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At Yellowstone and Mayfield

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Growing Disciples

Ourselves, Our Church, Our Community, Our World

GROWING DISCIPLES RETREAT!

There will be a Board Member Retreat at the College Club on Saturday, August 22nd. From 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., we will study the results of the *Growing Disciples* group meetings *Janie Morrison* and *David Eggert* have facilitated. From those results, we will work in both small teams and as a group to discern the interests and priorities of the ministries within our church.

We need a good representation of our congregation to continue this important work to grow our ministries with a more focused vision. We ask that all 2009 - 2010 Board Members contact the church office (call or email *Toni*) to let us know if you can attend. If you are not a Board Member but have an interest in participating, we welcome you to contact the office as well.

The College Club is located at 2348 Overlook Drive – just three miles from Disciples. The building is easily accessible from its parking lot and will provide a comfortable and attractive setting for our time together.

Sue Curtis
Moderator



Dear Disciples:

Summer is finally here, and I love this season – at least until late August when I start wanting it to be a little cooler again. The top has been down on my little green VW several times lately, and I do love that dependable little car that now has over 130,000 miles on it!

One of the things I don't like so much about summer is that sometimes I don't see you as often. There aren't as many evenings meetings scheduled, and sometimes your travel plans interfere with you being here on Sunday mornings. And, already this summer we've had several medical situations that have kept people away – surgeries, rehab and

recovery, etc..

I'll be away too beginning Monday, July 20th and will return on Monday, August 3rd. The first part of the time, *David* and I will be enjoying vacation and rest. First, we'll celebrate our wedding anniversary in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, and then spend a few days with *David's* brother who has built his retirement home in Troy, Montana. These are new states to us, so we're excited. As soon as we return, we're off again, this time to Indianapolis where the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will conduct its biannual General Assembly. We're arriving a day early so I can provide leadership for a Clergy Wellness Retreat. It's always good reunion time at the GA, meeting up with colleagues, members of other churches I've served, and friends from seminary. (Of course, since it's in my home town this year, I hope to be able to work in time with family too!) *Rev. Al Kean* will preach Sundays, July 26th and August 2nd in my absence.

My encouragement to you is to stay involved in your church this summer, even though we expect that your participation may look different than the rest of the year. I hope you'll be in worship when you're in town – you can always bring your visiting families and friends with you! Being in worship is really the best way to stay in touch with each other, what's happening, and to know who in the congregation is in need of your prayers. Often summertime is when new folks decide to come visit – and we will have our best face on when you are here to greet and help them feel welcome.

And, if Sunday just doesn't work, we're always looking for working hands on Mission Mondays (see elsewhere in the newsletter). We'll catch you up on what news we can then!

Enjoy, kick back, stay cool – see you in church!

Pastor Tris

Moderator's Message. . .

It's a new church year and I'd like to thank everyone who stepped up and is willing to serve the congregation of Disciples Christian Church! We have members who continue to lead in familiar or new roles and some who will be serving for their first time. I look forward to working with you all.

I encourage all Board members to attend the retreat on Saturday, August 22nd. Your thoughts and ideas are valued in the Growing Disciples process. Please read the article about the retreat in this newsletter and respond to the church office. If you have other commitments, your prayers are appreciated.

Please note that I will be gone the month of July on vacation. *Zoe* and I will be camping our way to the west coast and back for three weeks. If anyone has tips on how to avoid personal encounters with bears and buffalos, please contact me before July 3rd.

Don Ehrlich, our moderator-elect, will also be traveling several weekends that month. In Don's absence, *Ed Kidd* or *Carol Edwards* will be acting moderator.

A safe and enjoyable summer to all,



Sue Curtis
Moderator
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 WILL BE LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

During worship, we will install officers, ministry leaders, and deacons as well as ordain new Elders. Leaders: Be in worship that morning to receive the prayers and encouragement of the congregation in your leadership positions for 2009-10.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Kids Can": This summer the children are learning how to make a difference for others, and about the miracles that God has performed. My main focus for the class is how we can help others no matter what our age or size. As long as we have faith in God and the courage to ask Him for help when needed, we can do anything. Doing tasks for others helps children build their character. This summer allow your children to help you with things around the

house that you might not always let them do. It makes them feel important to the family. I look forward to seeing the children each week. They have a lot to contribute to our discussions. *Mr. Ritchey* is singing with us again, and we plan to take our voices on the road sometime near the end of summer. Our offering this summer is to help those who come to the hunger center. We have a box in our room for non-perishable items.

Have a Blessed Summer, *Gail Ritchey*

SUMMER MISSION MONDAYS ARE IN FULL SWING

After spending our first two evenings working on our own property, we look forward to Mondays, July 6th and 13th when we will shift our focus and energies to Hope Gardens. Did you know that the harvest from Hope Gardens provides fresh

vegetables to the clients of our Hunger Center?? What a great way to contribute our time and energy – to help our neighbors enjoy the unique and wonderful taste of fresh produce. On Mondays July 20th and 27th, we will move our Mission Work to Cleveland Christian Home and their most pressing needs. Mark your calendars now so that you won't miss the opportunity for fun, fellowship and hard work in the name of our Lord.

