



# Church Life

*at Yellowstone and Mayfield*

\*Photo by Ron Werman

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*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

2 Corinthians 5:17



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**Lent at Disciples Christian Church  
2011**

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Like any hardy Clevelander, I'm ready for spring. This past weekend we shoveled the heaviest snow of the winter, to be followed by bailing water out of our basement with thunder and lightning providing the 3 am background music! I'm ready for walks outside instead of on the treadmill, crocuses, daffodils, green grass, and budding trees. This isn't my first spring, so I know to trust that it's out there and in due time will refresh us with its warm breezes and signs of new life.

And, like any hardy Christian, I know to look for the signs of new life that come with the celebration of the empty tomb on Easter morning. The church will be decked out in lilies and we'll sing *Christ The Lord is Risen Today!* We'll see folks we haven't seen in awhile, and we'll greet persons who are not only new to our building, but who are hearing the story for the first time. We trust this spectacular day that defines our faith is out there and will refresh us once more.

We will not wake up one morning with spring suddenly in full bloom. It is a *process* filled with anticipation for what we know will happen. It can also be a process of discovery if we are open to seeing it with fresh eyes and a renewed spirit. I think that's where your church can help.

We are committed to this *process* of discovery in the season we call Lent – those 40 days plus Sundays that lead us to Easter. Inside this newsletter you'll find many ways to be active in the anticipation. I strongly encourage you to dig deeper into the rich and fertile soil of the season by taking on something new at Disciples. What might be new for you?

*Perfect attendance on Sunday morning? Attending 9:00 worship if you are an 11:00 regular, or vice versa? Joining Janice Ziegler and others at 10:00 Prime Time to explore the morning's scripture? Committing to a 6 week small group study? Partnering with me, not just in reading but also in conversation on my weekly blog and sharing your joys and concerns with me on your designated prayer date?*

And for our newest folks, Lent can be a time of making the commitment to a life in Jesus Christ. Perhaps it's time to prepare with me for your baptism. Maybe it's the right time to walk forward one Sunday morning and formalize your relationship by joining. I invite you to join me for dinner and *Learning about Disciples* on Thursday, March 31 at 6 pm. It will be a good opportunity to learn more about us and for me to get to know you.

Spring will come in all its splendor. And Easter Sunday will be a glorious day. Let's welcome both this year with fresh eyes and a renewed spirit.

See you in church –

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

## Ourselfs

### Meet Our Newest Member!

I am Yolanda McWilliams and I have three children, Jaide Talmadge, Soilé Talmadge, and Jason Talmadge who are 11, 10 and 9 respectively. We would like to say that we are excited and grateful to be a part of the church family. Currently, we reside in Cleveland but enjoy travelling anywhere the wind blows us. I work in quality assurance at Hyland Software Inc. in Westlake. The kids all go to school at Harvard Avenue Community School where they excel in most subjects. We enjoy spending 'outside time' together as a family because inside time can be quite chaotic, we also enjoy reading and of course – video games. Thanks again for the warm welcome!

*\*Be sure to introduce yourself to the family if you haven't already! (See a photo on page 7)*

**Birth Announcement!** Cy and Kim McFarlin welcomed Justin Douglas McFarlin into the world on February 25 at 4:47 am. Justin weighed in a 8 lbs 2 oz. All are doing well. We celebrate this joy with Kim and Cy and pray for God's blessings on this new life. (See a photo on page 7)

### Notes of Love and Gratitude...

Dear Friends,

I was very touched and surprised by the gifts that you gave me the other Sunday. Touched because the clothing, cash and gift card were very generous. Surprised because I truly like providing something that people enjoy so much, especially people that are like a family to me. Fellowship time is an important part of our church, where we can connect with each other and stay close. I will always want to make sure that it stays that way (yes, Nominating Committee, I plan on doing it again next year!). My sincerest thanks to all of you.

*Elaine Mates*

It was a comfort to receive your prayers, encouragement, and thoughtful cards during my Mom's illness and passing. Hearing from our Disciple family was truly appreciated during this difficult time. Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the lovely shawl. Mom enjoyed its meaning and warmth in her last

### Notes of Love and Gratitude continued...

weeks of life. Everyone who came to visit or care for her commented on its beauty. Thank you for the love and spiritual strength we find at Disciples Christian Church, it is cherished.

*Sue and Zoe Curtis and Family*

We would like to thank our church family and friends for a beautiful baby shower. A special thanks to the CWF and all others who coordinated the festivities. What an amazing blessing to be showered with such thoughtful gifts. Our parents, especially Kim's mom and dad who were unable to attend due to surgery recovery, appreciated everyone's efforts to lift up our growing family. Your love and support during the past year have been the best gifts of all. We look forward to a healthy delivery of Baby McFarlin, and we thank you for your continuing prayers and support.

*In God's Love, Kim & Cy McFarlin*

## Our Church

### Employer Matching Gift Programs

Did you know that many companies offer a matching gift program? Gifts that employees have given to a non-profit such as Disciples Christian Church could be matched by their employer. This is an easy way to make your donation to DCC go even farther. A quick call to your Human Resources Department could determine if your employer offers this benefit. Thank you for checking into this.

