

# Church Life

*at Yellowstone and Mayfield*

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## September Sundays At-A-Glance

**Sept 4**

*One Worship Service ONLY!*  
*10 am outdoor worship*  
*with Rev. Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa*  
*No Sunday Prime Time*  
*Congregational Meeting following worship*

**Sept 11**

*Worship at 9 and 11 am*  
*"For The Children" - Pastor Kris*  
*Candlelighting Services*  
*Sunday Prime Time at 10:15 am: Russia*

**Sept 18**

*Worship at 9 and 11 am*  
*Elena Huegel helps Disciples celebrate*  
*Global Ministries!*  
*Music from Latin American Ensemble.*

**Sept 25**

*Worship at 9 and 11 am*  
*"Happy First Birthday!" - Pastor Kris*  
*All-Church Brunch in Fellowship Hall*

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### **ALL-CHURCH BRUNCH:**

**September 25th is a date to mark on your calendars!**

We will be kicking off our fall Prime Time programming with an All Church Brunch at 10 am. This will be a time to catch up with your friends, enjoy good food, and learn about upcoming educational opportunities during the Prime Time hour. Let the church office know if you would like to help in the kitchen or by providing food.



It's been a wonderful summer. I don't want to see it end.

Of course I'm writing this on a beautiful cool sunny morning, having forgotten the oppressive heat and heavy thunderstorms of July. I'm also writing far inland and away from the destruction and floods of Hurricane Irene. I'm writing also in anticipation of watching as our daughter Kate marries Joe, the man of her dreams, on this the last official weekend of summer. I'm in a good place!

I'm also writing this while reflecting on the summer we've had here at Disciples. With wonderful attendance in worship and pretty extraordinary participation in Disciples Go Global, we have weathered any storms of a summer slump. I offer my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated and creative staff, musicians who gave up some lazy summer mornings in order to bring the gospel alive in song, deacons who served faithfully, elders who prayed mightily, and to anyone who pulled a weed, planted a flower, or picked the harvest from the Garden of Blessings. Our grounds have not looked this good in years. And with a fresh coat of paint on the building – thanks Tom Haverdill for making sure this happened – the pride and love we have for our church is there for all to see.

I love summer, but I'm also always ready for the change in seasons. I write this as Disciples Christian is preparing for the onset of fall. Our work continues and intensifies. I believe we are up to the challenge. I saw it in the numbers of you who were standing on the Chancel last Sunday making public your commitment to leadership and service. I heard it in a personal testimony offered at the close of 9:00 worship – someone who was compelled to speak having felt the power of God's Holy Spirit moving among us. I listened last Thursday evening at my "Learning About Disciples" class as a new visitor said she'd never felt so welcome in any church. I heard much the same from two of our newest deacons who have been blown away by the kindnesses shown to them and are ready to return the same to others. Those who were guests this time last year are part of our family now, and they are actively working to enlarge our family, to building up the body of Christ.

As we adapt to the change in season here at Disciples, let's be all about hospitality. Park in the far corners of the parking lot if you are able to allow our visitors a prime space. Sit in the middle of the row and don't hog the corners – make room for someone arriving late and new to us. During Passing of the Peace greet someone you don't know – invite them to continue the conversation with you over coffee. Involve yourself in Prime Time, as you did during Disciples Go Global this summer. Being a member of a Disciples' church calls you to lifelong learning and the challenge to go deeper and move forward in your faith. A growing disciple is a hospitable one.

*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. (Romans 12:9-13)*

It's a message that works for all seasons. See you in church –

*Pastor Kris*

## Ourselves

### Meet Our Newest Member, Donna Ford!

Donna Ford of Cleveland Heights joined the Disciples family on August 28. She is engaged to *Derrick Hall*, who joined in May of this year. She used to babysit, and her hobbies include crocheting, knitting, cooking, and driving Derrick crazy! She just loves being around her new church. Be sure to introduce yourself to Donna soon if you haven't already. \*see a photo of Donna & Derrick on the back page

### Helen Wheeler

Former member *Helen Wheeler* passed away from pneumonia on Wednesday, August 10 at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina. A memorial service was held for her on August 14 in Greensboro.

### Notes of Love and Gratitude ...

**Words of Appreciation:** The receipt of cards and notes from many were highlights of the day. The visits and prayers played a special role in providing comfort and gratitude. Bless each and everyone!

*Jean Shirey*

### Dear Disciples Brothers and Sisters,

Bill and I are so grateful to you in so many ways for your care and support after my back surgery in May. Although I have managed to miss several newsletter deadlines, that does not mean that we did not enjoy every meal, embrace every call, find peace and healing from each prayer, and treasure every card. We are truly blessed to be among you. (And the prayer shawl the ministry made for me last year has gotten quite a workout!)