Amy Campbell

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?

Would you like us to sing it on July 19th? You might be able to do just that if you complete one of the Hymn-Sing request forms (found below or in your bulletin each week through July 12th). You can tell us your favorite hymn and why it holds special meaning for you. Simply fill in the blanks, leave the form in the church office by Sunday, July 12th, and come ready to sing on July 19th! If you prefer, you can simply email the information to toni@discipleschristian.org.

Bill and Susan Schoeffler

<p>HYMN-SING REQUEST FORM:</p> <p>MY FAVORITE HYMN IS: _____</p> <hr/> <p>THIS HYMN HOLDS SPECIAL MEANING FOR ME BECAUSE: _____</p> <hr/> <p>ANY OTHER SPECIAL INFORMATION TO SHARE?? _____</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, July 12th.</p> <p>Your Name (optional) _____</p> <hr/> <p>May we share why this is a special hymn to you? ___Yes ___No</p>

THERE WAS MUCH TO CELEBRATE THE WEEK OF JUNE 28TH!

The 60th wedding anniversary of *Al and Beverly Kean* was celebrated with Chancel Flowers placed by *Beth Kean and Craig Gordon* on the 28th. That morning, we learned, was also the 57th anniversary of *Ralph and Barbara Harold*. And *Lucille Hylton* celebrated a very special birthday that week, too. As *Pastor Kris* said that morning, we don't ask a lady her age (but *Lucille* will be glad to share that it was 94!) She also asks us to share her appreciation for the many birthday cards she received! Congratulations to all!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † *Family and Friends of June Overfield* who died on June 4th – *Pastor Kris* led her Memorial Service on June 9th
- † *JoAnne Humbert*, surgery recovery
- † *Pat McNeilly*, surgery recovery
- † *Jan Narten, Kara Ladaika and all of their famiy* on the death of *Mike Narten* on June 28th – a Memorial Service for *Mike* is scheduled for Saturday, July 11th at 1:00 pm.
- † *Bob Yocum*, broken ribs and shoulder, rehab at Holly Hill, Newbury
- † *Nancy Kidd*
- † *Karen Schmauder*, on the death of her father, *Richard Dale Mumper* on June 16th
- † *Robin Herrington-Bowen's son*, Rick
- † *Members at home: Barbara Seaver*, Summerville of Mentor; *Barbara Harold*, Grande Pointe; *Margaret Beer*, Broadview Manor; *Ella Bergeon*, home; *Louise Consilio*, home; *Marian Green*, Breckinridge; *Marjia Hehr*, home; *Violet Radomilovich*, home; *Frank and Averno Jayne*, The Fairways; *Barbara Ross*, Grande Pointe, *Lois Valentine*, home.

POWER IN THE BLOOD

Join us on Sunday, July 19th, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. as we partner with approximately 300 churches in Northern Ohio to host a blood drive and encourage our congregation to join in this life-saving mission. The power of Jesus' Blood

washed our sins away - the power of your blood can help save the lives of up to three people. Sign up appointment sheets are available during Fellowship Time each Sunday.

UPDATE ON MOSQUITO NETS:

The children in our Sunday School had two fund raisers this year to raise money to purchase mosquito nets for families in Africa. They made \$650 for the nets! A check was sent to Indianapolis to buy 65 nets for families. *Nancy Kidd* and I are so proud of what the children have done. We did make a difference!! *Karen Walsh*

THE HALLS OF DISCIPLES HAD A LOT OF EXTRA ACTIVITY DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 14TH.

Forty-one youth and adults from Geist Christian Church joined our 7th through 10th graders in a week of mission work in Cleveland.



The group worked hard at The Cleveland Food Bank, H.E.F.C., 2100 Lakeside, Hope Gardens and The Cleveland Christian Home. We also played hard at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Cedar Point.

In addition to our young people who participated, we had a number of folks who helped make the week a success. I appreciate everyone's hard work: *Alex*



Iosue, Tori Iosue, Melanie Cohn, David Burton, Gwen Mates and three of her friends (*Heather Brindza, Laura Milstein, and Marissa Griesmar*), *Connor Mates* and his friend (*Danny Sapara*), *Jake Deet, Kelly Wicks, Charlotte Mates, Rebecca Ehrlich, Chris Deet, Hillary Ehrlich, Greg Matthews,* *Rebecca's friend (Ashley Reddick), Ron*

Werman, Elaine Mates, Amy Cohn, Amy Iosue, Bob Vitolin, Hazel Haffner, Mark and Gail Ritchey, Trish Burton, Mellisa Juriga, Ellie McBride, Holly Coughlin, Kris and David Egert and Issac Glover.



