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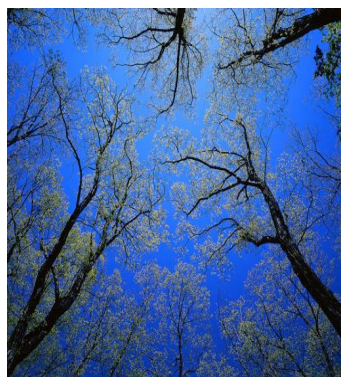
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*“Gather up my jangled
nerves, my tensed
muscles, my anxious and
fluttering heart ...”*

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Prayer for a Busy Day

Dear God,
When the day is too busy and the voices too loud,
When there is too much on my mind and too little in my heart,
When I plan too much for tomorrow and explain too much about
yesterday,
When faith is a Sunday word and “Let’s be practical” my motto
through the week,
when I have hidden my true feelings inside and then
complained of being lonely and misunderstood,
when I am quite hopelessly lost and don’t even have sense
enough to know it ---

Be my good shepherd and my friend.
Gather up my jangled nerves, my tensed muscles,
my anxious and fluttering heart.
Send life pulsing through it like an irresistible flood.
Quicken me to a quivering blaze, excited and alive.
But show me how to be quiet, too.
Teach me to be still.
In deep stillness let me rest.

Let silence surround me like a friend,
calming me and instructing me with deeper wisdom
from within.

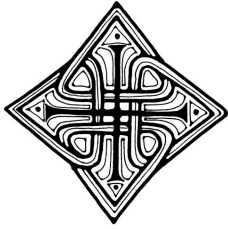
When my day is too busy and the voices are all too loud,
be my good shepherd and my friend.
Amen.

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“FROM ‘BLECKY’ TO RESURRECTION” AND OTHER ARTICLES BY CHARLSI (AND OTHERS!)

Go to [D]mergent at <http://thedmergent.squarespace.com/articles> to read
insightful, searching, God-revealing articles by Charlsi Lewis Lee
And others “fertilizing the future with the wisdom of the past.”

CROSSPATHS



In the storm the other night, when tornadoes were spinning around us, sirens were blaring, and the meteorologists were giving minute by minute warnings, we were alert to danger. When we heard the words from the TV “if you are in Tower Grove, you should be in the basement”, Dave and I scooped up Sherlock and headed down to our little spot where we know to set up 2 lawn chairs and wait. I had just left the church where the elders had been meeting, and I was aware that some of our folks might still be on the road toward their homes. Prayers and faces were in my heart. Then, just about as soon as we got settled in the “the dungeon,” we heard a knock at our door. We went running up to find a young woman, our neighbor, who was home alone in a second floor apartment with no access to a first floor, much less a basement. She was looking for shelter ... and company. She called her husband and said “I’m at Jacque and Dave’s.” Soon he arrived home from work and he, too, came over. Long after the storm had passed, the four of us sat just talking – and watching the news reports of damage in areas around us. In fact we talked for a couple of hours. About work, about his classes at the community college, her life as a librarian, about family, about movies, just stuff. They, in their 20’s, we in our well older.

Sometimes good things blow in with storms and we are reminded of life and neighbors and all that is good – for which we are thankful! Let it be so ...

Come be the community of Jesus! Jacque

SEGA SUMMER HAPPENING “We Belong to God”

Darrell Hughes and Jacque Foster
Directors

Camp for those who have finished 3rd
through 12th grades – AND adult
individuals, and families with young
children. Either all week or weekend.
Tuesday, June 18 – Saturday, June 22

at Camp MoVal near Union, MO

REGISTER by May 1

**Go to SEGA website or our website
for registration forms and scholarship
applications. Scholarships available!**

www.segadisciples.org

www.comptonheights.com

(under “What’s New”)



Children and Youth Camp with Counselors,
Adult Programming with welcome for young
children and babies, supervised by parents.
Enjoy theme focus / activities on Belonging!

