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July At A Glance

Summer At Disciples is Packed with Activity!

Worship

Outdoor worship
Guest preachers Rev. Al
Kean and Rev. Mark
Rogers-Berry
See details on page 2

Holiday

July 3—one worship service
at 11 am
All-church picnic at 12 pm
Chicken Olympics
Corn-hole
Ladder Ball

Outreach

Garden of Blessings
Community Meal
Hygiene Kits
New Hope Gardens
See details on pages 7 and 8

Prime Time

Disciples Go Global:
Morocco, Mexico,
India, Israel, Japan
Fellowship
See details on page 3 and 7

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I have so enjoyed the “Disciples Go Global” presentations so far and will be sorry to miss the presentations on July 10 and 17. But I’ll be “going global” myself with a trip to Nashville, TN to meet with thousands of other Disciples at the General Assembly. I’ll take a few days vacation following the GA and will be back with you and preaching on July 24.

It will be good to be about the business of The Church, as well as being together in worship with so many Disciples. I’m deciding which learning track and workshops I’ll attend. And it’s always good to see folks from my years in seminary who are serving churches across the country. I’ll pray for all of you while I’m away, and I know I can count on you to do the same for me.

I love summer. I hope yours is filled with blessings.

Pastor Kris

Worship in July

July 3

One Worship Service

11:00 Outdoor Worship and Picnic

July 10

9:00 Led by Connections Worship Team

11:00 Rev. Al Kean preaching

July 17

9:00 and 11:00 Rev. Mark Rogers-Berry

preaching

July 24 & 31

9:00 and 11:00 Pastor Kris preaching



Disciples attending General Assembly in Nashville, TN

David Eggert, Mark Rogers-Berry, Linda Walling, and Pastor Kris are attending the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly in Nashville, TN from July 9 to 13. Also attending are Young Disciples Director Kathy Smith and two of our youth, Emily Reed and Paige Campbell. The theme of the Assembly is “Tell It!” We pray for their safe travel and look forward to hearing all about their experience upon their return.

Ourselves

What a NUMBER! A message from *Sandra Owen*, daughter of *Ralph Harold*.

The other day, I stopped into the church office to pick up my Dad's guestbook from his memorial service. I then brought it to the nursing home to share with Mom. When I arrived she was sitting quietly, with her eyes closed. She asked me to read the names to her. "How many names are there?" she said. Gently touching each name, on each page, I came up with, "92, Mom." She smiled, "Dad was 92, how nice."

Then we started to talk about the *number* of wonderful people who came to and spoke at his service. I spoke of the *number* who came up to me with something special to say about Dad.

Whether it was about a first encounter, a past encounter, a handshake, a meal on the east or west side of town, or a luncheon at IHOP. The *number* who mentioned the grip of his handshake or his gentle smile, or a lesson on how to get the job done right! The *number* who remembered his style of dress or a mannerism. The *number* who reached out to help him out with a ride to the hospital or a trip to see Mom at the nursing home.

It was all about the *numbers* he was so proud to call his church family, his friends. NUMBERS we will not soon forget. Thank you so very much for being a part of his life and ours.

Very Fondly, *Sandy Harold Owen and the proud Family of Ralph Harold*

Meet Our Newest Member, Marla Berg!

Marla Berg and *Marcia Brown*, her 14 year old daughter, live in Shaker Heights. They have been attending Disciples for more than five years. Marla was the soprano soloist in the choir for several years. Marcia will be a freshman at Shaker Heights High School in the fall. She plays field hockey and fast-pitch softball and is an active musician. She sings, too! Marla is currently on the faculty at CIM/Case and at Kent State University as an Assistant Professor of Voice. They include in their family one large, enthusiastic, lovable and topsy-turvy Labradoodle, Tuscany.

*See a photo of Marla & Marcia singing, page 11.

Thanks ... from *Mahala Huff* for all the cards, food, prayers and hugs she has received in the last year. She says, "I am now on my two feet, feel well and am happy to be able to see my church family members each week. You will never know how the communications helped. Sometimes I could not help it, I wept."

A Few Requests ...

