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# Church Life

At Yellowstone and Mayfield

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## *Upcoming Worship at Disciples*

### *Palm Sunday, April 5*

*Parade of Palms*  
*Baptism of Pastors' Class Children*  
*"Preparing the Way of the Lord"*  
*Mark 11:1-11*  
*Pastor Kris preaching*

### *Maundy Thursday, April 9*

*7:30 pm*  
*A Remembrance of the Last Supper*  
*Chancel Choir and Communion*  
*In preparation for Good Friday, we dismiss in darkness and silence.*

### *Easter Sunday, April 12*

*Lilies, Brass, Chancel Choir*  
*"The Good News Network"*  
*Pastor Kris preaching*





Spring arrived in Cleveland last week – at least according to the calendar! And, if you couldn't tell by the chilly temperatures, it is evident with crocuses breaking through the cold ground and the return of robins to our backyards.

As winter comes to a merciful close, we are also nearing the end of the Lenten season. With two more Sundays before Holy Week, I continue to pray for each of you as part of my personal Lenten discipline. I know that many of you have also prayed for me on your assigned day, and that mutuality feels very good. I appreciate also the writing you've done for our weekly

devotionals, as that is part of my daily prayer time as well.

I will miss Wednesday evening Connections worship that has been such a wonderful reminder and refreshment of my commitment to going deeper in Lent. These mid-week services have provided us with alternative ways to look at Sunday's theme in word, prayer, and music. You have one more opportunity on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, when we will feature world music, themed "Staying Alive."

I have especially enjoyed Monday afternoons when I teach Pastor's Class to our four fifth-graders. These children will be baptized on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to be with us in worship that morning to be witnesses for their professions of faith and baptisms. Baptism is a personal decision, but it is not a private ceremony, as we are baptized into a community of faith. Let's be there in full force for this important moment in the life of our church. Stay for brunch that follows.

Each year, I encourage you not just to come for the parade of Palm Sunday and the lilies of Easter morning, but to be part of Christ's passion by attending a Holy Week service. Come to Maundy Thursday service on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. here at Disciples, and/or attend the Heights Community Good Friday Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It is a "Seven Last Words of Christ" service that lasts from noon until 3:00 p.m. – representing the hours that Jesus hung on the cross and the seven statements Jesus made from the cross, according to the four gospels. I will be preaching the Fifth Word segment. It is quite a moving experience to stay for the entire three hours, but you are also welcome to come when you can and stay for a shorter time.

From a long cold winter, we welcome spring. And from the discipline and depth of Lent, we will celebrate the empty tomb of Easter morning! Celebrate Easter in all its fullness this year by walking faithfully through these last days of Lent.

See you in church!

*Pastor Kris*

**The Disciples Christian Church  
Master Plan begins with you!  
Stay tuned for more information  
about how you can participate  
in one of the Vision Sessions  
beginning after Easter.**

## **Growing Disciples**

*Ourselves. Our Church. Our Community. Our World.*

### **Growing Disciples - Ourselves, Our Church, Our Community, Our World**

Do you remember the announcement last summer that a Ministry Plan for Disciples Christian Church was needed to assist the Master Plan Task Force in making decisions about the future? Have you wondered what has happened since then?

In November *Janie Morrison* and *David Eggert* agreed to lead the Ministry Plan effort, and in December they began to discuss a process for developing that plan. That step is now complete, and Janie described the process to the Board at its March meeting. The project will be called "*Growing Disciples, Ourselves, Our Church, Our Community, Our World.*" Phase One, "Discovery," is already underway with an assessment of our current ministries. After Easter, the Discovery will continue with a series of meetings of church members to discuss their visions of spiritual growth. Each church member will be invited to attend one of these meetings with a group of other members. The visions of our members will help guide our Growing Disciples Committee as it prepares the Growing Disciples plan for spiritual growth over the summer months.

We hope to have your prayers and your participation in the visioning sessions this spring.

*Janie Morrison and David Eggert*

**NEWS FROM THE BOARD** – We had a very informative and spirited meeting in March. The Ministry Planning Team shared their schedule for future dialogue with the congregation, *Pastor Kris* shared her Top Ten Reasons to attend the General Assembly this summer, and the Board approved the motion to accept *Cathy Ausperk, Donna Beckner, Bill Edwards, Judy Griffith, Bill Laursen, and Carol Reed* as the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee.

