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Church Life

At Yellowstone and Mayfield

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On Epiphany Sunday, January 4th, with the story about the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, Pastor Kris encouraged the congregation:

We don't celebrate Christmas Eve because that was the only time that God came into our world, and we don't talk about the Wise Men because they were the only ones to be transformed by the birth of Christ. God is present every day and transformation is possible at any moment – we've just got to be smart enough to pay attention. Experience Epiphany as a sort of spiritual flash that can cause you to see yourself and the world around you differently. Not in a small way, but in a big way.

Be with us in worship for the month of January as the celebration of Epiphany continues.

With the onset of the new year and the setting of personal goals, we also look towards the change in our country with the inauguration of our new president, Barack Obama. Come and worship to be part of the transformative power of the gospel message.

January 11th

Psalm 139 and Matthew 28:16-20

Mark 1:4-11

Willing to Get Wet?

January 18th

Philippians 1:27

John 1:43-51

Come and See

January 25th

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Life is Lumpy

From Pastor Kris:

One of the things people do as a new year begins is to take time to reflect on the year that has passed. Certainly 2008 had its memorable moments – as a country, as individuals, and as church. Moments are memorable for their joys and their regrets.

David and I celebrated the first anniversary of being in our home on Langerdale in May, our second anniversary of marriage in July, and, on February 11th, we'll begin our third year of ministry here in your midst. This time last year in the life of our church, we were going through a voting process to change our name from Euclid Avenue Christian Church. This past September, we gathered together out in the tent on the lawn to give thanks for God guiding us through the transformation in becoming *Disciples Christian Church*.

The transformation continues this year and every year because the word *disciple* means *learning follower*. A disciple is not one who blindly follows a leader, but one who learns as he or she goes. This month, as we follow those early days of Jesus' ministry – from his baptism to his calling those first disciples away from their fishing nets, we are reminded of how Jesus expected (and still expects) his disciples not just to follow but to grow along the way. Jesus teaches, and we learn. Jesus gives us his wisdom, and we become a lot smarter about how to live. Jesus serves, and he loves, and we grow in our understanding of what it means to be servant leaders. We follow Jesus, learning every step of the way.

In looking back, we've had a great year as Disciples. With a full complement of ministries all twelve months – six baptisms in April, the addition of Mission Mondays this summer, the August debut of our now monthly Meet the Neighbors free community meal, Directors of Music Bill and Susan Schoeffler coming on board in September – this column space limits what could be a much longer list. And, in the midst of the downturn in our economy, Disciples (that's *you*) came through in a big way to support our annual budget that will allow us to *follow and learn and serve* throughout 2009.

What's that hymn that's running through my head? *I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus . . . no turning back, no turning back.*

Looking back is great fun, but God calls us ever forward. God's blessings for the year ahead. See you in church!

Pastor Kris

WONDERING ABOUT OUR FUTURE?

Then plan to come to our next Board Meeting featuring our Church Ministry Task Force report; our Building Master Plan news and updates; the 2009 Disciples budget; and Ministry Team and Staff reports. It's your opportunity to listen, learn, ask questions, and discuss. Please join us on Monday, January 12th at 7:30 p.m.!

Ed Kidd

ADULT EDUCATION DURING DISCIPLES HOUR IN JANUARY:

- ✠ **IN THE CHAPEL JANUARY 11TH AND 18TH** – *Janice Ziegler* will lead, "A Time and A Place: Capernaum, Ephesus and Corinth." Did you ever hear of being in the right place at the right time? Join Jesus and Paul in their ministries in Capernaum, Ephesus and Corinth. How did each location further the spread of the Good News? Come and find out.
- ✠ **UPSTAIRS IN OAKRIDGE** – Since September, The Getting a Grip group has been discussing our responsibility to the Earth and the environment from a Christian prospective. Please join us as we move on to the topic of conflict in the world. We will reference the Bible as we discuss this very timely and important topic. The intent of the class is not to discuss specific conflicts in great detail as much as it is to look at and discuss why they continue to happen and explore what answers God provides us. How we can address our differences as constructively as possible? How do we deal with issues and people with whom we don't agree?

DO YOU HAVE YOUR COPY OF OUR 2009 CALENDAR? Each month has photographs of our Disciples family in ministry so you will probably find someone you know pictured in it – you may even find yourself! A few copies are still available at the church. We have asked for a free will donation of \$5 for each copy to cover printing costs.

Many thanks go to our "unofficial" church photographer – *Ron Werman*. Not only did he take most of the photographs in the calendar,

he fashioned them into the monthly collages! What would we do without you, *Ron*??

