

Compton Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

An Open & Affirming and Global Mission Congregation



Being Church and the Financial Challenge

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Tonight, I left our Pastor’s Cabinet meeting with a deep love for your faith and commitment to the ministry of this congregation. The love of God, and true longing to be a community of Christ’s radical hospitality just pours forth.

With the help of LGBTQI members, we began to explore ways we can work to become more welcoming of trans and non-binary people in our community.

With the passion of our Stewardship and Outreach ministry group, we looked toward our Six Weeks of Compassion to include care for women who are incarcerated at the women’s prison here in Missouri, gathering items for Isaiah 58 Min. school prep and Family Fun Day in late July, and support for our India

missions, as well as Week of Compassion.

With the work of our Faith Sharing and Teaching group, we are getting ready for this fall’s Children, Worship, and Wonder.

At the suggestion of our WSPR group, we supported the creation of a new quiet prayer space and nurturing of prayer.

We will co-host with the National Benevolent Assoc., the STL Racial Justice Celebration here on August 26.

As in every gathering, we shared prayer concerns of the congregation. This congregation is so very vital and alive. We continue to hear God’s call as we seek to care for and nurture God’s people in this community and beyond our walls.

The challenge is that we are so alive in ministry and yet struggling financially to keep it up. As treasurer Kathy Mead, said tonight, “I know there is way through.” We need your input, ideas, involvement, presence, and prayer as we seek the ways to move forward. As the world looks at money, it isn’t that much to close the gap each year. Yet for us, a few thousand dollars stands between continuing our ministry or not. We are so alive, with a specific purpose and call. I believe the life, love, and commitment of this community and God’s leading means that we are called to ministry here. **Please come to Board meeting July 6 to be a part of the discussion and vision.**

Be with us, one community, in prayer and commitment, *Jacque*

Brenda Booth led prayer flag making on Sunday the 26th. Traditionally, prayer flags are used to promote peace, compassion, strength, and wisdom. The flags are not intended to carry prayers to God (a common misunderstanding). Tibetans believe the prayers / intentions will be blown by the wind to spread good will and compassion. They will be in the Peace Garden!



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**Graduation and 18th Birthday
Celebration
for
Abigail Zeisemann**

**Sunday, July 17
Open House
2 - 5 p.m.**

**1516 Yale Ave.
St. Louis, 63117**

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Gifts not necessary

Eastern Kentucky University Bound!



Summer Music! During the summer choir break, the gifts of individuals and small groups are such a wonderful part of our worship. On Sunday, July 19, Ron and Cathy Hutcherson shared "Give Me Jesus" and Charlsi Lee shared "Strong Gentle Children" as a part of our service of Lament and Hope following the massacre in Orlando. On the 26th, David French played a lovely reflective piano piece. On the First Sunday of July we will have "Summer Choir." This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to sing to come at 10 am that morning to prepare a simple piece of music. Beyond this, the sign-up sheet on the Choir Room door is **blank!!** So please sign up for a Sunday to do special music (solo, duet or small group, instrumental or vocal, - bring your gifts!)

**CWW Lunch with Storytellers
& Greeters – Sunday, July 24**

"Children, Worship & Wonder", our Montessori-based Children's Worship is on break for the early part of the summer. We celebrate that 4 great folks have gone to CWW Storyteller training in recent months. Leslie Latham and Brenda Booth took the training near Kansas City, and Kathy Mead and Masi Swanagan did the training in Indiana. Dave Boger also went to renew his training.

On Sunday, July 24, we will have a CWW Storyteller and Greeter Lunch following worship to plan together for the coming year – which will begin August 21st. We would like to gather everyone willing to serve as a CWW Greeter as well as all Storytellers for this planning time!

Please note this date change!

Summer Fun Lunches

Our **second Summer Fun Lunch** will be on **Sunday, July 17, at 1:00 – at City Park Grill on Morganford.** The **third** will be on **August 21, 12:45 at Subway on S. Grand.** Summer Fun Lunches are relaxed opportunities to lunch together after worship

Church Garden Care

We thank **Katherine Kinnamon, Howard Miller, Jacque Foster and Dave Boger** for their help with the church gardens this summer. Howard has been weeding, and Katherine has been watering. Dave and Jacque just a bit of weeding and watering here and there. If YOU would be able to help out with the garden/church yard care we welcome your weeding and watering energy! Please let Jacque know.