The Executive and Personnel Committees met and reached the following conclusions:

*Next year, during the budget cycle, we would deal with the personnel budget in the following manner:*

- 1. The entire budget would be presented in a couple of town meetings allowing time for discussion and comments. If questions arose regarding an individual's salary, job performance, or tenure, the person making those inquiries would be asked to meet with the Personnel Committee for a full discussion.*
- 2. The final draft of the personnel budget would be presented at the Board Meeting as a part of the budget as a whole, not subject to discussion of individual personnel matters at that time.*

*The Personnel Committee believes this is the most effective manner to allow everyone to be heard. We pray that we may take positive steps so that all our Board Meetings reflect a spirit of consideration, respect, and love for one another.*  
*Moderator Ed Kidd*

**ADULT EDUCATION IN APRIL:** There will be no Disciples Hour either on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>, *Al Kean* will lead a two-week series on prayer in the Chapel while *Mark and Gail Ritchey* continue their Fireside Conversations in the Fireside Library.

**EASTER IS FAST APPROACHING!** Let us help you fill your Easter baskets and support CWF at the same time - with gift cards! Grocery store cards are on hand each Sunday in Fellowship Hall or during the week in the church office. Check the list on *Donna Beckner's* table to see what others can be ordered. Orders must be in by March 29<sup>th</sup> to be here by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**BOWL AWAY THE WINTER BLUES** - at Wickliffe Lanes, 30315 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092, (440) 585-3505. For \$3 per person or \$5 per family, you can bowl from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. Food will be provided. Be sure to reserve your spot for this fun event for the whole church family! Register by calling the *Keresmans or McFarlins*.



## Spring Spa Day at Disciples

On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will spruce up the church by having our annual SPA DAY before Easter. All HELPING HANDS are welcome. Bring a friend, your children, your neighbors. The pay is great – the appreciation of all.

Bring buckets, cloths, cleaning supplies. If you don't have any, just come and we will supply everything you need to help make our church SPARKLE. We will start after Disciples Hour and work until we have completed the task. Hopefully, no later than 4:00 p.m. We will provide a light lunch to tide folks over.

The more help we have, the sooner we will be done. We would appreciate a few hours of your time to help make the church SHINE.

**DEAR GOD – HELP!** When you are overwhelmed and need someone to help share the load, let the people on our Prayer Chain help. We are willing to petition on your behalf and hopefully increase the number of prayers for those that need them. Call *Donna* (216-382-0527) or the office. Prayers of thanksgiving are also welcome.

**OUR NEW PAPER RECYCLING CONTAINER HAS FINALLY ARRIVED** – If you have been saving paper since the fire in our previous container, you can now bring it with you to church.

**IT'S EASTER FLOWER TIME** – a time when we can beautify our Sanctuary for Easter worship and then take home some spring with us when worship has ended. You may order violas or pansies in 5" pots for \$2.00 per pot (no choice of plants – you choose one from what is there on Easter); single pink lilies – or – daffodils – or – hyacinths – or – tulips – or – Martha Washington geraniums at \$7.00 per plant (no choice of plants – you choose one from what is there on Easter). Both double lilies (at \$12 per plant) and triple lilies (at \$15 per plant) may also be ordered and you may take home which ever you order. You may indicate on the order sheet, available in your Sunday bulletin, what you wish to order as well as whether or not you are purchasing them in honor or in memory of someone. You may also place your order by calling the church office. Both orders and payments must be received by Palm Sunday.

## PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH AND EGG HUNT SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

You are cordially invited to a Potluck Brunch in our Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Palm Sunday to celebrate the baptisms of our new members. Following the brunch, our children in nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be treated to our annual Egg Hunt. It will be a joyous event and we hope you will plan to come. Mark the date on your calendar now and start hunting for your favorite recipe for a salad or casserole to share with your church family!

***Please Note: We need to know numbers of people attending – for both the set up in Fellowship Hall and for the Egg Hunt so please sign-up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall as soon as possible!***

**WE HAVE WRAPPED UP PICTURE TAKING FOR THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.** If you missed getting yours taken, you have a few more days to send your own photo by mail or e-mail. If you already had your picture taken, look for *Amy* in Fellowship Hall to purchase your CD. The cost is \$20 and includes your copy of the directory. If you prefer not to purchase the CD, the cost is \$7 for your directory.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- † *Claudia Vondriska and the family of Chris Hawkins* whose memorial service was held here on March 18<sup>th</sup>
- † *Elaine Harkless*, recovering from outpatient surgery
- † *Robin Herrington-Bowen's son Rick*, radiation treatments/chemotherapy
- † *Margaret Beer*, at Candlewood
- † *Lexi Deet*, exchange student in Chile
- † *Graham Robert Kosobud*, new grandson of *Harry and Ann Farmer* born March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- † *Addison Margaret Ryan*, daughter of *Amy and Greg*, sister of *Avery* and *Andrew*, and grandchild of *Bob and Sally Yocum*, born on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- † *Members at home: Barbara Seaver*, Summerville of Mentor; *Barbara Harold*, Grande Pointe; *Margaret Beer*, normally at 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, *Lois Valentine*, home.