*In Christ's love, Toni*

### Special "Thank You" to :

- ✠ *Ron Werman*, who has provided a beautiful newsletter banner photo each month since July of last year. His photographic skills make for a very beautiful Church Life!
- ✠ *The prayer shawl ministry*, Kathy Smith's granddaughter has already wrapped herself in God's love! Thank you! (*Young Disciples Director*

*Kathy Smith's daughter Joanna and her husband Maic welcomed Evelyn Wright D'Agostino into the world on August 20. See photo of Kathy and Evelyn on the back page)*

### A Request from Pastor Kris:

A portion of our worship service on 9/11 will be a prayerful remembrance on this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you suffered loss among your family and friends and would like those persons remembered, please submit their names to Anne in the Church office by Thursday, September 8.

### FROM THE MODERATOR:

*Colossians 1*

*9: For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10: That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11: Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; (KJV)*

Another amazing section of scripture with a powerful message to aspire to. Paul's Epistles are full of bold statements like these. I like to think of the Christian walk as similar to yoga. In the practice of yoga there are some positions that are very difficult to accomplish at first, however, practice makes those positions much easier and eventually greater flexibility and balance are attained. Instructors often use phrases like 'relax into the pose and stretch a little more.' So often we play it safe and stay in our comfort zones but maybe there are times we ought to challenge ourselves. Then we can stretch that glorious power just a little more in our giving, forgiving, serving, singing, worship, study, or anything else we care to do. I double-dog dare you!

*Don Ehrlich*

**\*\*Save the Date:\*\***

**Board Meeting in the chapel  
Monday, September 12 at 7 pm  
Take Note: new time this year is 7:00 pm!**

## Our Church

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE OUTDOORS AT 10 am

Our September 4 guest preacher is the Rev. Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa, Interim Director of Church Relations at Cleveland Christian Home. She'll be presenting our congregation with a certificate of appreciation for being one of the "Top Ten" church donors to CCH in the past fiscal year. Come learn about this important child and family service agency with deep ties to the Disciples of Christ. They have been a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families in Cuyahoga County continuously for 111 years. See how you can help support their mission at [www.cchome.org](http://www.cchome.org), and find them on Facebook. The most pressing need of Cleveland Christian Home is to retire long-term debt which was the result of CCH's becoming independent from our denomination's National Benevolent Association. In the midst of its own financial difficulties NBA attempted to close Cleveland Christian Home, but the staff and trustees have worked valiantly to keep serving northeast Ohio's at-risk children. Come learn how you can make a difference for children.

Rev. Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa was born and raised an Ohio Disciple. She has served pastorates in Ohio and Hawaii, served on the staff of the Christian Church in Ohio, and now is the Interim Director of Church Relations and Major Gifts at Cleveland Christian Home.

#### Disciples Go Global

This month, we'll go from Russia to Chile on the "Disciples Go Global" Prime Time adventures. Don't forget to stamp your passport!

Sept 4—No Sunday Prime Time (one service 10 am)

Sept 11—Russia with Pat Hartmann

Sept 18—Chile with Elena Huegel (also preaching)

Sept 25—All-Church Brunch "Happy First Birthday!"

Prizes will be distributed at the brunch on the 25th for the disciples with the best Prime Time attendance recorded by their passport stamps. Hope to see you there at 10:15 am.

#### Prime Time for Fall 2011 "Worthy of Worship"

Worship is the believer's response of all that they are—mind, emotions, will, body—to what God is and says and does. (Real Worship, Warren Wiersbe). Help us explore the concept of worship in our Judeo-Christian tradition, in contemporary Christian congregations, in other religions and faiths of the Cleveland community, and through the stories and testimony of some members of our own Disciples congregation. Kick-off on September 25 with an all church brunch. Prime Time series begins October 2. A special Prime Time event with our "Green Stone" members, those who have been members of the Euclid Avenue Christian Church since it was located on Euclid Ave will be held October 30. Guest speakers from other faiths in our community will also be scheduled.

*Janice Ziegler*

#### Property Meeting:

The Property Committee will meet Wednesday, September 7 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. If you have any to spare for this fall/winter, please notify the office.

#### 'Meet The Neighbors' Free Community Meal

The next community meal will be Thursday, September 29 from 5 to 6:30 pm. The dinner will be macaroni and beef casserole and recipes are available near the sign-up sheet. Please sign up in the kitchen, call or email Carol Reed, or notify the church office to volunteer. Your help is always needed and appreciated. Thank you.

#### 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 September 29 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!

