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Church Life *at Yellowstone and Mayfield*

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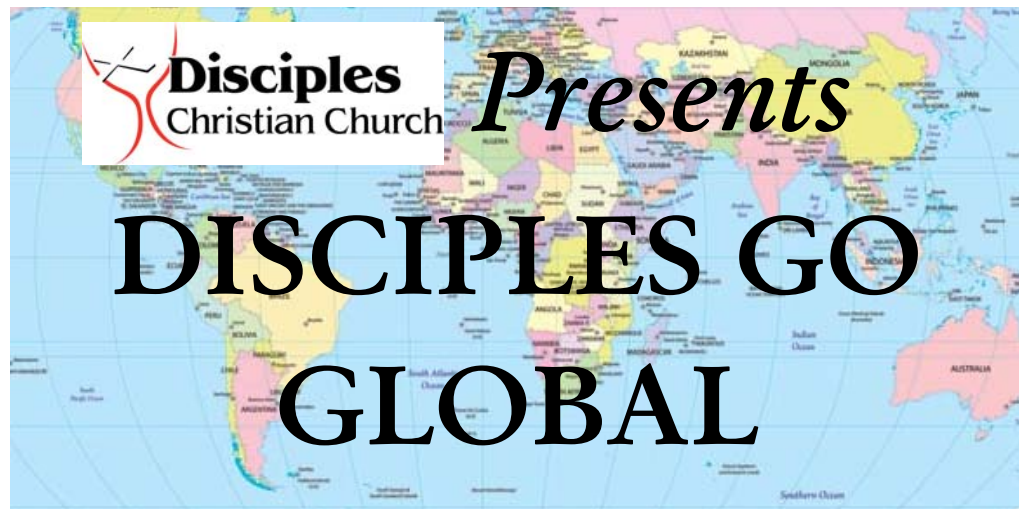
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You're Invited!

All-Church Brunch

Sunday, June 5, 10 am

*Featuring internationally-inspired selections
and fellowship fun to introduce:*



A new Prime Time series
starting June 12 at 10 am!
See details inside on page 4



It's June and churches everywhere anticipate a seasonal drop in attendance and act accordingly by putting programming on summer hiatus. And yet, in all my years of studying the bible, I've not seen a passage where Jesus tells us to take the summer off! I've always been a believer in a 12-month gospel.

That said, I hope your summer plans are filled with some vacation time, reunions with family, etc. I love to know when you're planning to be gone, and I'm always glad to hear about your adventures when you return. Some of you will visit other churches and will bring back new ideas to share.

Speaking of adventures, several Disciples are eager to share previous travel experiences with us this summer during Prime Time. With thanks to Janice Ziegler and Amy Campbell for organizing this and to the many who have said yes, we have a full line-up of 10:00 am speakers this summer. This is a big step in living out a 12-month gospel – 2 Sunday worship services AND educational fun in-between. We are not on hiatus!

So I hope you enjoy your weeks away from home this summer while also encouraging you to be here when you are in town. Come to 9:00 worship, stay for Prime Time and still be ready for a full summer day by 11:00! Or, get your gardening and other chores done first, come at 10 and stay for 11. Our schedule allows flexibility for yours.

I'm reminded how rich and diverse we are in global experiences when I see the number of our world-travelers who will be speaking. I'm looking forward to each presentation. But even if you are not speaking, there's a role for you to play in going global. The Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians that we are *ambassadors for Christ*.

You are an ambassador when you are here to greet a visitor. Each week we are seeing first-time visitors in both services, and I have every reason to believe that will continue throughout the summer. You are an ambassador when you extend hospitality and invite someone to come with you.

I'll be away some myself for the General Assembly in July and also when I'm involved in upcoming wedding activities for our daughter Kate. Most Sundays I'll be here praising God for the gift of a Cleveland summer and the good news of the gospel.

Join me, won't you?

Pastor Tris

Ourselfs

Meet Our Newest Member!

Derrick Hall walked forward to join Disciples on Sunday, May 15. Derrick lives in Cleveland Heights and works as a professional mover, painter and landscaper. His hobbies include video games and pro-wrestling (watching only!). He came to help plant the Garden of Blessings last month. Be sure to introduce yourself to Derrick if you haven't already! See a photo of him on the back page.

Losses In Our Church Family

† *Sophie Wilson* passed away May 24. Sophie was a member of Disciples many years ago. She was 90 years old. A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 2 at 11:30 am at Maher-Melbourne Funeral Home.

† *Ralph Harold* passed away May 25. He was 92 years old and has been a member of this church since 1942. His memorial service was held on the evening of May 30 at Disciples.