Beautiful camp! Swimming, fishing,
canoeing, paddle-boating, archery, low-ropes
for youth, campfires, nature exploration, arts
and crafts! Air-conditioned cabins and family
lodging facilities!

Celebrations and Concerns

In Our Prayers

Joyce Cole was in the hospital and diagnosed with mild congestive heart failure. She has been released to home.

David Nielsen has been struggling with his health and is regaining strength.

Lew Mead is in Hospice Care at Provision Living

Betty and Red Graham

Janice Tayoan Beauvais Manor on the Park

Royce Sykes (see update below)

Ruth Kreuger – hospitalized on April 10 with pneumonia, St Mary's



Welcome to the World!

Good News of Great Joy; A Baby Girl is Born!

Kristie and Brent Blunt Welder welcomed Eleanor

Elizabeth on April 4. She was born at 7:48 am at

7 lbs. 13 oz. and 20 inches. She is beautiful, loved, and a precious gift of God. Mom and Dad and baby are all well.

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, April 7, **Dennis and Joan James** came by Reaffirmation of Faith to make Compton Heights CC their church home! Joan and Dennis live nearby on Caroline and have already become engaged with the congregation. They have family here in St. Louis; both of their sisters have worshiped with us also! Joan is an RN Coordinator at Siteman Cancer Center and Dennis is retired. He spent 25 years in the restaurant business. We welcome these new friends to the church community!

Good News from Royce Sykes!

Royce has moved to Parkwood Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3201 Parkwood Lane, Maryland Heights, MO 63046. The phone number there is 314-291-5911. His cell number is the same – 314-478-0218.

Daughter Cory, was recently married – he said she was beautiful bride! Royce enjoyed being with Cory, her new husband, David, and his family, all of whom were very nice. He was also thrilled to see all of his grandchildren, Cory and David's son, Elijah, and his older daughter, Rhiannon, and her children including her baby, Morgan, just born in February!

Sympathy

We hold Rev. Jenn Simmons and her family in prayer as they grieve their loss in the death of Jenn's 27 year old brother Sean Schultz. Sean died very unexpectedly from a blood clot following a fall. May God hold the Simmons/Schultz family in healing love.

Happy Birthday!



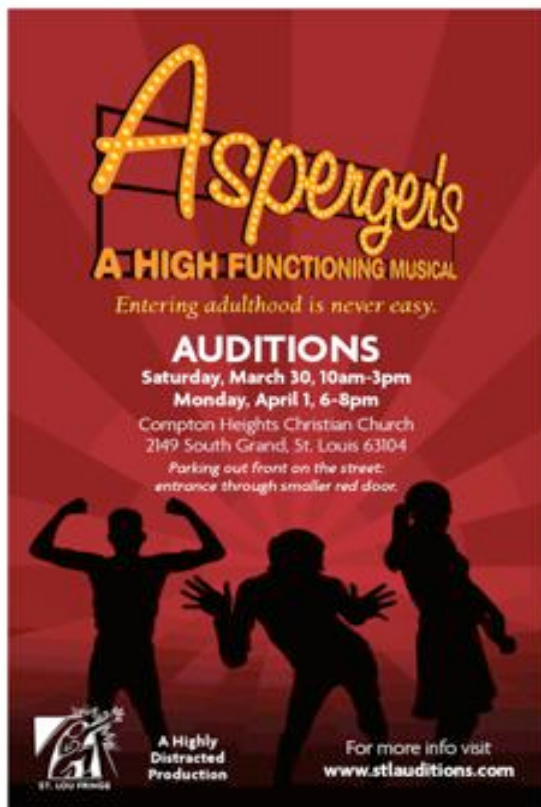
APRIL

4th Eleanor Elizabeth!
10th Cory Sykes
17th Red Graham
19th Guang Wu
20th Leslie Latham
22nd Ruth Kreuger Age 101
25th DebE Miner Martin

MAY

15th Marty Renner-Hughes
16th Bryan Richardson
27th Sarah Hughes
31st Raymond Sutton, Jr.

