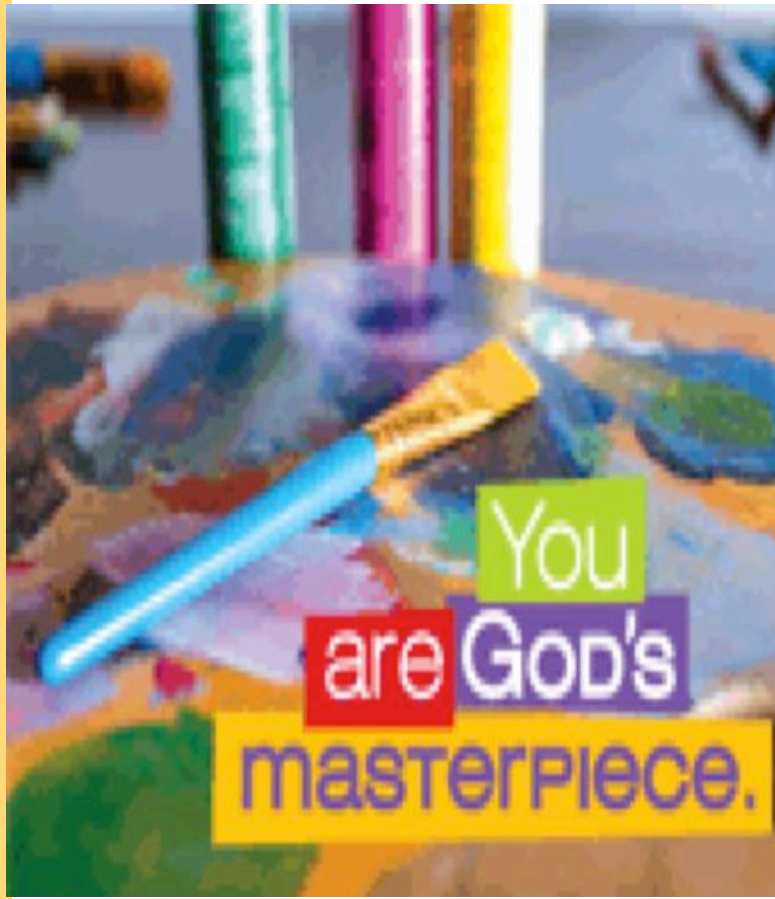


Compton Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

An Open & Affirming and Global Mission Congregation



Thankfulness for Community

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Today I am aware that we talk about community, hospitality, family, caring for each other, church as sanctuary - all these images of what it is to be church. We talk about them and I, in particular, talk about them because this is who we are. We strive to live what we believe. *Or is it that we believe it because in our best moments, we live it (as best we can as plain, flawed people of God!)*

At a bit after 6 am, I was driving Dave to the hospital; not knowing what was wrong, but knowing that my beloved was sick. I was scared.

When we arrived and he was in the care of nurses and doctors, I just wanted someone in this holy community to know and to pray. In the ER, when Dave was rolled away for a test, I may have been the only one in the room, but I was never alone. I knew that our Elders were being notified and that others would soon be praying. I knew that we were embraced in healing love. I knew that God was present; transcendent, immanent, incarnate. God was present in this sacred, beloved community. Thanks be to God for love in the flesh! Blessings, Jacque

**Night of Celebration for St. Louis Racial Justice Activists**

**Friday, August 26, 6 pm at Compton Heights Christian Church**

This special evening is sponsored by the National Benevolent Association for the purpose of celebrating and recognizing Disciples and community activists, who have shared in the work for racial justice in the St. Louis area over the last two years.

*Please come join in the celebration (and help us to host this special event!)*

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL and GAME NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th 6:30 PM**

All are invited – friends, family! Bring your choice of ice cream or accompanying treats. Bring your choice of indoor or outdoor games. We will be downstairs in the fellowship hall and depending on weather, folks may want to be on the church lawn.

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## Thank you for Outreach in July!

### Meals for persons in need

In July we made 480 meals for those who are homeless as we await the opening of the Biddle House, following the closing of another shelter.

A special thanks to all those who spent extra time making sandwiches, and putting meals together. A special thanks to those who purchased and donated meat, cheese, bread, fruit, snack crackers, meal bars, and water for the meals. Thanks to those who delivered helped with pick up and delivery!

### Crayons for School Bags and Isaiah 58 Family Fun Day

**Thank you** to all who brought the 200 plus boxes of crayons for School Packs distributed through Isaiah 58 Ministries. And a thanks to those who helped make the Isaiah 58 Family Fun Day a success.