## Musical Notes ♪

### Rehearsals are beginning!

Yes, it's time to begin a new year for our music ministries and for all who want to participate, there's a place for you. Beginning right after Labor Day, rehearsals will begin and our program will be in full swing on Sunday, September 11. The *Praise Ensemble* will have its first rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7:00 pm. For all who prefer more contemporary music this is the place for you. Our Connections music program is growing but there is always room for more! Are you interested, but Wednesday rehearsals are difficult for you? That's OK. One of our first orders of business will be to determine regular rehearsal times that work better for everyone. The *Chancel Choir*, which leads the music for our 11 am service, will hold its first rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 pm. If your choice in worship music is more traditional, this is your choir and there's a seat in the Chancel waiting for you. Our *children and youth* will be offered music opportunities in the educational times that are held on Sunday mornings.

A big thank you! Appreciation goes to all who shared in making our summer music program successful. By all reports, the more casual summer ensembles for each service truly enriched our worship together. A big thank you goes to all who helped make it happen.

Hymn Sing: A popular addition to the 11 am service this summer was the Hymn Sing that served as the Prelude each Sunday. Keep your requests coming in. We will continue our special Hymn Sing about once a month.

Special Music on Sept. 18: As we welcome a missionary from Chile to the pulpit on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, our worship will feature the musical gifts of our Latin American sisters and brothers. An instrumental ensemble will lead both services as we sing and listen to selections from Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Suggestions? Do you have suggestions or comments for our music program? Email

[linda@discipleschristian.org](mailto:linda@discipleschristian.org), drop a note in the church office, or leave a message via telephone.

Musically yours,  
Linda Walling  
Director of Music

## A MESSAGE FROM KATHY SMITH:

It's hard to believe, but we are starting the transition from summer to fall. The young disciples are finishing up the study of the parables and getting ready to enter the fall season. In the fall we will be once again separating into different classrooms and starting the study of God and Moses. But as always, we kick off our fall with our annual trip to Lake Chautauqua. Lake Chautauqua is the perfect place to develop relationships, have fun and to get closer to God. Hopefully, it will be warmer this year than last! Also keep the Young Disciples in your prayers as they enter into a new school year. And a big thanks to all those who helped this summer to clean up the nursery and maintain our Garden of Blessings. We will be participating in Children's Sabbath this fall so keep a watch out for inserts in your bulletins.

Kathy Smith  
Young Disciples Director

## National Children's Sabbath



October 16, 2011 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Children's Sabbath, a time when religious congregations of all faiths pray for children and lift up the need to advocate for justice on their behalf. Join us in worship as we pray for all children, and especially for the ministry we support through the Cleveland Christian Home, a Disciples-related child and family services agency that serves 1500 children and families each year. Check out their website: [www.cchome.org](http://www.cchome.org) and follow Cleveland Christian Home on Facebook.

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## TECH TEAM

I am looking for a few people that would like to be involved in working on the Tech Team once a month by running the sound board or slides during worship. We will be happy to provide training. If you are interested please let me know by calling the church office or emailing me at [amy@discipleschristian.org](mailto:amy@discipleschristian.org).

Amy Campbell

## Our Community

### Out of Many, ONE

A public Interfaith Remembrance and Commemoration of September 11, 2001 will be held at 200 Public Square Building (the former BP building on Public Square) on Sunday, September 11 2011, the tenth anniversary. 3:30–4:15 pm. All are welcome. At 5 pm there will be a concert on Public Square with the Cleveland Orchestra. This presentation has been prepared by the people of many diverse faiths from the Greater Cleveland Area.

### Notre Dame College Students and HEFC

On August 27, many students from Notre Dame College knocked on doors in South Euclid to request donations for the Heights Emergency Food Center. The food drive was a great success—they donated over 1,500 lbs of food and \$157 cash to the HEFC. A big thank you to all who participated. Your generosity makes a difference.

*\*photo of the amount donated on the back page*

### 5 New Bhutanese Families

Disciples welcomes 5 new families who arrived during August. Many are relatives of families we already know. They are thrilled to be in Cleveland but we know winter is coming. Our needs-room is rather bare! Needs:

- Kitchens items of all sorts including pans, dishes, glasses, etc.
- Bedding especially blankets and comforters
- Towels
- Clothing: men and women's adult sizes small and medium, children all sizes
- Boots and shoes
- Winter coats and jackets

Thank you for your generosity! Contact Outreach Chair *Bonnie Goldner* with questions.