If we do not have your Birthday in our information, please let us know so that we can celebrate with you!



We are delighted to be the rehearsal site for a new St. Louis production:

Asperger's: A High Functioning Musical

A world premiere one-act musical about young adults coping with Asperger's Syndrome and High-Functioning Autism. Music by Adam Seth Rosen. Book and lyrics by Dean L. Rosen, and Adam Seth Rosen.

Look for upcoming scheduling of a “dress rehearsal” presentation especially for friends, families, and the Compton Heights CC congregation to be held in our sanctuary!

We will also share performance schedule for the June festival performance and location!

Compassionate Listening Practice Group

Thursday Evening, May 16

6:30 – 8:30 pm

If you are interested in becoming a Compassionate Listener in your life this is a practice group. We will be working with the principles, exercises and process of the Compassionate Listening Project. We will accompany each other on this journey, and will plan to meet monthly. We will decide our meeting times according to the needs of the group. Jacque Foster will be the facilitator.

Spring Congregational Retreat - “Becoming the Community of Jesus”

Friday Evening, May 31 – Saturday Afternoon, June 1

Place to be announced!

Participants will be able to go home overnight!

Childcare will be available: those wanting to take advantage of childcare will need to indicate the need and number and ages of children ahead of time so that we can make arrangements!

SAVE the DATE – Mark your calendar!!



***“BELONGING ” Experience invites us to
Imagine Belonging to God’s “new heaven and
new earth!”***

Thirteen of us participated in a 7 week plus one Immersion Day “Engaging Spirituality experience called “Belonging.” In these weeks, we shared eight meals together, listened prayerfully to each other, listened for God in the stories of others and in our own hearts. On our last evening together we imagined the new heaven and new earth to which God calls us to Belong.

These are some images of a “new heaven and a new earth” shared by the members of our group. We hear God calling us to a “new heaven and a new earth:

Where every child is raised in love and nurtured to be a caring, compassionate human being ...

JUST IMAGINE!

Community meals where people from Isaiah 58 Ministries and people from Flora Place and Ladue sit down and break bread together ...

JUST IMAGINE!

Where hate crimes are changed to acts of love ...

JUST IMAGINE!

Where we love one another as ourselves and become a community of faith that changes from “I” to “We”.

JUST IMAGINE!

Where you care about your neighbor, rather than not speaking to them or hiding from them. Where we have true equality of all kinds ...

JUST IMAGINE!

Where EVERYONE has a place to live and good food to eat ...

JUST IMAGINE!

A place where children can live in innocence as joyful embodied Spirits free from those who would use them or shame them ...

JUST IMAGINE!

When we look at the stranger, the other, and see a brother or sister rather than a threat ...

JUST IMAGINE!

Where respect and understanding make gun collections obsolete. Clean streams and clear skies, good food for everyone, healthy children laughing and playing without fear on city street corners, Learning that frees’ the mind instead of forcing questions into answers for the test ...

JUST IMAGINE!

Where we see (as Walter Brueggeman said) that the arc of the New Testament bends toward inclusion. . .

JUST IMAGINE!

Where people respect and care for one another as if themselves ...

JUST IMAGINE!

Where the tired, worn earth and the sand which was once productive soil can be renewed as we compost all of our waste and wasted resources ...

JUST IMAGINE!

Where there is equal dismay over one girl killed for her desire to learn, as for one killed by a madman.

JUST IMAGINE!

Where there is equal joy at he blessings, that befall a stranger as our closest family members ..

JUST IMAGINE!