† *Vi Radomilovich* passed away May 27. She was 90 years old and had been a member of this church since 1947. Her memorial service will be held on Friday, June 3 at 12:30 pm here at Disciples following calling hours from 10-11 am at Maher-Melbourne funeral home in South Euclid and an 11:30 am burial at Knollwood Cemetery.

Pastor Kris expressed this in her Memorial Day sermon: "We have experienced our own loss this week in the deaths of two of our own – *Ralph Harold* and *Vi Radomilovich*. Both deaths so recent that we have not even hosted their memorial services yet. We haven't even begun to ache – we are too unsettled and the pain is still acute and raw. They left us in different ways. Ralph, who was 92 years old and still living at home and driving, was so regular in his attendance at coffee hour and 11:00 worship that he only had to miss one Sunday and we knew something was wrong. Vi who just celebrated her 90th birthday is remembered as one of our first women leaders – moderator and elder. Sadly, she had too many health issues to fight that kept her from being physically present with us. If you have joined the congregation in the last 5 years, you probably have not met her. Jesus said: *I will not*

leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. The world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. Today we remember two people who heard these words and lived them. We thank God for Ralph and Vi. and for the great cloud of witnesses who not only professed Jesus, but kept him alive for us by the way they lived. In obedience. In prayer. In service. In love."

Congratulations! On May 26, *Carol David's* daughter Susie delivered a healthy baby boy. His name is Darian David Velimir (meaning 'peace' in Croatian).

Notes of Love and Gratitude ...

Thank you for a wonderful dedication service. We, along with our friends and family members, were touched by the love felt in our church. Justin was quite a trooper, too! We are thankful for a loving, nurturing church family. How appropriate that the cradle Bob Gilbert carved will be in the room Gail Haverdill (his daughter) painted. We are truly blessed by God.

Cy & Kim McFarlin

A big thank you goes to the Bell family for their donation of a basketball hoop in our parking lot. Trust me, the kids are thrilled! A deep felt thank you is voiced by all Young Disciples.

Kathy Smith

Cecelia Smith

Cecilia Smith has given us many songs of joy and beauty over the years with her talented voice. Did you know that she's been with our choir for more than 30 years? Cecilia has made the decision to retire from our Chancel Choir and as a soloist for Disciples Christian Church. June 12 will be her last Sunday with the choir before they begin their summer break. She'll be singing special music that Sunday. After the 11:00 service, there is a cake reception planned to recognize Cecilia along with our recent graduates. Members and friends will have this opportunity to let her know how much her music has meant. Cards are welcome. We also want to recognize her with a gift from the congregation. If you'd like to participate, please bring your contribution to the church office. We hope you can join us on Sunday, June 12 to hear Cecilia's music at our 11:00 service and attend the reception following.

Congratulations, Graduates!

We would like to recognize the following graduates for their academic achievement and discover what their future plans entail. See photos of the grads on page 7.

✠ *Adam Ausperk*, son of *Cathy* and *Dale Ausperk*, earned a Masters of Accounting from Kent State University. He is currently searching for a job.

✠ *Rev. Paul Biery*, former interim minister of Disciples Christian Church, graduated from St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe on May 12. He received a Doctorate of Ministry, and his dissertation topic was "Is There Room at the Table for Retired Clergy?"

✠ *Austin Briggs*, son of *Debra Briggs*, graduated summa cum laude from Kent State University with a B.A. in Entrepreneurship in December of last year. He hopes to own his own business someday.

✠ *Marisa Buchheit*, featured soloist at Disciples Christian Church, graduated with academic honors from the Cleveland Institute of Music with a Bachelor's of Music degree in vocal performance and a minor in German. She hopes to win the title of Miss Ohio and prepare for the 2012 Miss America competition.

✠ *Tracy Clark*, daughter of *Ed Kidd*, graduated from the University of Akron with a Graduate Degree in Speech Therapy. She will work as a school speech therapist.

✠ *Tom Eggert*, son of *David Eggert*, graduated on May 14 from the State University of New York at Geneseo with a BS in Biology. His plans include a year off to work and travel a bit while he decides about graduate school.

✠ *Rebecca Ehrlich*, daughter of *Kim* and *Don Ehrlich*, graduated summa cum laude from Bethany College with a BA in Social Work. In the fall, she will be attending the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University in pursuit of her Master's degree in Social Work, with a concentration in School Social Work.

✠ *Kelsey Harris*, daughter of *Heather Harris* and granddaughter of *Jeanette Barclay*, is graduating from Solon High School and plans to attend Ohio University in the fall.

✠ *Alex Krüg*, grandson of *Nancy Darling*, graduated on May 6 from the University of Colorado Boulder (College of Architecture and Planning) with a Bachelor's in Environmental Design.