BARNABAS MINISTRY (A Ministry of Encouragement) Reading the New Testament, we learn that, when Barnabas was a child, his name was *Joses*. But later on he was given the name *Barnabas* because it meant encourager. He encouraged many believers to keep following Jesus.

Throughout the book of Acts, we see *Barnabas* encouraging others: the apostles, the newly converted *Paul*, and both the Jews and the Gentiles of the early church. He is such a great example to us of how to treat others.

Following *Barnabas*' lead, the Membership Ministry Team is offering "Barnabas Cards" – postcards that you will find in the sanctuary pew racks. You may use them to encourage others by writing a brief note to strengthen or comfort those in our church family. Did a worship leader do a great job? Let him or her know it! Did you see someone in worship who has been absent for a while? Let him/her know how much it meant to have them back! Did the choir sing an exceptionally moving anthem? Tell them so!

Once you've written your note, simply put the person's name on the front and drop it in the offering plate or leave it on *Toni*'s desk. The office will see that the address and stamp are added and that the card is mailed.

For all of us who "really mean to" give that kind of encouragement but find that time gets away from us, what a wonderful vehicle to write a few words exactly when they come to mind! Imagine how much receiving that card will mean to the recipient. How much would it mean to you??

The Membership Ministry Team

FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD? No problem! It's not too late to put it into the offering plate or mail it to the church. It would be a great help to us to receive it soon because it is budget time!

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES! After much anticipation, we are finally ready to create a new Pictorial Directory for Disciples Christian Church! We will do this ourselves so there will

be no high priced portrait packages to purchase. We will instead offer you a CD of all of the pictures taken of your family for a nominal fee. Included in that cost will be your copy of the directory.

We have our team of photographers and designers in place, but in order for our directory to be a success, we need your help! We encourage all church members and regular non-member attendees to sign up for a portrait taking session. Family pets and extended families are welcome. The more complete our portraits, the better our directory will be.

Look for sign-ups during Coffee Fellowship starting on Sunday, January 18th or call Amy in the church office for an appointment.

The Membership Ministry Team

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † *Marla Berg*, continued recovery
- † *Lois Valentine*, continuing her recovery at AlterCare of Mayfield
- † *Nancy Kidd*, for radiation treatments that will begin later this month.
- † *Members at home: Barbara Seaver*, Summerville of Mentor; *Barbara Harold*, Grande Pointe; *Margaret Beer*, Candlewood; *Ella Bergeon*, home; *Louise Consilio*, home; *Marian Green*, Breckinridge; *Marjia Hehr*, home; *June Overfield*, Laurel Lake; *Violet Radomilovich*, home; *Frank and Avena Jayne*, The Fairways; *Barbara Ross*, Grande Pointe.

JANUARY BOOK CLUB UPDATE: During a trip through England, *Patty and John Hungerford* visited Guernsey, the locale of the Guernsey Literary Society. They have some good pictures they would like to share with us. As many of us already know, John is an excellent baker. So, instead of meeting in the Fireside Library this month, we will discuss The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society at the Hungerford's home (1058 Pinewood Circle in Lyndhurst) while viewing pictures of the Channel Islands and enjoying John's pie. The book is delightful!! So . . . get a copy and join us on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. Thanks, *Patty and John*, for the kind invitation. *Pat McNeilly*

ATTENTION ALL DISCIPLES WOMEN!!

Don't forget to make a note on your calendar that CWF will gather at noon on Wednesday, January 14th. It has become a tradition for us to have lunch at HoWah in La Place to celebrate the Chinese New Year. There will be sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall on January 11th. In the meantime, hope you are reading The Shack by William P. Young. CWF will be reviewing that book at our meeting on February 11th at Mary Sayre's home. Hope to see you at both events. *Pat McNeilly*

LOOKING AHEAD: THE NEXT GATHERING OF MEN OF DISCIPLES

will be on Wednesday, February 4th, (note the new date, please) when *Pastor Kris* will be our guest facilitator. She'll be engaging us in conversation about relationship issues facing the 21st Century church. She will offer a portion of a presentation she is facilitating for the Christian Church in Ohio during an afternoon seminar preceding the annual Ministers' Convocation Dinner on January 27th. *Rich Burlingame*

YOUR DISCIPLES STAFF WISHES YOU THE HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS

and offers our heartfelt gratitude for the many goodies and gifts that you shared with us at Christmas time. Your gracious thoughts remain in our hearts – while your calorie filled treats remain other places! May 2009 be a year filled with many blessings and great joy for you.