◆ *Joan Saffron* requests pictures, thank you cards & other information regarding Cecelia Smith to put in a special memory book she's making for Cecelia. Please send it to jwsaffron@ameritech.net or her home at 3280 East 145th Street, Cleveland, 44120.

◆ *Richard Huff* requests a garden hose (at least 100 ft) for use at the New Hope Garden. Accessories, too.

Our Church

Disciples Go Global

Not going on vacation this summer? Let Disciples bring the world to you! All summer long, head to the chapel at 10 am for the fun. We haven't had an education hour during the summer for many years, so we are giving you an extra incentive — every week you attend Disciples Go Global, you will get your Prime Time passport stamped. At the end of the summer, the person with the most stamps will win a fantastic prize! See the full schedule of Disciples Go Global on page 9. Many thanks to those who have already presented, including Kristen Walling, Katie Keresman and Marie Batteiger.

Disciples Book Club

The Book Club will not be meeting in July or August. With so many of us traveling and meeting summer commitments, it was decided that our members might enjoy "beach reading" and catching up with those "little books" that we never seem to have time for. We will meet again in September. So, if you run into one of those very special books in your summer reading, please share it with us in the fall.

Property Meeting: The Property Committee will meet Wednesday, July 13 at 5 pm in the chapel. All are welcome to attend—see Tom Haverdill for details.

NEEDED!!!!**Funeral Reception Volunteers**

As most of you know, Disciples Christian Church provides food and beverages after funerals and memorial services. In the past, we have had three large funeral teams which offered these services. However, many of the people on these teams are no longer able to help. These teams were in charge of setting up Fellowship Hall, baking cookies, setting out the food and washing dishes etc. after the event. In accomplishing all of these tasks, members of the team at times are at church most of the day. Most people don't have the time or energy to do all of this. The three team leaders, Robin Herrington Bowen, Carol Wright and Judy Griffith have devised a new plan which would make serving on a reception team much easier. This plan was discussed at the last CWF meeting. The new plan would eliminate the three rotating teams and place everyone on one team. Each volunteer would serve when they are able taking turns doing the four basic tasks. The tasks would be: 1. Set up and floral; 2. Baking; 3. Preparation and serving; and 4. Clean up. Some members may wish to do a particular task each time. Some may wish to do more than one task but this would not be expected. Team members would take turns being leaders. If a volunteer does not wish to be a leader, she or he would serve in another way. Please consider becoming a member of our reception team. The Reception Team Ministry is such an important gift to our church family. This new system will not take so much of our time and effort and at the same time will provide a consistent, effective method of offering food and comfort to our members in their time of need. Please contact Robin, Carol, Judy or Anne Ward in the Church Office if you would be willing to help.

'Meet The Neighbors' Community Meal

The next community meal will be Thursday, July 28 from 5 to 6:30 pm. As always, your help is needed and appreciated! Please sign up in the kitchen to help set-up, cook/bake, serve or clean-up. For more details on the community meal, contact Carol Reed.

Musical Notes ♪

Our summer music program is underway with lots of excitement! In addition to the usual one-soloist-per-Sunday for special music, we are trying several new things this summer.

Summer Ensembles: Both of our services will feature "Summer" Ensembles. With no weeknight rehearsals, those who are interested in singing on Sunday mornings are simply invited to show up 30 minutes before the service to rehearse a simple musical selection for that day. If you love to sing, but rehearsals are difficult for you during the regular program year, this is your chance to use your gift of music at DCC.

Hymn Sings: Another experiment will be additional congregational singing for most of our summer services. In Connections worship, the Gathering Music will include some recorded songs, as well as opportunities to learn new contemporary music. At the 11:00 am service, we'll sing hymns in lieu of a Prelude to help with the transition between Disciples Go Global, and to give us the opportunity to sing some favorites. To sing your favorites, however, we need to know what they are! Email Linda Walling (linda@discipleschristian.org), call the church office, or fill out a card on Sunday to request your favorites - either oldie-goldies or contemporary songs! We'll try to use them all this summer. (And one other note: The requests do not need to be from our current hymnal or songbooks.)