*Judy Griffith*

**Disciples Book Club** The Disciples Book Club has chosen Cleopatra, a Life as their March book. Written by Stacy Schiff, this is the true story of the woman behind the myth. Schiff has sorted through the myth and misapprehension, tossed out the chaff of gossip and delivered up a spirited life. Her book is a model of concision, and its brisk, vividly written chapters move with a swiftness the Nile never enjoyed. Our March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

### The 'Meet The Neighbors' Community Meal

This month's community meal will be held Thursday, March 31 at 5 pm. Please sign up in the kitchen to volunteer. The dinner will be pot roast. Thank you for all your generous help and support!

### A MESSAGE FROM KATHY SMITH:

February is not one of my favorite months, but I discovered that Disciples Christian is full of exciting activities and adventures, making the month fly by in a hurry! Even before February started, many of us participated in Homeless Standdown. Having never participated in this event before, I was not only amazed at all that Disciples Christian's young and old contributed to the event but the contribution of the entire Cleveland community as well. The following Sunday brought the annual Super Bowl Sunday subs. Chi Rho made around \$370 from this fund raiser – not bad! The CYF youth have met with me over the past couple of Sundays for conversation and worship. During this time we explored the meaning of a true hero and dealing with anger. These topics have provided very interesting conversation. The plan is to meet at this time on a regular basis. February cleanup was also on the menu of fun activities. This resulted, thanks to the help of many, a clean stage which is now available for the youth to enjoy and trust me they have done just that! Our hope is to do a dinner theatre fund raiser in June, so stay tuned. The kids have decided to dedicate their stage in memory of Nancy Kidd (check out the photo on page 7). Obviously her gift of Christian education has stayed with them in loving memories. Looking ahead toward Palm Sunday and the traditional Easter egg hunt, I am asking for contributions of any **cardboard** egg containers, candy and plastic eggs. I hope that March will be as blessed as February!

*Kathy Smith*

### Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, April 23, 2011  
 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH  
 Registration: 7:30-9:00am  
 5K Run: 8:45am  
 5K Walk: 9:15am



Walkers: completion of the 5K course is optional  
 Please join us for our annual 5K Walk & Run for the Kids at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo! *This event will include a timed 5K course that winds through the Zoo grounds.* Come run, walk, roll or stroll to benefit the programs of Cleveland Christian Home. Register online or see Bonnie Goldner for a form.

### Musical Notes ♪

#### Jazz Music to be Featured in March 6th Worship

Jazz music is regularly a part of Connections worship on the first Sunday of each month. Because the first Sunday in March coincides with the final days of Mardi Gras, jazz musicians will help lead our music in both services on that date. Very gifted Cleveland Institute of Music jazz musicians will play several popular Christian jazz favorites - from the soulful sounds of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" to the rousing "When the Saints Go Marching In." In addition, the Chancel Choir will be accompanied by the Jazz Ensemble during traditional worship. You won't want to miss this joyful expression of worship before we enter into the six weeks of the more reflective music that characterizes worship during Lent.

#### Join us for our Lenten and Easter Music!

As we begin our singing of Lenten music, members of the Praise Ensemble and Chancel Choir invite would-be singers to join them. Anyone who might want to sing, but isn't quite sure about the regular weekly commitment, is invited to give the music program a try during Lent. Instead of giving something up, consider adding the gift of song to your priorities during this holy season. Simply check the church calendar for the weekly rehearsal schedule.

Musically yours,

*Linda Walling*

### DCC Music Leadership

Disciples Christian Church is blessed to have someone in our own family leading our music ministry! Linda Walling is currently our intentional Interim Music Director into the spring season. Directing both our Traditional and Connections worship music, Linda has fit in smoothly and successfully while we discern and learn what our music needs and goals are for the future. After Lent, we will be organizing a search committee to look for permanent music leadership. This interim period will allow us to go into the search process with a better idea of who will fill our needs as well as giving Linda time to determine her own future interests. If anyone is interested in being part of the search process after Easter, please contact the Personnel Committee. —*Sue Curtis (chair), Lauren Wicks, Don Ehrlich, and Pastor Kris*

**Upcoming Meetings:** The Elders will meet Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 pm. The Board meeting will be held Monday, March 15 at 7:30 pm.

## Our Community

### Spring Cleaning?

The Outreach Committee is requesting household items, pots and pans, sheets, blankets, towels and clothes for children and adults (smaller sizes, clean and in good repair) for our Bhutanese families. If you have questions, please call Carol Edwards at 216-382-9528.

**Sing and Swing, LLC**, led by Alto Soloist Jennifer Woda, offers the internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program "Music Together" at Disciples on Thursday afternoons. Class times are 4:15 and 6:15 pm. This program is for children ages 0-5 with a parent, grandparent or caregiver and offers 45-minutes of singing, dancing, instruments and fun. Class sessions run for 10 weeks and the spring session will begin on Thursday, March 31. For more information about the program, please speak with Jen directly, call her at 216-632-8522 or visit the website at [www.singandswing.org](http://www.singandswing.org).