THE CHI RHO/CYF ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

is coming to a close. We only have four remaining books. If you would like to purchase one, please look for me at church on Sunday during coffee fellowship, or contact me in the church office. *Amy Campbell*

THE YOUTH ARE GOING TO PAINT THE YOUTH ROOM!

Do you have any wall or cement paint at home you would like to donate to the project? If so, please bring it to church! Thanks. *Katie Keresman*

MEET THE NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY MEALS CONTINUE!

Please watch for opportunities to join in this important ministry throughout the winter as we serve Free

Community Meals on Thursday, January 29th, and Thursday, February 26th, from 5-6:30. We can always use help setting up (starting at about 3:00), serving (at about 5:00) and cleaning up (at about 6:00). Each month we list food items that can be donated, so that we are able to minimize the cost of that meal. If you have any questions, please contact *Cathy Ausperk* at 440-543-6614. Watch the weekly bulletin for menus and ways you can help. Plus, don't forget, we'd love to have you come join us for dinner, too, and "Meet the Neighbors!" *Cathy Ausperk*

THE OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM THANKS YOU BECAUSE:

Eighty children served by the Heights Emergency Food Center received your Christmas angel gifts. Smiles abound.

H.E.F.C. distributed chickens and turkeys to each of the families they serve during the months of November and December partially as a result of a \$1000 Outreach Grant provided on your behalf.

\$525 was given to H.E.F.C. through your gifts to Disciples Christian Church Christmas card tree.

Three families from Nepal received HD ready TV's and gifts of food on your behalf. Each family is so grateful for all your generosity and friendship.

Cleveland Christian Home Christmas offering was \$2054.10. Your generous support provides hope and healing to over 500 children and their families.

Cleveland School children will be reading new books through a \$500 grant to Third World Books. What a difference they will make.

College students in our area will continue to have the support of UPCAM (United Protestant Campus Ministries) through a \$500 grant. If you have questions about UPCAM, our own *Harry Farmer* serves on the board and can answer them for you.

The Outreach Ministry Team

THOSE WHO SENT THEIR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL OF US while supporting the Heights Emergency Food Center through their participation in our 2008 card tree are:

 *Richard and Mahala Huff*

 *Rich and Thon Alicia Burlingame*
 *The Walling Family*
 *Hugh Burkons*
 *Bob and Sally Yocum*
 *Lois Valentine*
 *Violet Anderson Radomilovich*
 *Neil and Laurel Conway*
 *Jim Farmer*
 *Ron and Marsha Werman*
 *Jim and Janet Cline*
 *Hazel Haffner*
 *Ruth Percy*
 *Duane Mayhew*
 *Dick and Lois Rice*
 *Cynthia Barnard-Sheldon*
 *Russell and Bonnie Goldner*
 *Jeanette Barclay and "Clan"*
 *John and Joanne Humbert*
 *Craig Gordon and Beth Kean*
 *Ed and Nancy Kidd*
 *Carol David*
 *Earl and Jean Shirey*
 *Marguerite Gilbert*
 *Robin Herrington-Bowen*
 *Sue and Zoë Curtis*

ELENA HUEGEL IS OHIO'S PARTNER

MISSIONARY with the Christian Church's Division of Overseas Ministries. Our Outreach Team invites you to see a video about her ministry at The Shalom Center on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhM1kX8dAVU>. The Shalom Center is a camp purchased by the Christian Church in Ohio as part of the Keep the Fire Burning Campaign for Camp Christian.

Disciples Christian Church sent money in 2007 to help install sanitary showers and bath facilities at the camp. Russ and I visited the Shalom Center seven years ago - when the property was just purchased. What a testimony to what Overseas Ministries can do with a few of our dollars. *Bonnie Goldner*

Remembering Dr. Oliver Schroeder –

In our last issue, several of Ollie's friends shared some remembrances with us. *Violet Radomilovich's* contribution did not arrive in time for that issue so we would like to share them with you now:

*Thank you Ollie
for being a part of my Faith Journey*

I met Ollie Schroeder and his beautiful wife, Gladys, in 1947. They were at the old Church on 100th Street in Ellsworth Hall at a reception for new members. It was Palm Sunday and 67 people joined that day. No one could have been more warm and gracious than they were. From that time on, he kept his eye on all young people and invited them, along with other members of the church, to get acquainted at his home.

When we moved to Mayfield, he helped remove stickers from all the little windows in Fellowship Hall so we could have service on Sunday. He took down chairs from the children's Sunday School area and set them up for adult worship as the Sanctuary was not finished. It was Christmas Season.