Special Music on July 10th at 11:00 worship: While Linda Walling attends the General Assembly, we will welcome two very special musicians to our 11:00 worship on July 10th. Our beloved Marguerite Gilbert will play the piano to accompany our hymn singing; renowned cellist Brian Thornton will play the service music; and our soloists for that day will be Jen Woda and Cy McFarlin. And, of course, the Summer Choir will sing. It will be a Sunday you won't want to miss! It is hoped that you will find inspiration in our summer music program.

Let us know what you think as the summer progresses!

Musically yours,
Linda Walling

A Kind Word ...

The following is a message from Paul and Amorn Buchheit, parents of CIM graduate and soloist Marisa Buchheit, who sings on Sunday mornings here at Disciples.

One of the most rewarding experiences for Marisa over the past four years was her relationship with Disciples Christian Church. She truly enjoyed her work, and she learned a lot about the outgoing, compassionate and positive attitudes that make up your community spirit. We thank you for all you've done.

Sincerely, *Paul and Amorn Buchheit*

A Few More Con'grad'ulations!

We were sorry to have missed these graduates in the last newsletter, so we'd like you to hear about two special young ladies, *Cassadi Hanley* and *Kelli Liverpool Bledsoe*, granddaughters of *Pat Zellner*.

✠ *Cassadi Hanley* graduated from Solon High School. Cassadi is leagally blind. She will be attending the University of Akron in the fall where her majors will be political science and law. She is presently in a seven week program away from home with the Site Center that will prepare her for campus life. She is a very strong person who has overcome many obstacles.

✠ *Kelli Liverpool Bledsoe* graduated from the University of Albany with a Master's Degree in business. While in New York, she had a part in a community production of *Rent* and will be appearing again in the play in August. Afterwards she will be moving to Chicago where she will be working for Baker & Tilly as a human resources consultant.

**See photos of the girls on page 11.*

The Garden of Blessings:

The Garden of Blessings is looking lovely these days, producing vegetables such as lettuce, radishes, carrots, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and summer squash. Additionally, the garden is growing cilantro, parsley and basil. Many thanks to our gardeners and their green thumbs! The produce will be donated to the Heights Emergency Food Center as it is harvested. Stop by to see how the garden is growing some time soon.

**News from the
Congregational Meetings
held at both worship services
on June 26, 2011:**

The slate of Board and Ministry Leaders for the 2011-2012 year was voted on and passed unanimously.

You can see the list of Leaders and Appointments on the following page.

Many thanks to Lauren Wicks for her leadership as our outgoing Moderator.

So many Disciples have stepped up to serve in various positions, including many of our newest members.



Disciples Christian Church Board and Ministry Leaders for the 2011/2012 Church Year**Officers/Board Committee Leaders:**

Moderator: Don Ehrlich
 Vice Moderator: *open*
 Personnel: Lauren Wicks
 Co-Secretary: Carol David
 Treasurer: Randy Wicks
 Asst. Treasurers: Hazel Haffner, Todd Campbell, Jodi Immler, Sally Yocum, Ron Werman
 Trustees: Bill Laurenson, Dale Ausperk, Bill Edwards, Harry Farmer, Todd Campbell
 Endowment Trustees: Bill Edwards, Marsha Werman, Alex Barclay
 Elder Chair: Lauren Wicks

Elder Appointments:

Toni Laurenson Mark Rogers-Berry David Eggert Sue Curtis Gail Haverdill

Diaconate Appointments:

Marie Batteiger, Yolanda McWilliams, Lori Calhoun, Rebecca Ehrlich, Stephanie Ford, Mary-Kay Moore, Michael Arnold, Sally Yocum, Christie Harrison, Allison Leahy, Alex Iosue, Tom Haverdill

Resources:

Facility: Tom Haverdill
 Stewardship: *open*
 Building Usage: Ed Kidd

Relationships: Prime Time: Janice Ziegler
 Small Groups: *open*
 Assimilation: Robin Phillips
 Membership: Trish Burton
 Fellowship: Coffee: Elaine Mates; Events: Amy Campbell
 Memorials: Pat McNeilly

Worship: Sanctuary: Decorating: Gail Haverdill; Upkeep: Claudia Vondriska
 Recruitment: Elie McBride
 Tech Team: Chris Ontko
 Diaconate: Amy Cohn
 Music: Cathy Dohanyos

Outreach: Outreach: Bonnie Goldner
 Evangelism: Janie Morrison, David Eggert
 Communication: Ron Werman
 Journey: Gail and Mark Ritchey
 Community Meal: Carol Reed
 Puppet Ministry: Dale and Karen Schmauder

Young Disciples Ministry Team:

Lori Calhoun Kyle Anthony Yolanda McWilliams Marie Batteiger

Disciples Go Global!

