 11A.M.



Come dressed for a picnic  
featuring the return  
of The Chicken Olympics.



*Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided,  
please bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

For further information contact Kim at  
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