He helped clean the church, as we did not have a custodian. He taught adult Sunday School and filled the Chapel. He helped in the pulpit as we did not have an associate. Ollie was Mr. E.A.C.C. He loved everyone and every one loved Ollie.

This man was also a law professor at Western Reserve University. He was called to Germany for the Nuremberg Trials. He was asked to give speeches all over the USA.

He and Gladys adopted two beautiful children who they dearly loved.

Ollie was one of God's servants, going into all the world teaching by his actions that we were all created equal and to love one another.

Violet Anderson Radomilovich

ONCE AGAIN, ALMOST 1000 PEOPLE VISITED JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM and many of them took the time to complete a small survey. What better way to thank all the people whose contributions made Journey happen than to let our visitors do the talking? Here is a sampling of what they had to say:

- * Terrific. A real hands on experience to teach my small children about Christmas. Thank you so much!
- * Thank you so much for taking the time to educate the community on the Christmas story.
- * Thank you for staging this event year after year. I have often suggested that folks bring their families (from a guest who says she has attended at least 12 times).
- * More, more, more puppets! The kids love them and so do I!
- * Fantastic job of replicating Bethlehem. The message is likewise beautiful.
- * Great, realistic and fun. Enjoyed the concert and the puppets too!
- * *Bill and Susan Schoeffler* are wonderful!
- * Thank you all for this lovely presentation to the community. It's a blessing every year!!
- * It was very interesting and I think this is a great way for children to learn about Jesus.
- * What a beautiful opportunity! We are so grateful to bring our kids here!
- * This is very cool and it puts things in a way that young people can understand.
- * Please make it longer.
- * What a wonderful way to depict the birth of Jesus.
- * The puppets were wonderful!
- * It touched my heart. It was what I needed at this time.
- * I have seen it advertised for years. Always wanted to come. So glad I finally made it. I loved it. Thank you so much. God bless you all.

AFTER OUR STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON,

many people requested Heather Harris' recipe for white chili. Heather shares that she usually improvises when she cooks but here is her recipe:

2 c. diced onions, 2 c. diced celery,
1 c. diced green pepper (or red or yellow),
5 garlic cloves-chopped, ½ c. olive or canola oil, 1 to 1½ lb. chicken breast, cooked (baked) and diced, 6-8 c. chicken stock, 1 bay leaf, ½ t. oregano, ½ t. cumin, ½ t. dry mustard, ½ t. basil, ½ t. Old Bay seasoning, ¼ t. pepper, 3 cans northern beans (or 1 lb. dry beans soaked over night), ½ c. heavy cream

For garnish: shredded carrots, sour cream, shredded cheese

Sauté vegetables in oil until tender, about five minutes. In a large stockpot add chicken, stock, vegetables, seasonings and simmer for 1½ hours. Add beans and cream and simmer for an additional hour. If chili is too watery add a roux (flour and butter) to the pot to thicken. Garnish and serve.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR CHURCH RECORDS BY COMPLETING AND RETURNING THE INCLUDED INFORMATION UPDATE FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – THANK YOU!

**We express our sincere appreciation
to all those who provided the Poinsettias and other decorations
that adorned our Sanctuary during the Christmas Season:**

John and Jo Anne Humbert	In honor of loved ones
Claudia Vondriska	In honor of my parents
Chris Hawkins	In memory of my parents, my brother, and my aunt
Dale and Karen Schmauder	In memory of loved ones
Marilyn and John Ross	In memory of loved ones
Betty Zimmer	In memory of Robert F. Zimmer
Ed and Nancy Kidd	In memory of Merritt and Naomi Weaver; George and Dorothy Kidd
Nancy Womer	In memory of George Womer
Sally and Bob Yocum	In memory of their parents
The Keresman Family	
Marguerite Gilbert and Tom and Gail Haverdill	In memory of Robert Gilbert
Donna Beckner	In memory of Jerry Beckner
The Walling Family	In honor of our children; In honor of the Church Staff
Jeanette Barclay	In memory of loved ones
Dale and Cathy Ausperk	In honor of the gift of the love of family
Calvin and Rosalyn Belle	In memory of loved ones
The Campbell Family	In memory of our grandfathers
The Coughlin Family	In memory of Marge Coughlin
Jean and Earl Shirey	In memory of our parents
David and Kris Eggert	In memory of Parents Charles and Rosemary Tomescu and Carl Eggert; In honor of Mary Eggert
Harry and Ann Farmer	In memory of Sally Farmer and Dee Farmer
Patria McElroy	In memory of Julio and Esperanza Dolores; Lillian DiSarmiento; Joe and Elma McElroy; Shirley Honesty
Randy and Lauren Wicks	



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