### Tetelestai 2011

Member Chris Ontko has invited us all to see a passion play of the trial, execution and resurrection of Jesus as presented by the Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries. A church group outing is being planned for Sunday, April 3 at 3 pm at St. Paschal Baylon in Highland Heights, though the production will be performed at a number of locations for many weekends beginning March 4. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Call the church office if you are interested in attending on April 3. For more information, please visit [www.tetelestai-cpam.org](http://www.tetelestai-cpam.org) or call 440-944-0635.

**CAMP CHRISTIAN!** It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp at Camp Christian! Registration is already open. Junior Camp for children in grades 3, 4 and 5; Otter Camp June 19-25; Chi Rho Camp for youth in grades 6, 7 and 8; Hocking June 12-18, Portahoga July 10-16, Maumee July 17-23, ...

Miami August 7-13; CYF Conferences for youth in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12; Hiram June 26-July 2, Phyo July 3-9, Lakeside July 24-30, Wilmington July 31-August 6. For more information about Camp Christian (schedule, applications, directions, etc) please visit <http://ccinoh.org/camp/schedule.aspx>

### How can I help a homeless family in Cleveland?

Interfaith Hospitality Network is one answer. (go to [ihncleveland.org](http://ihncleveland.org) for lots of information) DCC in partnership with our sister congregation Heights Christian provides a home cooked dinner and support to homeless families. The families are our guests. Hope you can help on: Tuesday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 23. Look for sign up sheets in bulletin or call Bonnie Goldner 330.468.1813

## Our World



**Sharing resources, changing lives!**  
Thank you for your generous gifts to  
*Week of Compassion*

Thank you for your contribution to Week of Compassion. Your gift enables us - together - to offer help and hope to hurting people around the world, around the year. No gift is too small!

WOC currently responds to some kind of disaster or emergency somewhere in the world on average of approximately once every one and a half days. Recent major disasters -- such as the devastating earthquake in Haiti -- receive much of our attention and resources. At the same time, we continue to respond to other grave humanitarian tragedies. The Global Food Crisis is impacting more and more countries and reversing the modest gains that had been made in recent years against hunger, and has now become one of our most pressing priorities.

Your gifts to the Compassion Response Fund and to 'Where Most Needed' enable us to respond immediately to disasters and emergencies - 'big' or 'small' - as they arise. Designated donations enable us to continue supporting the work of our church partners who continue to respond under some of the most difficult and dangerous circumstances imaginable.

# You're Invited

To the ordination of  
Mark Rogers-Berry!

Sunday, March 20

2 ~ 4 p.m.



Disciples member Mark Rogers-Berry will be ordained  
in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)!  
*The ceremony will begin at 2 pm with a reception to follow.  
All are invited to join him for this special occasion!*

#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- ✠ *Claudia Vondriska*, eye surgery recovery
- ✠ *Barbara Harold*, pneumonia
- ✠ *Betty Zimmer*, recent hospitalization
- ✠ *Donna Beckner*, Homewood Residence
- ✠ *Duane Mayhew*, radiation, lymphoma
- ✠ *Vi Radomilovich*, Manor Care in Willoughby
- ✠ *Jim Runyon*, cancer
- ✠ *Kristen Walling*, Peace Corps Madagascar
- ✠ *Clark Hungerford*, rehab at Judson

#### OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

- ✠ *Les Hanna*, father of *Linda Walling*, surgery, Florida
- ✠ *Sherri Harkless*, sister-in-law of *Elaine Harkless*, chemotherapy
- ✠ *Margaret Mamie*, daughter of *Nancy Womer*, evaluation, Cleveland Clinic
- ✠ *Jennifer Kless*, daughter of *Ed Kidd*
- ✠ *Skye Marie Kellerman*, niece of *Thon Alicia-Burlingame*

#### OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

*Barbara Seaver*, Summerville of Mentor; *Barbara Harold*, Homewood Residence in Richmond Heights; *Louise Consilio*, home; *Marjia Hehr*, home; *Averna Jayne*, The Fairways; *Barbara Ross*, Grande Pointe, *Lois Valentine*, home, *Betty Zimmer*, Aberdeen Crossings; *Violet Radomilovich*, home.

#### REQUEST A PRAYER:

**Blue Request 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)

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets every Tuesday in the chapel at 1 pm. Please join us. If you are a beginner, there are members who can help you!





*New Member Yolanda McWilliams and her children Soleil, Jaide and Jason*



*Young Disciples and their new stage*

*Men of Disciples*



*Justin McFarlin, born February 25*



*The Disciples Men's group meets once a month to discuss the Book of Acts.*

*The CIM interns share their talents with Disciples each Sunday*

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## Disciples Christian Church

*Worship at 9 am and 11 am every Sunday*

We hope to see you there!



The McFarlin baby shower was a lot of fun!  
*CWF hosted it and the choir serenaded everyone.*