Scripture Readings for the Sundays of Eastertide

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2013

Acts 19:1-6 (7-20)
Revelation 5:11-14Psalm 30
John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2013

Acts 9:36-43
Revelation 7:9-17Psalm 23
John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2013

Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-6Psalm 148
John 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10,22 – 22:5Psalm 67
John 14:23-29 OR John 5:1-9

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2013

Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21Psalm 97
John 17:20-26

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2013

Acts 2:1-21
Romans 8:14-17Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2013

Proverbs 8:1-4:22-31
Romans 5:1-5Psalm 8
John 16:12-15

Compton Rising Reading Circle

The Reading Circle meets on 3rd Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon at a coffeehouse chosen by the group. **April is National Poetry Month, so bring a favorite poem to read to the group! We are meeting at Bistro 45 inside Provision Living at 45 E. Lockwood.**

We are registered as a book club with Left Bank Books and reading group purchases receive a discount there. Books should also be available through your public library, and often on Kindle or Nook. If you enjoy reading and discussing books—classics, fiction, non-fiction—come join us!



reStore Our Steeple

On February 29, 2012, two windows of our steeple were damaged in a windstorm. We received an insurance settlement for \$10,270 to repair them. The difference between the insurance check and the actual cost of replacing all four windows and sides of the steeple was \$15,400. **The work has now been completed!!** Financial Goal: **\$15,400** is the amount we need to pay for the repair!

You are invited to participate in the **reStore Our Steeple (SOS)** Campaign! We need your prayers, and we need resources. Please complete the following form, detach it from this sheet, and return it with any offering, or directly to Jan Kreuger, treasurer. You may also pick up a “Steeple Coin Box” at church!!

I want to help to **reStore Our Steeple** by doing the following:

Making a financial gift of \$_____ monthly \$_____ quarterly \$_____ annually (I need envelopes _____)

Making a one-time financial gift of \$_____ (in tribute/memory of _____)

Contributing aluminum cans _____ Using eScrip at Schnucks _____ Using GoodSearch/GoodShop _____

Saving coins _____ (Special Steeple coin banks available in sanctuary windows) Prayers _____

Helping with a bazaar or other fundraiser during the year by _____

Other ways _____ Name _____

Who Did That?

Occasionally we just need to make a list of who is working behind the scenes making all these wonderful things happen! We could never know everything that everyone does and therefore we are missing much here, but these are a few of the unnoticed acts of care that keep us going.

Nancy Obermiller - needlepointed a beautiful new Bread Cloth for the Communion Table

Marty Hughes – ordered and arranged flowers for Easter, creating new seasonal images on the hall banner

Darrell Hughes – bleeding radiators, fixing heat, cleaning up classrooms upstairs

Bud Obermiller, Jan and Larry Kreuger – yard work before Easter

Dave Boger – had all the paperback Large Print hymnals and the paperback purple Chalice hymnals bound hardback – all those curly, bent pages are now smooth!

Judi Linville ordered new coffee and chocolate from Disciples Coffee Project – Equal Exchange

David French and The Choir created beautiful music for the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service at Oak Hill Presbyterian as well as for Easter Sunday!

Brenda Booth, DebE Martin, Marsha McGuire setting up for Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt!

ALL those who brought great breakfast dishes on Easter Sunday!

Dave Boger purchased and installed new outdoor lights on each side of the front doors of the church.

ALL those who cleaned the church and organized so much on the Church cleaning day when it was too cold to do the yard work.

Hymnals and Easter CW&W Story for First Christian Church, Owensboro, KY

Two weeks before Easter, a lightning-strike caused the tragic fire that destroyed the building of FCC, Owensboro, KY. We were one of many congregations across the CC(DOC) who sent two of our Chalice Hymnals so that FCC would have enough hymnals to sing the familiar hymns of resurrection by Easter Sunday. We made the decision and blessed these on Palm Sunday and they were there by Easter.

Dave Boger, who had spent a weekend last Fall at that church for Children, Worship, and Wonder Training, made and sent all the wooden and cloth pieces for the Easter CW&W story. (The story with the Tomb and the Stone that rolls away and the women who went to the tomb, the angel who proclaims the Risen Christ – that Charlsi told in our sanctuary worship on Easter Day here.) We received a lovely note from the Associate Pastor of the Owensboro congregation, indicating what a joy it was to open the box, find the story, and be able to tell it with their children on Easter Sunday. Thanks to Dave and all those in our congregation who have held FCC, Owensboro in prayer.