### Summer Sunday Fun Lunches

Our **third Summer Fun Lunch** will be on **August 21, 12:45 at Subway on S. Grand.** Summer Fun Lunches are simple relaxed opportunities to lunch together after worship

### From the Native American Tradition

Lord, make our hearts places of peace and our minds harbours of tranquility. Sow in our souls true love for you And for one another; And root deeply within us Friendship and unity, And concord with reverence. So may we give peace to each other Sincerely And receive it beautifully.

### From the Church in Nicaragua

Lord, prevent us from falling into the sin Of believing that the slavery of Egypt Is a better than the struggle in the desert.



## PRAYER & Reflection

*If you join others here, please honor and share in quiet space for prayer*

*Have you seen this sign? It is on our new prayer and meditation room, located on the main floor next to the choir room! This peaceful space includes prayer resources, a large candle (you will find the candlelighter on the top bookshelf), a large finger labyrinth that can be so calming to use, just placing it on your lap. On the worship center, there is a communal prayer journal. You are invited to write any prayer concerns you would like to share with others who come to pray. You are welcome to come use this space at any time.*

*(If you turn on the AC when you come in, please turn it off when you leave.)*

### From the Church in Kenya

From the cowardice that does not face new truths, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all the truth, deliver us, good Lord.

### From the Church in Hungary

Gather us or scatter us, O Lord, according to your will. Build us into one Church: a Church with open doors and large Windows, a Church which takes the world seriously, ready to work and suffer, and even to bleed for it.

## CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS



**Sharon Clayton, Linda Hughes  
Cathy Hutcherson, Joyce Cole  
Jan Cameron, John Pitt  
Royce Sykes, Dave Boger**



We welcome **Jan Cameron** who joined Compton Heights CC on Sunday, July 31. Jan comes from a Presbyterian background, and came by Reaffirmation of Faith. Jan lives on the Hill and has been searching for a community of faith and spiritual nurture. (You will find Jan's contact info in the new church directory.)



7<sup>th</sup> Joyce Cole  
8<sup>th</sup> Millie Slack  
Connor Woodard  
12<sup>th</sup> Howard Miller  
18<sup>th</sup> Lana Hartman Landon  
19<sup>th</sup> Tom Litton  
21<sup>th</sup> Bob Lewis  
22<sup>nd</sup> Darrell Hughes  
Valerie Wright  
26<sup>th</sup> Norm Linville



for the Petri family in the death of Roland's mother, Edith, who died to this life on August 1. Edith was in hospice care at Susan and Roland's home following her stroke. Services will be held in the Chicago area. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

# Six Weeks of Compassion 2016

## *Where You Stay, I Will Stay*

Compton Heights Christian Church is known as the *Sanctuary in the City*, but we also have made a commitment to be a Global Mission Congregation. Not only do we support our denomination's missions, but we spend **six weeks** every summer exploring ways to accompany and stand with people experiencing the pain of hunger, poverty, war, injustice, natural disasters, and lack of opportunity.

In February, we sent an offering to Week of Compassion in response to the refugee crisis. This summer, we will gather items for kits for women in Missouri prisons, bring food and supplies for Isaiah 58 Ministries, and give money that will be divided between Week of Compassion and Church World Service, our agencies that respond to crises and empower people in poverty throughout the world.

There are several ways you can participate:

1. Use the **3-week sharing calendar** available on Sundays near the worship bulletins to be reminded of the abundant blessings we have received, as well as the suffering in the world we can help address with our offerings. Please take time to read each day's entry, to reflect and to pray. If you like, you may use one of the refugee tent coin banks to save whatever units of coin you choose, or you may simply want to note the amount you will give to our offering.
2. Learn more about Missouri's interdenominational **Festival of Sharing** and our project to compile kits for incarcerated women in Missouri prisons. This project was chosen out of many possibilities, because it also relates to our congregation's work for justice and racial reconciliation. This December, more than 1,800 kits with shampoo, toothpaste, skin cream, and other comforting items will be presented to the Women's Correctional Facility in Vandalia, MO.. The women work at prison jobs to pay for their room and board, and they are paid \$8.25 a month, which is all they have for discretionary purchases. Items are limited to those that are allowed. Please follow the lists that will be available August 7.
3. Learn more about **Church World Service**, the interdenominational agency we support that works in tandem with Week of Compassion to help displaced people and provide development assistance to people in impoverished areas around the globe. We will have an opportunity to help create safe learning spaces, provide clean water, and assist family farmers.
4. Get an update about the work that **Isaiah 58 Ministries**, at home in our building, is doing to address hunger, unemployment, wellness and basic needs in our community. And bring some stuff they need.
5. Discover the many faithful ways that **Week of Compassion** is serving people who are still recovering from disasters that have upended their lives and communities...staying with them long after the first-responding groups have moved on. Hence our theme: ***Where you Stay, I will Stay.***

