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Church Life

At Yellowstone and Mayfield

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***Look inside for exciting
summer events happening
at Disciples Christian Church***



Dear Disciples,

It was a day I'll never forget. The 10th anniversary of that special day is coming on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23. We'll talk more about what that day means to the church that Sunday when we'll be decked out in **RED**, symbolic of the fire and power of the Holy Spirit. And, I'll be celebrating with gratitude and thanksgiving for my ordination into Christian Ministry on Pentecost Sunday, May 21, 2000.

It was humbling that day to kneel and feel the love of so many *laying hands* on my head and shoulders. So many hands that there were layers and layers laid on many shoulders that stretched across the entire front of the sanctuary. Tears were flowing freely.

Some of my tears were no doubt ones of relief and exhaustion from the grueling four years of seminary while also working full-time as an associate minister and raising three teen-agers! But so much more than that, they were tears of absolute joy for the privilege of serving in ministry for the rest of my life. I feel that joy every single day.

I remembered another anniversary this year. April 1, 1996. The day I was accepted into seminary. It was not an April Fool's joke – it was the event that would change my life forever. That memory always brings a smile to my face and reminds me not to take myself too seriously!

That said, the work of the church is very serious – *critical* – to a world in such need of God's love and compassion, mercy and justice. Disciples, we have our work ahead of us, guided by God's Holy Spirit and joined together by our faith in Jesus Christ. Together in smiles, tears, humor, joy, energy and commitment --

I'm in. **You?** See you in church.

Pastor Kris

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Ourselves

Camp Christian is inducting Disciples' member Rev. Dr. Howard Ratcliffe into its Hall of Fame during the Camp Christian Reunion, May 14-16, 2010. Two years ago Howard was selected Faithful Servant, and the Reunion Planning Team thought it appropriate to "promote" Howard...he is certainly deserving!

If anyone is interested in attending there are links to accommodate registration. The Reunion takes place during the weekend of May 14-16, 2010. It is not necessary that guests attend all events, but you must register if you plan to attend. Those who stay overnight will be housed in the Monroe Lodge. Registration information is available at www.ccinoh.org. The time that is most significant for Howard's recognition is the Awards Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 15. For more information contact Rev. Dr. Brenda Webster at (614)433-0343.

Our Church

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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!

Friday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. our Soprano soloist, Kellie Rumba and our Tenor soloist, Jake Andricks will be presenting a joint recital with our Music Director, Susan Schoeffler in the sanctuary of our church. They will be presenting selections by Bellini, Hahn, Manuel de Falla, Brahms, Vicente Costa y Noguerras, Rossini and Keith Gates.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR MUSIC DIRECTORS:

It has been a wonderful year of music making at Disciples Christian Church with perhaps too many highlights to mention! At the risk of leaving something out, we would like to take this opportunity to remember the fine work that the Chancel Choir did on Handel's *Messiah* for Cantata Sunday and the establishment of our Contemporary Ensemble for our Connections Service with many wonderful singers from our congregation joined by students from CIM.

On the personnel front we would like to take this opportunity to announce formally that Marla Berg, who has been busy this past year with additional teaching responsibilities, will not be returning as soprano soloist at DCC. During her tenure here, we have been blessed to experience her wonderful musicianship and professionalism and we know we speak for the entire congregation in wishing her all the best in her future endeavors. We know that she will continue to meet with much success. We are please to announce that Kellie Rumba, who has acted as Interim Soprano Soloist in Marla's absence during this past year, has been offered and has accepted the position as Soprano Soloist and section leader for the coming year. Please offer Kellie your congratulations if you have the opportunity.

On a scheduling note: our final Choir Sunday this Spring will be May 23. In the Fall we will resume with Quartet Sunday on September 5 and our first Choir Sunday on September 12.

We wish everyone a safe and blessed summer and look forward to each and every Sunday to come!

Bill and Susan Schoeffler

MESSAGE AND MUSIC:

May 9: A celebration of Magnificats and Ave Maria for Mother's Day

May 16: The Music of Joseph Haydn

May 23: Featuring our Chancel Choir singing Cantate Domino by Giovanni Croce, and instrumental music on our Chancel Harpsichord

May 30: Music of American Composers

FROM PASTOR TIM'S COMPUTER: I have worked with youth a long time and nothing amazes me more than when someone touches young men's hearts so much they will go out of their way to do something uncomfortable. We got the honor to do this on Peace Jam Sunday. Two young men got up to speak who never in million years wanted to get up in front of anyone, and tried to explain why Betty Williams affected their lives. Now if you are like me you still aren't really sure what they said, but what I am sure is that they bravely did what they thought they couldn't do because a white-haired Irish woman inspired them beyond their little world. I am excited to tell you that along with Sue Curtis, Zoe Curtis, David Burton, and Seth Fitch, I will be taking a road trip this next Thursday night May 13 to go to Indianapolis to see the Dalai Lama with Peace Jam. This side trip came because these young men were so inspired they wouldn't take "no" as an answer. So the next time you hear that adolescents in our world don't care, remember these two young men who overcame one of their fears because they were inspired by peace.