Recycling for Recycling–Sake and for Mission \$

Thank you to both Tyler Place Presbyterian and Compton Heights folks who have recycled cans at the church. Our most recent 26 pounds of crushed aluminum cans netted us \$15.60 for mission.

Thank you also to Liz Vollmar, who donated the copper gutters and roof valleys from her hail-damaged roof. We recycled them for \$527, to be put toward our steeple repair.

The Humane Society thanks you for donating hundreds of used, clean, label-free pill bottles with caps for veterinary medicines. Arlene Arbogast started us on this mission, and you have donated over 500 bottles so far! Thank you all!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All events at Compton Heights CC unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, April 14—Third Sunday of Easter

Choir Practice—9 am Christian Education — 10:05 -10:50 am

Worship—11:00 am —Sanctuary

Coffee and refreshments—12:00 p.m. –Library Choir practice—12:30 pm

Friday— April 19—Happy Friday—6:45-8:00 am-

Saturday – April 20 – **Church Yard Day** – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm / **Book Group** – 10:00 am**Sunday, April 21—Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Choir Practice—9 am Christian Education — 10:05 -10:50 a.m.

Worship—11:00 am Sanctuary

Coffee and refreshments – 12:00 pm Choir Practice 12:30 pm

Wednesday, April 24 – Cabinet Meeting 7:00 pm

Friday, April 25—Happy Friday—6:45-8:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 28— Fifth Sunday of Easter

Choir practice—9 am Christian Education 10:05 -10:50 am

Worship—11:00 am

Coffee and refreshments – 12:00 pm Choir Practice 12:30 pm

Wednesday, May 1 – Board of Ministry Meeting – 7 pm

Thursday, May 2 – Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting Group – 7 pm

Friday, May 3 - Happy Friday—6:45-8:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Choir practice—9 a.m Christian Education 10:05-10:50 am

Worship—11:00 am

Coffee & refreshments—12:00 pm Choir Practice – 12:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 pm Elders' Circle

Friday, May 10 – Happy Friday -- 6:45-8:00 am

Sunday, May 12 – Seventh Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

Choir practice - 9:00 am Christian Education 10:05 – 10:50 am

Worship – 11:00 am

Coffee and Refreshments - 12:00 pm Choir Practice – 12:30 pm

Thursday, May 16 -**Compassionate Listening Practice Group** - 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Friday, May 17 – Happy Friday – 6:45 – 8:00 am

Saturday, May 18 – Book Group 10 am – Noon (Place to be announced)

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Sunday

Choir practice - 9:00 am Christian Education 10:05 – 10:50 am

Worship – 11:00 am

Pentecost Celebration Potluck Lunch - 12:15 pm

Friday, May 24 - Happy Friday – 6:45 – 8:00 am

Sunday, May 26 – First Sunday after Pentecost

Choir practice - 9:00 am Christian Education 10:05 – 10:50 am

Worship – 11:00 am Coffee and Refreshments - 12:00 pm

Friday, May 31 – Happy Friday – 6:45 – 8:00 am

through June 1 **Spring Retreat – Friday Evening and Saturday through the afternoon!***Place and Time Specifics and Registration to come! See page 4*

Serving Schedule – May 2013

Please get a substitute if you are unable to serve on your designated date, and inform Leslie Latham for the bulletin early in the week before. Thank you!

Liturgist	Communion Elders	Stewardship Elders
Apr 21 Bryan Richardson	Apr 21 Madeline Haraway	Apr 21 Dennis Landon
Apr 28 DebE Martin	Apr 28 Lisa Bast	Apr 28 Sarah Richardson
May 5 Talya Perry	May 5 Charlsi Lee	May 5 Marsha McGuire
May 12 Karen Pitt	May 12 Bob Lewis	May 12 DebE Martin
May 19 Joint Worship	May 19 Dennis Landon	May 19 Leslie Latham
May 26 Bob Lewis	May 26 Sarah Richardsoon	May 26 Kathy Mead

Deacons (All will serve; the first two will prepare/clean up unless they ask others.)