**Monetary offerings** for Week of Compassion and Church World Service will be received on August 21, 28 and Sept.

4. Food and supplies for Isaiah 58 can be brought any week throughout the year.

Items for **Women's Prison Packs** will be counted and assembled on Sept. 4. **All** of our gifts will be dedicated in worship on Sept. 11.

Please mark your calendar to attend the Festival of Sharing **ShareFest** on Saturday, Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Immanuel UCC, Ferguson. Kits will be delivered, and there will be lunch and worship! The statewide Festival of Sharing will be Oct. 15 at the state fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO.

Also plan to be present for Spotlight on India with a presentation in worship by Dr. Anil and Dr. Teresa Henry, followed by a pot luck lunch and more information about India on Sunday, Sept. 25 at CHCC. A group of 6 from our congregation will return to India in January of 2017 to spend time at Family Village Farm, visit our Global Ministries Partners, and deepen partnership. This fall, the congregation will have the opportunity to help us prepare for this trip!

## 2016 Six Weeks of Compassion Kit Project: Missouri Women's Prison Pack

The Festival of Sharing will host a Christmas event on December 17 at the Women's Correctional Facility in Vandalia, MO. The goal is to have one pack for each of the 1,800 women incarcerated there. Festival staff will have the opportunity to personally deliver the donated prison packs to the women and to offer a worship service of hope. Please pray for this effort!

### Why Prison Packs?

Unless an offender is working on a GED, or is unable to work because of a disability, she is required to work at a regular job at the prison. If an offender has a high school diploma or GED, these jobs pay \$8.25 a month. (That is not a misprint. **A month.**) If she doesn't have a high school diploma she makes \$7.50 a month. Some offenders have families that "put money on their books" so they can purchase hygiene items, snacks, etc. in the prison store. But a good number of offenders receive only their monthly job pay to spend. The state of Missouri supplies offenders 3 hot meals a day, all of the cold water they can drink, a warm room, a bed, state soap (that smells like lard and has the texture of fine sandpaper) and a basic grade of toilet paper.

Imagine the excitement you would have if you were to receive a gift of additional basic hygiene items if you were living on a budget of \$7.50 or \$8.50 a month! Festival staff members report that many of the women with limited funds cry for joy when they receive these items.

**Below is the list of what is allowed.** Each kit will be assembled and packed in a gallon size zip bag on September 4, the final Sunday of Six Weeks of Compassion. **Please follow the list to the letter for sizes and ingredients.** No alcohol (ethyl alcohol is the usual alcohol appearing in cosmetics) is allowed in the toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant or hand cream. Read ingredients carefully. Some suggested brands are below. Note that shampoo must be transparent, not opaque. Suggestions for the most economical choices are on the back of this page. Please follow this list exactly because **items not allowed will be removed.** Items can be found at Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, Walgreens and other fine stores.

### Women's Prison Pack Items 2016

1 bottle shampoo, 12-16 oz size.

must be transparent, no alcohol.

Suggested brands: Prell, Suave, VO5, Herbal Escapes, etc.

1 tube Petroleum Jelly or dry skin cream. 4 oz size. Must be alcohol free and must be a tube. No tubs or bottles. (This was requested by the chaplain because of the harsh effect of the prison soap on dry skin in winter.) One cream suggested is Udderly Smooth Hand Cream in 2 or 4 oz size. Another option sometimes hard to find is the Vaseline petroleum jelly in a 3.25 oz tube.

1 toothpaste tube, 6-6.4 oz. Check to see it is alcohol free. Suggested brands: Ultrabrite advanced whitening, Crest cavity protection, etc.

1 stick deodorant, 2-3 oz size. Alcohol free. No roll-ons, aerosols or men's brands. Suggested brand: Arm and Hammer Essentials 2.5 oz unscented.

1 emery board (these come in multiple packs so we may just purchase one or two to be divided.)