Isaiah 58 Ministries Family Fun Day
Wednesday, July 27 on the Church Lawn
Let Brenda know how you can help!!

**Celebrations &
Concerns**

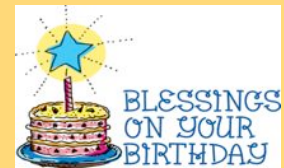


Linda Lewis - after surgery
Cathy Hutcherson
Joyce Cole
Marsha McGuire's father
Jan Cameron
Matthew Creed -oral surgery
John Pitt
Royce Sykes
Sharon Clayton

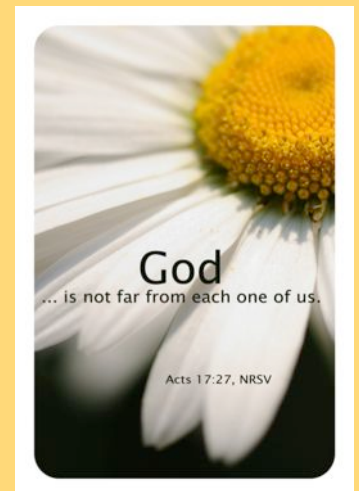
Those grieving the loss of
50 lives in the massacre
in Orlando.

Those who grieve the loss
of family and homes in
wild fires of California.

Those who grieve the
deaths in the flooding in
W. Virginia



JULY
11th Julie Phoenix
15th Sarah Richardson
20th Bronnwyn McMillin
29th Abi Zeisemann



**Thank you to all who served at the Compton Heights CC
Booth at PrideFEST (those who were scheduled; others may have
dropped by to work the booth and we did not have your name for the list!)**

Leslie Latham, Darrell & Marty Hughes, Carolyn Harry & LaRon, Jacque Foster, Katherine Kinnamon, Monte Abbott, Heather Stout, Petri Family, Kathy Mead, Meredith Jackson, Madeline Haraway, Kathy Bradley, Martin Family, Julie & Jennifer Phoenix, Dennis James. Thanks to ALL who served or came to the booth, or participated in Sunday's parade.



What's

Happening

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Sunday Schedule
Classes on Summer Brk
11 am - Worship

WSPR - Wed. Share &
Prayer 6 pm - This
summer 1st, 3rd, and 5th
Wednesdays

Every Friday
Happy Friday Outreach
7:00 - 8:00 am

3rd 7th Sun. after Pent
4th Happy Independence
Day
6th Wednesday
WSPR 6 pm
Board of Ministry 7 pm
7th Thursday
Prayer Shawl Grp 7 pm
8th Happy Friday 7am
10th 8th Sun. after Pent
13th Wednesday
Elders' Circle 7 pm

15th Happy Friday 7 am
17th 9th Sun. after Pent.
Sunday Fun Lunch at
City Park Grill 1pm
20th Wednesday
WSPR 6 - 7 pm
22th Happy Friday 7 am
24th 10th Sun. after Pent
CWW Storyteller and
Greeter Lunch/Planning
26th Tues Compassionate
Listening 6:30 pm

27th Isaiah 58 Min.
Family Fun Day
29th Happy Friday 7am
31th 11th Sun after Pent
"Six Weeks of
Compassion" begins
Aug. 3rd Wednesday
WSPR - 6 - 7 pm
Aug. 4th - Thursday
Prayer Shawl Grp 7pm
Aug 5th Happy Friday 7am
Aug 6th Ice Cream Social
and Game Night 6:30 pm

SERVING SCHEDULE - JULY

July Communion Bread: Joan James
Sanctuary Greeter: Darrell Hughes

July 3 Liturgist: Ron Hutcherson
Elders: Millie Slack (Communion)
Madeline Haraway (Stewardship)
Deacons: Walt Tarde, Arlene Arbogast
Jennifer Phoenix, David Nielsen
Nursery: Dave Boger
Coffee Hosts: Tarde and Petri

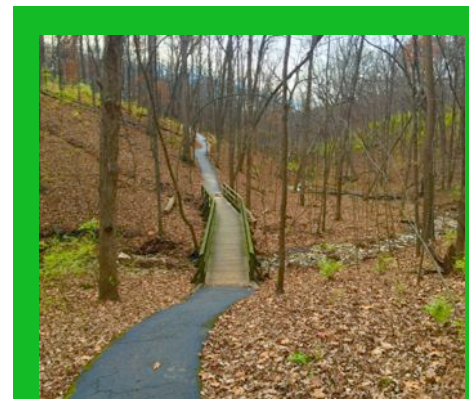
July 10 Liturgist:
Elders: Thelonius Lee (Communion)
Charlsi Lee (Stewardship)
Deacons: Tom Litton, Dennis James
Joan James, Stanley Williams
Nursery: Darrell Hughes
Coffee Hosts: Madeline, Kathy, Tina