### REQUEST A PRAYER:

**Write** – *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)*

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

- ✠ *Jane Knapp*, rehab, Anna Maria of Aurora
- ✠ *Thon Alicia-Burlingame*, treatment for Hepatitis C
- ✠ *Dr. Richard and Lois Rice*, rehab, Laurel Lake
- ✠ *JoAnne Humbert*, surgery recovery, home
- ✠ *Jean Shirey*, Homewood Residence in Richmond Hts
- ✠ *Kristen Walling*, Peace Corps, Madagascar
- ✠ *Clark Hungerford*, Judson
- ✠ *All students, teachers, and school administrative staff* who are returning to school

### OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

- ✠ *Joe Backe and Kate Wratten*, daughter of *Pastor Kris and David Eggert*, who will be married 9/4
- ✠ *Evelyn Wright D'Agostino*, new granddaughter of *Kathy Smith*, born August 20
- ✠ *Jennifer Kless*, daughter of *Ed Kidd*, MS
- ✠ *Shawn Waterman*, grandson of *John and Phyllis Alaburda*, Marines in Afghanistan

### OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

*Barbara Seaver*, Summerville of Mentor; *Barbara Harold*, Homewood Residence in Richmond Heights; *Margia 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

### DCC Celebrates Global Ministries Sunday, Sept 18

Did you know that Disciples has a Missionary Partner? Her name is Elena Huegel and she is the Global Ministries partner for the Christian Church in Ohio. She is visiting Ohio during September. Elena will be preaching during both services on September 18 and presenting at Disciples Go Global. Elena has served with Global Ministries for 15 years. She serves with the Pentecostal Church of Chile (IPC). Elena is an environmental and Christian education specialist. Her focus is in Environmental and Peace Education and Spiritual development. Don't miss receiving your own Global Ministries Passport!

### 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 Sept 21 !



## Growing Disciples Transformation Conference: November 5 at Disciples Christian Church!

Disciples Christian Church will host the “Growing Disciples Transformation Conference” here on November 5 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Keynote speaker Randy Updegraff Spleth of Geist Christian Church will address the topic of “Detours: The Challenging Journey of the 21st Century Church.” Other workshops during the day will feature Robin Hedgeman (A Jump Start for Evangelism), Janet Mers (Christian Coaching—A Panel Discussion), Bruce Barkhauer (Creating a Culture of Generosity), Franklin Circle Christian Church (Widening God’s Circle Brings Spiritual Transformation), Janet Long (From Our Doorsteps), Jim Singleton (Church Transformation: The Fruit of Long Range Planning) and our own Pastor Kris and Linda Walling (What’s Worship Got To Do With It?). Early registration (before October 15) is \$30, late registration (after October 15) or same-day registration is \$40. However, if you are interested in volunteering at the event and acting as a representative of Disciples, registration will be waived (you must still pay for lunch).

### Volunteers Needed for Conference:

- ◆ Greeters (4) *Welcome visitors as they enter the building and direct to registration table*
- ◆ Registration (3) *Help visitors with check-in and name tags*
- ◆ Breakfast (2) *Set up and replenish food and beverages, keep area clean and tidy*
- ◆ AV/ Technicians (8+) *Run projector/sound in sanctuary or workshop (training provided)*
- ◆ Workshop Host/Hostess (7+) *Stock area with water, paper, pens etc and keep area tidy*
- ◆ Drivers (2) *Shuttle visitors back and forth from hotel or airport*
- ◆ Runners (2) *Troubleshooting*
- ◆ Navigators (6) *Direct visitors to where they need to be in the church building*
- ◆ Lunch (4) *Set up and clean up lunch*

Please call Anne or Amy in the church office at 216-382-5344 to let us know if you’d like to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to serve as a representative of your church and to meet folks from all over and learn more about church transformation!

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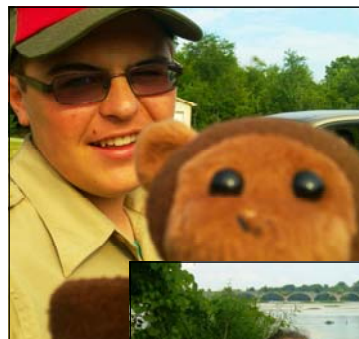
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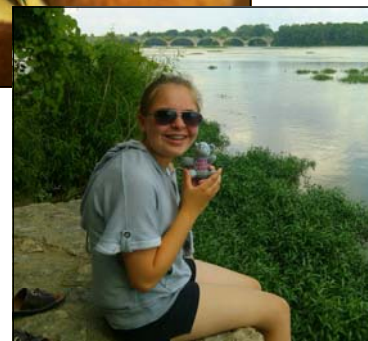
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*Kathy Smith and Evelyn*



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*Hilary and Greg Matthews' wedding in May of this year*



*HEFC donations from Notre Dame College! See page 6*