✠ *Connor Mates*, son of *Patrick* and *Elaine Mates*, is graduating from Charles F. Brush High School and ExelTECC at Mayfield High School. He will be attending Lakeland Community College in the fall to continue studying computer programming and robotics.

✠ *Kellie Rumba*, featured soloist at Disciples Christian Church, is graduating with a Master of Music in Vocal Performance. She plans to pursue an Artist Diploma at the Cleveland Institute of Music, beginning in the fall.

✠ *Kristen Schmauder*, daughter of *Karen* and *Dale Schmauder*, graduated May 14 from the University of Missouri with a B.A. in Sociology, a Minor in Psychology, and a Multicultural Certificate. She has accepted a position as a Lead Teacher in Columbia, Missouri.

✠ *Ryan Walling*, son of *Gary* and *Linda Walling*, is graduating from Shaker Heights High School and plans to attend Ohio State University in the fall.

✠ *Mark Wicks*, son of *Randy* and *Lauren Wicks*, graduated from Kent State May 7 with a Bachelors degree in technology. He is currently looking for work and is hoping to work in the field of PLC which is the programming used in machinery for manufacturing.

Our Church

Disciples are going global this summer. So many of our members have been to interesting places around the world, we thought it would be fun to hear about their travels and see their pictures and artifacts. So, in June, July, and August, join us in the chapel at 10am for the fun. A few of our confirmed speakers are, Kristen Walling who is home from her Peace Corp assignment for her brother's graduation, Katie Keresman, who is currently in Ecuador, and Don Ehrlich who lived in Mexico for over a year. We haven't had an education hour during the summer for many years, so we are giving you an extra incentive. Everyone will receive a passport with their picture on it. Every week you attend Disciples Go Global, you will get your passport stamped. At the end of the summer, the person with the most stamps will win a fantastic prize!

The Garden of Blessings

The Garden of Blessings is planted and growing. Many thanks to the folks who came out to get the seeds in the ground! We have seven teams who have taken responsibility for the tending of the garden. They are Stephanie Ford, The Mates family, our Young Disciples, the church staff, Mary-Kay Moore and Michael Arnold, Pat Hartmann, and Mary Sayre. Many thanks to them for work they will be doing over the summer. *See photos of planting day on the back page!

Musical Notes ♪

As our choir year draws to a close, we offer a big THANK YOU to all of the Disciples Christian Church musicians who enriched our weekly worship and special services. We are indeed grateful to the Praise Ensemble, Chancel Choir, and Young Disciples who have so generously shared their gift of song. We will conclude our program year on June 12 with the celebration of Pentecost. You won't want to miss the plans for the summer! As we give our musicians time off from regular weekly rehearsals, we will be seeking new ways to keep our music alive during the summer months. Here are just a few things to expect: The Gathering Music in Connections worship will take the form of a "Summer Sing-a-Long." We'll learn new contemporary music together, sing some of our favorites, and experience our own version of MTV with Christian music videos. In Traditional Worship, we'll have a Summer Choir. Everyone who is interested in participating should just show up for a rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 10:25 to run through a simple anthem for that day. Singers will sit with friends or family in the pews, and will step to the front at the time of the anthem. In addition, watch for Hymn Sings before worship begins. During that time we'll have the opportunity to sing some of our old favorites and learn some of the new treasures in our hymns. If you love to sing but just can't participate in the weekly rehearsals September – May, our summer music program is the perfect place for you! Musically yours, *Linda Walling*

Property Meeting: The Property Committee will meet Wednesday, June 1 at 5 pm in the chapel. All are welcome to attend—see Tom Haverdill for details.

A MESSAGE FROM KATHY SMITH:

During the Connection's Youth Sunday service, many of the youth described a mother's love given by women who were not their mother. Since not everyone attends this service, I thought it would be appropriate to reproduce some of their responses about our own women at Disciples Christian who have impacted our youth's lives.

I have felt a mother's love through my grandma (Inge Williams). She's really nice and friendly and mean when she needs to be. I like her hugs and everything.

- **Justin Williams**

I want to talk about Mrs. Reed because she acts like my mom. She does a lot of things with me and my brother and sister. I know her because I have close friends, Emily and Patrick. I met them when I was 4. She lets us sleep over, play with friends, play games and have fun. And that's why I feel like I have 2 moms. - **Evan Ritchey**

The person that treated me and many others as a mother is Mrs. Kidd. She was always there when you want a laugh or just comfort. And no matter who you are she always wanted us to sing. I am filled with pride to have known Mrs. Kidd as a mother and she will always be a mother in spirit to everyone. And that's our mother! **Courtney Ritchey**

What a blessing that our youth experience a mother's love through other women in our church!