Amy Campbell

JULY COMMUNITY MEAL A "COOL" EVENT

Our "Meet the Neighbors" Community Meal, on Thursday, July 23rd, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., will feature a "cool" summer dinner! (No ovens involved!) Please let *Cathy Ausperk* (440-543-6614 or causperk@heightslibrary.org) or the church office know if you can: donate cold chicken salad for ten people, donate cold pasta salad (with veggies in it) for ten, help with Set Up (3:00), help Serve (5:00), or help with Clean Up (6:00). Sign up sheets will be in your weekly bulletin.

THE DISCIPLES BOOK CLUB

will meet on Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m. The book we will discuss is *Shanghai Girls* by *Lisa See* who also wrote *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*. In 1937 Shanghai was the Paris of Asia, a city of wealth and glamour. Thanks to the financial security and material comforts provided by their father's prosperous rickshaw business, 21 year old Pearl Chin and her younger sister May are having the time of their lives. Both are beautiful and carefree until the day their father informs them that he has gambled away his wealth and to repay his debts, he must sell the girls as wives of suitors who have come from California to buy Chinese wives. As Japanese bombs fall on Shanghai, Pearl and May set out on a journey of a lifetime, one that takes them through the Chinese countryside, in and out of the clutch of brutal soldiers and across the Pacific to Los Angeles where they strive to embrace

American life while facing discrimination and a completely new way of life hemmed in by Chinatown's old ways and rules.

Pat McNeilly

WOW, WHAT A PARTY!!

I would like to thank all of you for the terrific retirement party you had for *Nancy* and me. I loved everything about it from the huge hug during the Young Disciples' Moment to the wonderful party in Fellowship Hall. I want to thank you for the beautiful Dogwood Tree planted in our honor. That was a wonderful tribute for a gardener like me. I loved the cards with all of your good wishes, the flowers, the decorations, the delicious food and the many kind words said that day. I also would like to thank you for the very generous check I received, but did not expect. I will use it wisely. I would also like to thank you for allowing me to work with such delightful children. The years went by so fast and what fun *Nancy* and I had. I also enjoyed working with so many great parents and teachers. You made our work so much easier. As I said at the party, how many people get to retire from two jobs that they loved? And I had such a great partner to work with. So thank you *Nancy* and the rest of the big and little people of Disciples Christian Church.

Karen Walsh

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

The Retirement Party on May 30th could not possibly have been more festive or wonderful! Thank you so much for that ever so special celebration! I've been so touched by all your cards and the thoughts that you have shared, the beautiful Noah's Ark donated to the Nursery, the tree planted by Oakridge, and your kind gifts. I loved working with the children and am so grateful for all my years at Disciples Christian Church. Thank you again!

Love, Nancy Kidd



DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits and prayers that have lifted our spirits and helped so much in the healing process. Your loving support is appreciated more than you will ever know.

God Bless, *John and Patty Hungerford*

DEAR REV. EGGERT:

Thank you is not two insignificant words we use at Cleveland Christian Home – they are words with real meaning. Our personal thank you to each of our friends signifies our sincere appreciation to those who willingly give their time, talents and financial resources in support of our mission to children, youth and families needing the vital services we provide day in and day out. Every thank you we give is in recognition of the trust you have given us in fulfilling our mission. Your gift of \$5,000 for the renovation of the Lorain Avenue site assures Cleveland Christian Home the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Because of your trust and friendship Cleveland Christian Home is truly a “haven of hope and healing.” Again many thanks for your continued friendship and support.

Jim Runyon, CFRE

Director of Church Relations
and Major Gifts

DID YOU KNOW YOU HAVE THREE MARILYNS IN YOUR CHURCH?

Sue Curtis, Zoe Curtis and Thon Alicia-Burlingame took part in the "Parade the Circle", June 13th. They each represented one of the “Marilyns” in Andy Worhal's painting "Marilyn X 100". They were part of a team of 100 women who represented this painting in the parade. It was great fun.

DISCIPLES HAS A STURDY CORNHOLE GAME with eight beanbags that may be borrowed for your summer picnic. All we ask is that you check it out with the office personnel so we know where it is and return to Oakridge in a timely manner.

Enjoy. *Gail and Tom Haverdill*

2009/2010 Board – Disciples Christian Church

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Past Moderator	Ed Kidd	
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*Executive Committee

**THE TRANSFORMATION CONTINUES –
WITH ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP**

**We are excited to continue plans for a new
Alternative Worship Service
to be held monthly starting this September 20th.**

For the remainder of 2009, the new worship service will be held on the third Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Nineteen Disciples met on June 28th at 11:30 a.m. to worship and work out details of the logistics, as well as a name and look for this service. We would love for more Disciples to get involved in this new ministry opportunity. Come join us at our next scheduled meeting on July 19th after coffee fellowship.

Holly Coughlin

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