July 10	Mary Griffith, Morocco
July 17	Don Erhlich, Mexico
July 24	The Cohn Family, India & Israel
July 31	Anne Ward and Ben Howard, Japan
August 7	The Goldners, Argentina
August 14	Debbie Humbert, France
August 21	Mahala Huff, The Galapagos Islands
August 28	Richard Huff, Greenland
September 4	Lori Calhoun, Korea
Sept 11	Pat Hartmann, Russia/Soviet Union
Sept 18	Elena Huegel, Chile

A MESSAGE FROM KATHY SMITH:

Young Disciples have been active in our congregation over the past month. They have participated in activities ranging from bringing in the Holy Spirit with the waving of the Pentecost streamers, putting tattoos on the men of the congregation celebrating Father's Day and caring for our Garden of Blessings. In addition to all of this, we have been studying the Jesus' parables of the Bible and worshipping in our Youth Chapel. Also please note the pictures on the back page of our kids as they have a photo-op with their "Wild About Jesus" animals. These photos are taken with these animals as they travel to various summer fun locations. Calvin has already had fun in his own backyard on his trampoline and the Campbell kids have had their animals with them as they travel to camp. Along with this summer fun and traveling theme, our young disciples are attending Disciples Go Global at Prime Time. They only stay for a portion of the talks and then go into the gathering room to discover games or a craft that is unique to that week's country. I must say we are not exactly slowing down because it's summer!!

Kathy Smith, Young Disciples Director

Our Community

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 July 28 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!

In Memoriam—James D. Runyon, Sr.

The following words were printed in the most recent issue of the Cleveland Christian Home newsletter.

It is with deep sadness that we mourn the passing of our colleague, James D. Runyon, who lost an heroic battle with pancreatic cancer on April 6th, at the age of 58. Jim served Cleveland Christian Home as Director of Church Relations and Major Gifts from 2006-2010, and became well-known and beloved throughout the region among CCH's many affiliated congregations and supporting organizations. He is survived by his wife, Judy (Hoffner) Runyon; her two children, Rayann Schulay and Aaron Hoffner; his two sons Jamie and Matthew Runyon; his mother, Marilyn Burr; sister, Shelly Blick; brother, Thomas Runyon; and four grandchildren. We will all miss Jim, and the warmth, caring and devotion he brought to his work here at CCH.

Bhutanese Families at New Hope Gardens

The initial meeting between representatives of the Bhutanese community, Bonnie Goldner, leader of the DCC Outreach Committee, some trustees of the Hope Gardens, and Richard and Mahala Huff, Co-Founders of Hope Gardens, took place in the Fireside Library. It was winter! After that meeting, we showed those who met with us the site of the 'New Hope Garden.' They were pleased with it. Last year in June, the city of Cleveland Heights donated an adjoining lot to our 'Woodview Outreach Memorial Garden.' This spring is the first season of planting there. Hope Gardens cleared the land, turned it over, added soil amendments and the first plantings took place. Everyone looks forward to a joyous bountiful harvest and many new friendships. *Mahala Huff*

**see photos of these events on page 9!*

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

✠ *Karin Shumway*, broken leg, home
 ✠ *Jean Shirey*, Menorah Park
 ✠ *Dr. Richard Rice*, rehab, Laurel Lake
 ✠ *Duane Mayhew*, lymphoma, Fairmount Health Center at Breckenridge
 ✠ *Kristen Walling*, Peace Corps, Madagascar
 ✠ *Clark Hungerford*, Judson
 ✠ All Disciples attending the General Assembly July 9-13 in Nashville, TN
 ✠ Young Disciples and Youth at Camp Christian: *Jackie Keresman* is working at Camp Christian this summer. *Josie Keresman* is a Counselor in Training. *Paige Campbell* attended Otter Camp in June. *Brandon Biscoff* will attend the Hiram CYF Conference June 26-July 2. *Tori and Alex Iosue* and *Josie Keresman* will attend Lakeside Camp July 24-30. *Ryan Walling* will attend Wilmington Camp July 31- Aug 6
 You can send the campers a letter at the following address:

(Campers Full Name)

Camp Christian

Magnetic Springs, OH 43036

Or fax to: 937-348-2845

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

✠ *Christopher Ritchey*, *Ritchey family* cousin
 ✠ *Shawn Waterman*, grandson of *John and Phyllis Alaburda*, Marine Corps, Afghanistan

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

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

REQUEST A PRAYER:

Write – use the blue 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

Our World**23 Hygiene Kits Sent**

Thanks to your generosity 23 Hygiene Kits have been sent to Church World Service, our Week of Compassion Partner. 23 people say thank you. How many more kits can we collect during July?

Items Needed: hand towels approx 16” by 28”, washcloths, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, wrapped bath size bars of soap, toothbrushes in original package and boxes of standard size Band-aids. Kits will be assembled and placed in plastic bags (we have plenty of bags). Place in the basket in our Fireside Library. The need continues to be great. *Can we collect 50?*

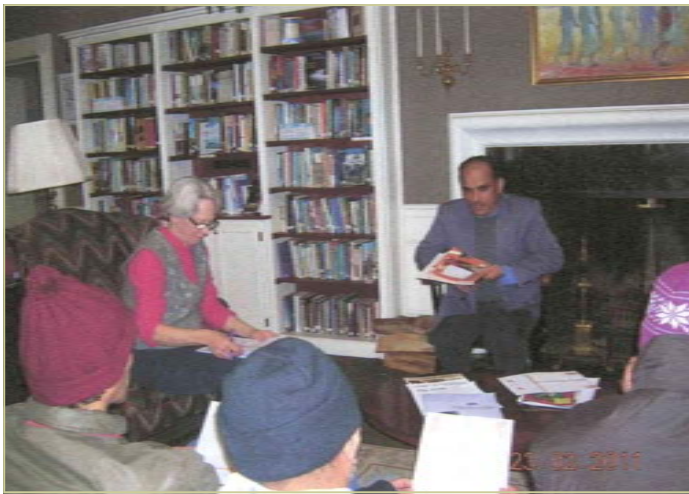
WEEK OF COMPASSION

Many deadly tornadoes have caused much destruction across the United States this year. Property damage is estimated in the millions, and the loss of life and livelihood will inevitably have a catastrophic impact. The situation can only be described as devastating—with so many of our own Disciples families gravely affected. With the needs mounting, we need your help and hope. Your generosity is the beating heart of Week of Compassion’s response. We are incredibly grateful for the sustained impact your Courageous Compassion provides. Thank you for all that you have contributed and provided to communities you may have never even visited. Week of Compassion is what it is because of you. We respond immediately and effectively because YOU respond. We have no idea what this disaster-filled spring will continue to bring. Contributions to the Compassion Response Fund will enable us to prepare for the worst, so we can continue to reach out to “each as any had need” (Acts 4:35). We thank God for each of you, and we pray for all those individuals, families, congregations, and communities struck by tornados and severe weather this spring. To donate to Week of Compassion, visit their website at www.weekofcompassion.org.

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) no later than July 27!

The February meeting that started it all ...



Visiting the site ...



Harvesting Hope
Bhutanese Families at the Hope Gardens



Gardeners pose for a picture

Spring weather and hard work makes the garden grow



*New member Marla Berg and her daughter Marcia.
Read more on page 3!*



Cassadi Hanley



Kelli Liverpool Bledsoe

More graduates: Congratulations to Cassadi Hanley and Kelli Liverpool Bledsoe, granddaughters of Pat Zellner! Read more about the graduates on page 5.

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Young Disciples On The Go!



Young Disciples take their "Wild About Jesus" animals with them on summer excursions. Read more on page ??