ATTENTION PARENTS: **Growing Young Disciples** will meet for the first time on

May 23 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are asking all parents of children and youth to come and help us envision what Children's Ministry will look like at Disciples Christian Church. We will also get to hear Pastor Kris introduce us to the Vehicle of Growth, after which we will discuss how we can apply the Vehicle of Growth to our Children and Family ministry. **SEE YOU THEN!**

Summer Fun is here!! June 13, Summer Sundays will start. All children ages k - 6th will join Pastor Tim and volunteers downstairs to experience Renew VBS, learn some Kristal Bells Sunday after the Children's Moment. Can't wait to see you there!

CYF & Chi Rho Tripping Thursdays is coming to Disciples Christian Church starting June 24 with a picnic and hiking trip to Nelson-Kennedy Ledge. Most Thursdays Chi Rho kids will meet from 10 – noon in the basement of Oakridge for a service project and 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 p.m. 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 - Corn Row tournament
- July 15 – Movie
- July 22 - Bocce Ball tournament
- July 29 – Movie
- Always available: ping, pong, Foosball and chill time.

OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER

SUMMER MISSION MONDAYS:

Summer will be here soon, and with summer comes Summer Mission Mondays.

This year we will do a variety of projects at church and in our local community. Please mark your calendars for the Monday evenings from June 14- July 19. We will work from 6 until approximately 8:30 p.m. each time we meet.

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:

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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 my@discipleschristian.org, requesting that you be added to the chain.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Church Family

- ✝ *Teagan Avery, born April 23, granddaughter of Bob and Carolyn Bruce*
- ✝ *Judy Griffith, chemotherapy*
- ✝ *Ruth Percy, pancreatic cancer, Florida*
- ✝ *Cy McFarlin, testing*
- ✝ *Bob Yocum*
- ✝ *Trish Burton*
- ✝ *Jean Sukyla, Christopher Ladaika's grandmother, recently diagnosed with breast cancer,*
- ✝ *Jim Farmer, rehab, Crown Center at Laurel Lake*

- † *John Ross*, treatment for leukemia
- † *Kelly Wicks*, study semester in Milan, Italy
- † *Don Ehrlich*, work assignment in Mexico

Our Extended Family

- † *David Rogers-Berry*, brother of *Mark Rogers-Berry*, cancer chemo/surgery
- † *Daniel Lake*, cancer/chemotherapy, brother of *Patrick Lake*

Our Members at Home

JoAnne Humbert, surgery recovery
Howard Ratcliff, continued recovery
Betty Zimmer, continued recovery

THE DISCIPLES BOOK CLUB

Hopefully the book club will be able to have our monthly book discussion on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. We were supposed to discuss Michael Lewis' book, The Big Short at the April meeting but had to cancel it for a number of reasons. Therefore we will try again on the 18th. Just to refresh your memory, The Big Short has been described as a wonderful account of the free fall of the American economy. So if you want to know how the U.S. economy was driven over a cliff, this is the book for you.

Patricia McNeilly

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

MEN OF DISCIPLES

The Men of Disciples will meet Wed. May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. "Serious Questions Facing Churches Today" will be the topic for discussion.

Rich Burlingame

Congratulations to 2010 Graduates...

Kyle Harris, grandson of Jeanette Barclay

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.

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

THE 4TH ANNUAL HUNGER FOR MUSIC, MUSIC FOR HUNGER

You're invited to spend a special evening in support of the Heights Emergency Food Center. Sunday, May 23, from 6-8:30 p.m., Ray's Fabulous Out of Tuners will headline the evening, and will be preceded by Mark Ritchey and the Kids of Disciples. Price of admission is one nonperishable food item. Additional funds will be raised through the sale of dinner items and through donations. Childcare will be provided.

Amy Campbell

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. Our next meal is May 27. 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

BLESSINGS GARDEN

May 15 is planting day. If you are available at 9 a.m., please join us when we get the plants in the ground. Over the last several weeks we have had a number of people helping with the construction and preparation of the raised beds. Now we need your help to set our garden in motion. Bring gardening gloves and a trowel so that you can be a part of this exciting Disciples project that will provide fresh produce to the Heights Emergency Food Center to supplement what Hope Gardens provides to them.

Amy Campbell

Notes from Friends:

March 2010

Dear Reverend Eggert:

The team of volunteers from your church facilitated by Bonnie Goldner were greatly appreciated by the Heights Christian Church congregation. This letter is in appreciation and recognition of them for volunteering to cover Tuesday and Wednesday nights during our last Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) hosting.

There a great need to serve the homeless in Cuyahoga County. Disciples Christian church has had a host of volunteers with us in this mission for several years.