Kathy Smith, Young Disciples Director

The Next 'Meet The Neighbors' Community Meal: will be Thursday, June 30 from 5 to 6:30 pm. As always, your help is always needed and appreciated! Please sign up in the kitchen to volunteer. Thanks.

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 June 30 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!

Men of Disciples

The Men of Disciples Group will meet Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 pm in the chapel. Our very own Pastor Kris will be a guest speaker at this event. Following this meeting, the group will break for the summer and resume in the fall. Call Dr. Burlingame for more information at 216-291-9539.

Our Community

Thank you for your generosity!

Disciples raised \$1,065 for Week of Compassion (designated for Japan earthquake relief) at the May 15 piano concert given by Shiho Saito and Joshua Vogel. We thank them for playing such beautiful music for such a good cause.

CCH 2011 Scramble for Kids

Love golf? You are invited to the Cleveland Christian Home Golf Tournament. Get a foursome and help CCH. Monday, June 13th, 2011 at Fox Meadow Country Club in Medina. For more information and to register call 216.476.0333 or visit www.cchome.org.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Interfaith Hospitality Network and New Life Community have combined to become Family Promise of Greater Cleveland. By capitalizing on their complementary strengths, they will be able to help even more homeless families in Greater Cleveland at a cost savings. DCC looks forward to being part of this new venture.

Bhutanese Families

Growing families continue to need lightly used clean summer clothing from infant to women's and men's size medium. Clean, lightly used bedding and kitchen and household items are always needed. Place your items in the coat room off the Fireside Library. Help is always needed with sorting and distribution. Want to help? See Carol Edwards or Bonnie Goldner.

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) no later than June 23!

Our World

Disciples Coffee Project

Make a difference buy Equal Exchange Fairly Traded coffee, tea and much more. To order go to www.weekofcompassion.org and click on the box "Equal Exchange Coffee". You may also call 774-776-7366. Be sure to mention Disciples of Christ Coffee Project. Justice does taste better!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- ✚ The families of *Ralph Harold* and *Vi Radomilovich*
- ✚ *Dr. Richard Rice*, rehab, Laurel Lake
- ✚ *JoAnne Humbert*, surgery June 13
- ✚ *Duane Mayhew*, lymphoma, Fairmount at Breckenridge
- ✚ *Kristen Walling*, home on leave from Peace Corps
- ✚ *Toni Laurensen*, surgery recovery

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

- ✚ *Jack Davis*, grand-nephew of *Ann and Harry Farmer*, Barrington, IL, rehab
- ✚ *Sherri Harkless*, sister-in-law of *Elaine Harkless*, chemotherapy
- ✚ *Jennifer Kless*, daughter of *Ed Kidd*

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; *Donna Beckner*, home; *Chuck Hood*, home; *Gerry and Ruby Povall*, home; *Duane Mayhew*, home.

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

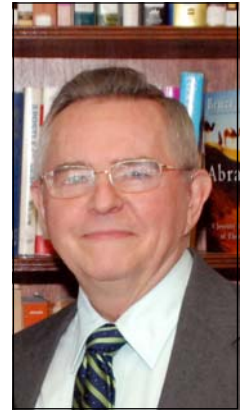


Adam Ausperk

Congrats, Grads!

Whether it's a high school diploma, a Bachelor's,
a Master's or a Doctorate,
we're so proud of your achievement.
Congratulations!

Read more about the grads on page 4.



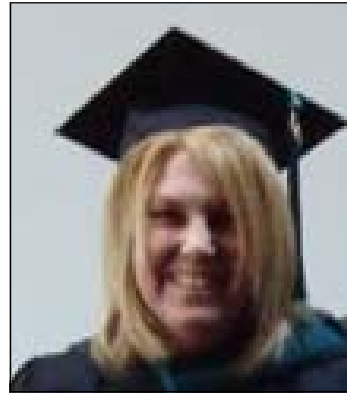
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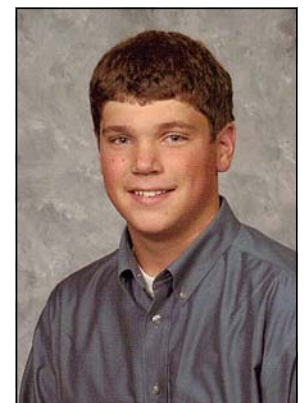
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Meet our newest member Derrick! See page 2 to read about him.



Garden of Blessings Planting Day was May 21



Disciples helping clean up at the May community meal



Richard Huff and Steve Bell wear matching Disciples shirts