## What's

## Happening

## Here

Sunday Schedule  
Classes on Summer Brk  
11 am - Worship

WSPR - Wed. Share &  
Prayer 6 pm - This  
summer 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays  
Every Friday  
Happy Friday Outreach  
7:00 - 8:00 am

**AUGUST REST**  
*August is our 'meeting sabbatical' month. This means that we do not hold regular meetings such as Board, Elders, or Ministry Groups. This is a month of rest and renewal in which we only gather for worship, spiritual nurture, and fun.*

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday WSPR 6pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Happy Friday 7-8 am

6<sup>th</sup> Sat. Ice Cream Social  
and Game Night 6:30 pm  
7<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pent  
12<sup>th</sup> Happy Friday 7-8 am  
14<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pent.  
17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday WSPR 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Happy Friday 7-8 am  
21<sup>st</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pent.  
Children, Worship &  
Wonder Begins  
Sunday Fun Lunch at  
Subway on S. Grand

23<sup>th</sup> Tues Compassionate  
Listening 6:30 pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Happy Friday 7 am  
Night of Celebration  
for Racial Justice Activists  
(at CHCC) 6:00 pm  
28<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pent.  
31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
WSPR 6 - 7 pm  
Sept 1 - Thurs. Prayer  
Shawl Knitting Group 7 pm  
Sept 2nd Happy Friday  
7am

## SERVING SCHEDULE - AUGUST

**August Communion Bread:** Audrey & Walt Tarde  
**Sanctuary Greeter:** Leslie Latham

**Aug 7 Liturgist:** Sarah Richardson  
**Elders:** Madeline Haraway ( Communion)  
Norm Linville (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Joan James, Stanley Williams  
Tom Litton, Dennis James  
**Nursery:** Dave Boger  
**Coffee Hosts:** S. & B. Richardson, D. French &  
G. Hudson

**Aug 14 Liturgist:** Ron Hutcherson  
**Elders:** Thelonius Lee (Communion)  
Charlsi Lee (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Tom Litton, Dennis James  
Joan James, Stanley Williams  
**Nursery:** Darrell Hughes  
**Coffee Hosts:** Madeline, Kathy, Tina

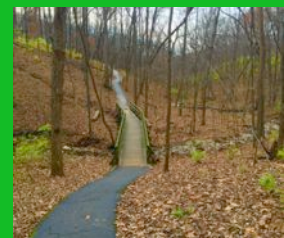
**Aug 21 Liturgist:** Leslie Latham  
**Elders:** Nancy Obermiller (Communion)  
Thelonius Lee (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Susan Petri, Julie Phoenix  
Kathy Bradley, Carolyn Harry  
**Nursery:** Marty Hughes  
**Coffee Hosts:** Marty and Darrell Hughes

**Aug 28 Liturgist:** Matthew Creed  
**Elders:** Judi Linville (Communion)  
Kathy Mead (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Carolyn Harry, Walt Tarde  
Jennifer Phoenix, David Nielsen  
**Nursery:** Darrell Hughes  
**Coffee Hosts:** Marsha Mc., Leslie L., Millie S.

**Sept 4 Liturgist:** Carolyn Harry  
**Elders:** Marsha McGuire (Communion)  
Leslie Latham (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Tom Litton, Dennis James  
Joan James, Stanley Williams  
**Nursery:** Kathy Mead  
**Coffee Hosts:** DebE Martin & Kim Litton



Where in the St. Louis metro area will you find the above? Last month's 'STL Find' (below) is: a trail at Powder Valley Nature Preserve in the Sunset Hills area.



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**Financial Report – July Income**

*By Financial Secretary – Judi Linville*

YTD Operating Income	\$82,936.76
YTD Budget need	87,475.00

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Shortfall (5.2%)	(4,538.76)
Outreach offerings in/out	3,145.42
Total received as of 7/31:	\$86,082.18

YTD operating Income includes

Regular giving	\$67,750.00
Loose offering/gifts	2,407.09
Rent	4,050.00
Expense offsets	3,245.94
Fund Raising	210.96
Investment interest, withdrawals	5,272.77

**Expense Report**

*By Co-Treasurer – Darrell Hughes*

YTD Expenses (7/31) \$83,515.70  
 Monthly Expense total for July \$12, 477.98

(The cash deficit on all church accounts for the year as of 7/31 was \$3335 (which is less than Judi’s budget number since we have not spent 59.6% of the budget) And adjusted deficit for 7/31 is closer to \$7300 due to the timing of cash receipts and expenses which were for 2015 but but cleared the bank in 2016. This also includes adjustments for accrued expenses that we will pay by year end. I tend to think the \$7300 number communicates a more accurate picture of the church’s deficit position.