Apr 21 David Martin,	Thelonius Lee,	Bud Obermiller,	Nancy Obermiller
Apr 28 Marty Hughes,	Kim Miner,	Stanley Williams,	Thelonius Lee
May 5 David Martin,	Larry Kreuger,	Bud Obermiller,	Nancy Obermiller,
May 12 Jan Kreuger,	Darrell Hughes,	Arlene Arbogast,	Stanley Williams
May 19 Thelonius Lee,	Stanley Williams,	Kim Miner,	Marty Hughes
May 26 David Martin,	Larry Kreuger,	Bud Obermiller,	Nancy Obermiller

Providing Communion Bread: April: Marty Hughes **May:** Kim Miner

In-Home Communion -- April - Elder: (A) Kathy Mead (B) Sarah Richardson **Deacon ?**

May - Elder: (A) Millie Slack (B) Bob Lewis **Deacon ?**

Greeter April: Bud Obermiller **May:** Norm Linville

Nursery Care

Apr 21 Kathy Mead
Apr 28 Marty Hughes
May 5 Brenda Booth
May 12 Ty Woodard
May 19 Kathy Mead
May 26 Darrell Hughes

Coffee Hosts

Apr 21 Bud and Nancy Obermiller
Apr 28 Judi and Norm Linville
May 5 Sarah and Bryan Richardson
May 12 Marsha McGuire and Leslie Latham
May 19 Pentecost Potluck Lunch
May 26 DebE Miner Martin and Kim Miner

Children Worship & Wonder

Apr 21 Storyteller Dave Boger	Apr 21 Greeter
Apr 28 Storyteller Dave Boger	Apr 28 Greeter
May 5 Storyteller Charlsi Lee	May 5 Greeter
May 12 Storyteller Charlsi Lee (& 19 th in Sanctuary)	May 12 Greeter
May 26 Storyteller Dave Boger	May 26 Greeter

FINANCIAL REPORT

April income through 4/7 :\$ 3,665.94

YTD income through 4/7 : \$35,845.83

YTD through 4/7 includes the following:

Tithes and offerings \$26,366.64 Coffee and Equal Exchange \$112.95

India \$137.15 CCF interest \$833.36 Rent and misc. \$7381.48 (all renters current)

Easter Special Offering \$934.23 (final--our budget goal was \$500 – and thanks to Tyler Place Presbyterian for adding to our Easter Offering!)

Note: for the first quarter or 25% of our year, giving through tithes and offerings was 23% of the budget goal for the year. So we are a little behind, but the lag is actually in expected loose offerings and new gifts, not in pledges and regular giving.

Ministry Leaders

Pastor: Jacquelyn L. Foster
Moderator: Leslie Latham
Vice Moderator: Marsha McGuire
Secretary: Audrey Tarde
Treasurer: Jan Kreuger
Financial Secretary: Judi Linville
Co-Chairs of Elders: Kathy Mead
 Madeline Haraway
Chair of Deacons: Bud Obermiller

Ministry Groups:

Communications Ministry
Community Life
Faith Sharing and Teaching Ministry
Stewardship and Outreach Ministry

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Deacons, Elders, and Trustees - 2012

Diaconate: Thelonius Lee, Marty Hughes,
 Darrell Hughes, Kim Miner, Larry Kreuger
 Arlene Arbogast, Jan Kreuger, Bud Obermiller,
 Nancy Obermiller, Liz Vollmar, Dave Martin,
 Talya Perry, Stanley Williams

Elders: Lisa Bast, Bob Lewis, DebE Martin, Sarah
 Richardson, Marsha McGuire, Madeline Haraway,
 Leslie Latham, Kathy Mead
 Royce Sykes (serving at Woodland Manor)
Ordained Elders: Rev. Brenda Booth, Rev. Dennis
 Landon, Rev. Charlsi Lewis Lee, Rev. Norm
 Linville, Rev. Karen Pitt, Rev. Millie Slack

Trustees: Liz Vollmar, Madeline Haraway, Susan Petri