**CLAUDIA VONDRISKA AND ALL OF CHRIS HAWKINS' FAMILY** express their sincere appreciation for all of the prayers, support, care, and love shown to them through Chris' brief illness, her passing, and the memorial service and reception that followed. They are very grateful to each person who personified God's grace to them.

**THE DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOOK CLUB** will meet in the Fireside Library at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman. When Germany invaded Poland, bombers devastated Warsaw - and the city's zoo along with it. With most of the animals dead, zookeepers, Jan and Antonina Zabinski, began smuggling Jews into the empty cages. Another dozen "guests" hid inside the Zabinski's villa, emerging after dark for dinner, socializing and, during rare moments of calm, piano concerts. Jan, active in the Polish resistance, kept ammunition buried in the elephant enclosure and stashed explosives in the animal hospital. Meanwhile, Antonina kept her unusual household afloat, caring for both its human and its animal inhabitants and refusing to give in to the penetrating fear of discovery, even as Europe

crumbled around her. Please feel free to join us. All are welcome.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** will meet on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at noon in the Chapel. We are inviting all members of Disciples Christian Church, both men and women, to this rescheduled presentation that was originally planned for March 18<sup>th</sup>, the day of *Chris Hawkins Memorial Service*. *Ann Womer Benjamin* has graciously accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Again, the topic of her presentation is, "Basic Property Planning". With the economy today, we are all concerned about what we need to do to protect our possessions. Hope to see you on the 21<sup>st</sup> for an informative afternoon of lunch, fellowship and devotions. Please bring along a bag lunch.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT GATHERING OF OUR MEN OF DISCIPLES!**

All men – members and visitors – are invited to join us on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Watch your bulletins for more information!

**ROBIN PHILLIPS WAS RECENTLY FEATURED AS THE SOCIAL WORKER OF THE DAY** on the National Association of Social Workers - Ohio Chapter monthly calendar. Congratulations, *Robin!*

**JOANNE BREZIC EARNED SECOND PLACE** in the "Pieced Quilts – Hand Quilted (all sizes)" at the Lake Farm Quilt Show! Her quilt was hand pieced, hand quilted, full size quilt. Those who shared this news described it as, not surprisingly, a beautiful work of art. Congratulations, Joanne!

**A THANK YOU!** I would like to thank my Disciples Christian Church family for your many good works, cards, gifts, and visits, and most of all your prayers during my recent surgery and rehabilitation. You really lifted my spirits! I look forward to seeing you all in Church in the near future!  
*Lois Valentine*

**JESUS GAVE HIS BLOOD TO SAVE LIVES - WON'T YOU?**

On May 31<sup>st</sup> Disciples Christian Church is hosting a blood drive.

Mark your calendars and invite your friends.

**HAVE YOU BEEN A PART OF ONE OF OUR  
MEET THE NEIGHBORS  
COMMUNITY MEALS YET?**

**JOIN US APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> – IT WILL BE DELICIOUS!**



Please plan to take part in our “Meet the Neighbors” Community Meal on Thursday, April 30, from 5-6:30 p.m. There are lots of ways you can support this ministry! Watch the bulletin to see what food items you can donate; and sign up to help Set-Up, Serve or Clean-Up. Most importantly, of course, please come and *join us* for dinner and Meet the Neighbors! By the way, how do we know that it will be delicious? Because it always is!!!



**CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME WALK & RUN FOR THE KIDS** – Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo - walk for kids and then spend the day at the Zoo. Registrations are available in the church office. *Katie Keresman* has talked with our Youth and they are planning to do the Walk but everyone of any age can do it – it's a great event!

**WEEK OF COMPASSION: AROUND THE WORLD - AROUND THE YEAR SHARING YOUR TREASURE - CHANGING LIVES!**

- \$5 buys a blanket
- \$17 - immunization to protect a child for life from six leading childhood diseases: measles, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and tuberculosis
- \$20 – carpentry tool set for home construction and repairs.
- \$25 – 400 oral rehydration salt kits to save the lives of children suffering from diarrhea.
- \$30 – a wheelbarrow for agricultural or construction work.
- \$50 – 500 small fish for fish farming.