July 17 Liturgist:
Elders: Leslie Latham (Communion)
Nancy Obermiller (Stewardship)
Deacons: Heather Stout, Tina Owens
Kim Litton, Bud Obermiller
Nursery: Marsha McGuire
Coffee Hosts: Bud & Nancy Obermiller

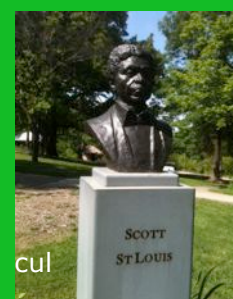
July 24 Liturgist:
Elders: Kathy Mead (Communion)
Judi Linville (Stewardship)
Deacons: Kathy Bradley, Carolyn Harry
Susan Petri, Julie Phoenix
Nursery: Ty Woodard
Coffee Hosts: Joan and Dennis James

July 31 Liturgist:

Elders: Steve Randolph (Communion)
Marsha McGuire (Stewardship)
Deacons: Jennifer Phoenix, David Nielsen
Marty Hughes, Walt Tarde
Nursery: Madeline Haraway
Coffee Hosts: Judi & Norm Linville



Where in the St. Louis metro
area will you find the above?
Last week's 'STL Find'
(below) is: the sculpture of
Dred Scott at the Laumeier
Sculpture Park in Sunset Hills



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Worship on the Lawn

Sunday, June 12th was the hottest morning of the year to that point – in the 90's, yet we were scheduled to worship on the Lawn and then have a picnic. Not to be daunted by the heat, folks just kept coming – including some visitors from the neighborhood. We hauled out old Chautauqua hand-fans, and took advantage of the shade of the beautiful old trees on the church property.



A canopy over the communion table provided shade also for our worship leaders.

It was a fun service, singing familiar church camp hymns, and reflecting on God's Spirit blowing in our midst; and what it means to get a "second wind" when we are running a race and feel that we have no more energy or breath; when we are weary or discouraged. We talked about the second wind for the church, using the ancient image of the Church as a ship. There just happened to be a gentle breeze that day!

A "Second Wind" was the theme for our Pentecost Offering, which supports congregational transformation, renewal and new congregation planting. (Most congregations held this focus in May on the Sundays around Pentecost. We moved it to June this year.)



On the previous Sunday, June 5, we had gathered before worship to make Origami Boats. On this hot day, we filled a pool for our worship on the lawn, and kids and adults had a great time floating our boats and experimenting with different ways to bring a "second wind". Some blew with our breath; others used hand fans; and one deacon had even brought a battery powered fan for kids to use, which created some speed boating in that kiddie pool!

Thanks to all who helped to make it a special day by coming early to set up, filling a pool, setting up cold drinks to keep us hydrated, preparing and bringing picnic lunches, and just taking on the heat for a life-giving day of worship and picnic!

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Financial Report – June Income

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| Regular Income for June through June26: | \$9,901.51 |
| YTD regular income through June26: | \$68,978.52 |
| YTD general fund income includes the following: | |
| Regular giving (pledged and estimated) | 53,337.00 |
| Loose offering | 741.62 |
| Gifts and new givers | 1,000.00 |
| Interest from CCF | 190.92 |
| Transfers from CCF | 5,000.00 |
| Rent | 3,050.00 |
| Fund Raising | 172.02 |
| Special Offerings | 2,879.33 |
| Memorial and Elders Fund Gifts | 0.00 |
| Tuition for Dhanush and Girisha in India | 204.09 |
| Equal Exchange/Coffee Fellowship | 793.70 |
| Offsets to Expenses (including trash) | 1,609.84 |
| Special Fund for Pastor's 20th Anniversary | 1,550.00 |
| Capital Fund Income | 0.00 |
| Total Income | \$70,528.52 |



A Service of Prayer and Anointing on June 5th began our summer focus on prayer, and the spiritual disciplines that nurture our awareness of God's Spirit in our lives and the lives of others.

*“Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.”
 Psalm 25:6*