Many thanks to Bonnie and Russ Goldner, Amy Biscoff, Mary Griffith, Holly Coughlin, Claudia Vondriska and Hazel Haffner for their help during our last IHN hosting.

*Sincerely,
Andrena Jones-Sharp
Outreach Committee member
Heights Christian Church*

April 9, 2010

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank the church for the beautiful Easter Lilly and also Hazel Haffner for bringing it to us. Her visit was appreciated very much.

*Sincerely,
Gerald Povall*

March 24, 2010

Dear Fellow Church Members,

I am overwhelmed by your many expressions of love and caring that I received after my recent knee replacement surgery. It made me feel all warm and fuzzy. There were funny cards, serious cards, silly cards, religious cards and even church bulletins with notations on them. Each one of them made me smile and brightened up a sometimes difficult day.

For years I've heard and used the expression "Church Family" for a congregation but its meaning never hit home until recently. You are all my brothers and sisters and I do so appreciate your taking the time to express your love and concern.

I am so lucky (and smart) to belong to such a warm and caring group of fellow Christians.

Thank you very much and May God Bless You.

Ruth Percy

A huge thanks to those who cooked and served for Interfaith Housing Network in April. Four moms and eight children were our guests. November 9 and 10 are our next scheduled dates for IHN.

Bonnie Goldner

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!

Janice and Richard Ziegler live in South Russell in Geauga County. They both graduated from Hiram College where they majored in history and met in history classes. Richard is originally from Boston and Janice from South Euclid. Their two daughters went through the Chagrin Schools and graduated from Ursuline College. Daughter Jean Peck, lives in Pittsburgh with husband Bruce and daughter Emma. Daughter Gretchen Grabowski, and husband Dennis live in Streetsboro. Richard is a retired attorney and retired Chief of the Russell Township Volunteer Fire Department. Janice is Vice President for Education and Public Programs at the Western Reserve Historical Society. Their hobbies are boating, reading history, visiting history landscapes and taking care of their three dogs. Richard does military modeling and Janice loves cooking, bird photography and reading mysteries. The things they like best about Disciples Church are the people, the music, Pastor Kris, and the outreach.



Our World

Disciples congregations are responding to the severe flooding in Middle Tennessee and Central and western Kentucky. Many people have been displaced and damage is widespread. Disciples churches across the Nashville metro area have experienced flooding and damage, but report that emergency responders and volunteers helped pull together a compassionate, effective response.

As our denominational and ecumenical partners, such as Church World Service, gather information, we will also be a part of those efforts. If you would like to donate to flood recovery, you may do so online or by check to WcC, PO Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 446206

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MAY, 2010

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Ushers	Calvin and Rosalyn Belle	Trish Burton Elaine Harkless David Burton	Pat and Concetta Lake	Rich and Thon Burlingame	Ralph Harold Earl Shirey
Greeters	Amy and Todd Campbell	Bill & Amy Biscoff, Calvin & Rosalyn Belle	Randy & Lauren Wicks	Nancy Womer Carol Wright Marilyn Ross Robin Phillips	Rich & Thon Burlingame John & Joanne Humbert
Elders	Hazel Haffner Mark Ritchey	Holly Coughlin Paul McElroy	Rich Burlingame Pat McNeilly	Mary Griffith Kim Ehrlich	Kim Ehrlich Harry Farmer
Diaconate	Tom Haverdill, Josie Keresman, Karen Friedman, Tori Iosue, Gail Haverdill				
Worship Leader	Kim Ehrlich	Janice Ziegler	Karen Friedman	Hugh Burkons	Kim McFarliin
Sunday Church School Teachers	Kdg. – 1 st Grade Kim Ehrlich	2 nd – 3 rd Grades Amy Campbell	4 th and 5 th Grades Available	6 th and 7 th Grades Pastor Tim	
Coffee Fellowship	Elaine Mates	Elaine Mates	Elaine Mates	Elaine Mates	Elaine Mates
Chancel Flowers	Family of Nancy Womer	Dick and Lois Rice	Available	Available	Available
Birthdays	1 – Mindy Imrie Bakos, Zoe Curtis 2 – Bonnie Goldner 3 – Donna Krulitz 5 – Shirley Rice 12 – Alexandra Harsha	13 – Nancy Womer 14 – Kelly Ruscin 16 – Ralph Harold 17 – Greg Beckner 20 – David Shumway 23 – Clark Hungerford	24 – Heather Harris, Kara Ladaika 26 – Nell Rose Riel 31- Dale Asperk		
Anniversaries	26 – Neil & Laurel Conway; 30 – Bonnie & Russell Goldner, Tom & Gail Haverdill; 31 – Karin & David Shumway				

Birthday or anniversary not here? Let us know when it occurs!

Membership update forms are available in the office.

Please complete one as soon as possible so we can celebrate these special occasion together.
If you are a member of Disciples – or a frequent visitor – and haven't completed an update form,
please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!