- \$90 – Church World Service Family Shelter Kit (tent, ground sheet, plastic tarpaulin, four blankets)
- \$1000 – antibiotics to treat three thousand children suffering from pneumonia.
- \$2000 – water purification tablets to treat ten thousand gallons of drinking water.

**Disciple Christian Church's  
Week of Compassion Offering  
Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>,  
Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Easter Sunday - April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Week of Compassion is the relief and development fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and serves as a faithful and effective way for Disciples congregations, members and friends to channel their resources and concerns to the humanitarian needs of suffering people in the world.

[www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org)

**MISSION TRIP IN CLEVELAND** – Saturday  
April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. –  
Cleveland Christian Home Work Day – the needs  
are huge:

- Paint and refurbish apartments for Agape Independent Living Program;
- Organize needs room which has moved to West Boulevard Location;
- Yard Work at Cleveland Christian Home on Lorain

For more information about how you can become part of this ministry, contact *Bonnie Goldner*.

### **WONDERING WHAT OUR YOUTH ARE INVOLVED AND INTERESTED IN??**

- ☺ Well, if anyone smelled or saw paint on some of the Youth that would be because the Youth Room got painted! The Youth painted and then stayed the night at the church. Everyone had such a blast! The Youth had tons of fun painting the room and spending the night. Everyone had the freedom to paint how they wanted to; however the Youth decided they wanted one part of the room to connect all the separate ideas together. It was decided that the color lime green would be painted in a solid stripe around the entire room to demonstrate the unity among the Youth. Even the ceiling tiles now have names, handprints and footprints on them! The remainder of the evening was spent in fellowship – playing Wii, Apples to Apples, and lots of late night conversation. The lock-in was ended with the Youth sitting together in the balcony for worship. Thank you to the Youth for your hard work – and to those of you who donated supplies! Please come and check out their handiwork!
- ☺ March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> was the CYF State Convention. We all stayed at Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio. The Youth thoroughly enjoyed their weekend and learned lots of new things, as well. The Youth got to Reconnect with old camp friends and had the opportunity to make new friends with CYF'ers from the entire state of Ohio. That was a really great experience. We all had a wonderful weekend! Any more questions? Ask Brandon, Jackie, Josie or Ryan about it!  
*Katie Keresman, Youth Intern*

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU!** Several of our Youth have shared some things about themselves that we now want to share with you. Watch for more in future newsletters.

- ☺ **RYAN WALLING:** My favorite activity is baseball. I have been playing for over 12 years. I am in the band at Shaker High School where I am a sophomore. I play snare in the marching band. I am in the wind ensemble that is the best band at the High School. We are known as one of the best bands in Ohio. I am also in "Sgorr" – Student Group on Race Relations. We go into elementary schools and talk about race.
- ☺ **ALEC COUGHLIN:** I am a freshman at Shaker Heights High School. I play baseball and golf and was the number one boys' golfer in the High School. I play travel baseball as well as baseball for the High School. I have been playing both baseball and golf since I was a little kid. The things I care about are the current economic system and all of the unemployment that is happening. I also care about what is happening in Darfur and Iraq. My Grandma died of cancer so that is also something I care about.
- ☺ **JOSIE KERESMAN:** I am 14 years old and a freshman at Kirtland High School. I am a figure skater for Shaker Figure Skating Club and have been figure skating for ten years. I am also in the Kirtland Band. I play the clarinet. I am also in the French Club at school. I am interested in Locks of Love. Less than a month ago, I donated my hair to them. I gave 12 inches of hair to children who have cancer and need the hair for wigs.
- ☺ **JACKIE KERESMAN:** During the week of February 20<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, I participated in the United Nations International Affairs Seminar trip. There were 40 youth from all around Ohio and nine advisors. I travelled to Washington D.C. on a bus. In D.C. I went to the Holocaust Museum, the National Archives building and the American History Museum just to name a few. I also visited all of the memorials and tributes. I met with Senator Sherrod Brown and my congressional representative, Steve LaTourette to discuss our country's current political issues. In D.C. I went to see the National Cathedral and National City Christian Church that were both

beautiful sights to see. Then, as a group, we travelled to New York City. In New York City we spent several hours at the United Nations building. I heard several speeches and discussions with people about the current issues of the United Nations. I also got a tour of the building. I saw a Broadway musical called "In the Heights" – if you are ever in New York, I highly recommend it. The rest of the time was sightseeing and touring the city. Throughout the week, I became very close to people I hope to remain friends with for the rest of my life. This trip truly changed my life. If you would like to find out more, please ask me. Thanks. *(Jackie is 18 years old and a senior at Kirtland High School. She is in choir and has been a figure skater since she was two years old.)*



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