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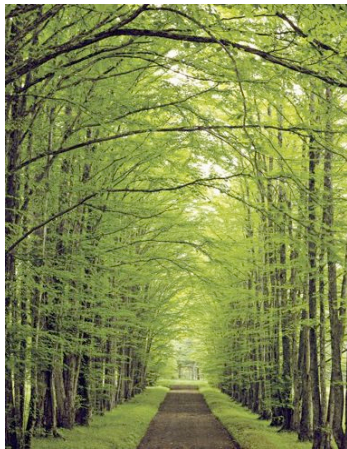


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*Breathe... Notice ...
Be... Listen ...
Gaze ... Love...*

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We live and worship in what we, the Church, call the “Days After Pentecost,” or “Ordinary Time.” These are days of opening our hearts to the Spirit who leads us and guides us into the wonder of God in the everyday-ness of living. These are days green with growth and hope!

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

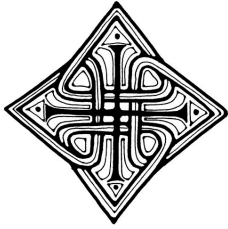
Come, Holy Spirit,
give us a new breath
of freedom,
a new heart of fire,
a new strength of purpose,
to see the story of God,
in the people of God.

Come, Holy Spirit,
show us the patterns of your presence
in the places of our lives
where we work and serve,
as much as where we worship and pray.

Come, Holy Spirit,
make us a sign of God
in the darkness and poverty
in our world,
where hope is frail
and daily life
a struggle to survive.
Amen.

- Yvonne Morland
Holy Ground, N. Paynter & H. Boothroyd
Wild Goose Publications, 2005, p. 309

CROSSPATHS



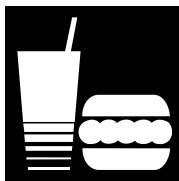
Since Jan sent me the article about the need for refurbishing the Peace Pole, I've been thinking about the significance of the Peace Pole standing at the intersection of those two paths leading to our door. It seems strange that I've always thought of it as standing at the corner of the Peace Garden, but never did I think of it as standing at an *intersection*. It is the intersection of the paths from Flora Pl. and S. Grand.

Last Spring at the Corrymeela Community's Retreat Center in Northern Ireland, I found a wonderful Bible study rooted in seeking reconciliation in the midst of "the troubles" in Northern Ireland. It is titled *The Place Called Reconciliation*. Author David Stevens says that "Christ is the point of intersection between humanity and God and at this point of intersection there is a supreme act of self-giving love." He refers to Ephesians 2:14-18 where Christ is at the point of intersection between Jew and Gentile breaking down the 'dividing wall of hostility' between them. "Reconciliation work," he says, "can be understood as being at a point of intersection where there are 'walls' and hostility."

We, who are Christ's Church together, are called to stand at the intersection embodying Christ's Peace – making a new way visible. We create a different kind of community at the intersections of life in this city and in our world. At the intersection we meet people who are lonely, afraid, angry, sad, grieving, struggling, sick, recovering, confused, hopeful, and cynical. We stand as a meeting place for people who do not like or understand each other, as well as for people who are excited to create new relationship with God and God's people. We cannot do the reconciling work *for* others. But we can stand as a community of Jesus the Christ, doing *our own work* so that we create a space of peace at the intersection; a safe place for others as well as ourselves to explore what it is to be God's people.

Whoever takes up the invitation to help renew the Peace Pole, we are *all* represented by this symbol of God's Peace at the intersection. Reach out, touch the Peace Pole as you go by. Stop to run your fingers over the blessing of peace. Then come work on creating a community of Christ at the Intersection.

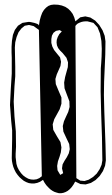
Peace, *Jacque*



FATHER'S DAY Weekend BBQ Fundraiser Saturday June 15 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

The BBQ Fundraiser is coming together with the planning of the Community Life Group and Thelonius Lee. Lee will head up the

cooking! Menu includes hot dogs, hand packed hamburgers, baked beans, potato salad, hand-squeezed lemonade. Cup of lemonade \$1.00; jumbo franks (no kidding they are huge) \$2.00; Burgers \$3.00; \$2.00 per side. So, \$7.00 per plate or \$8.00 ala carte for a hamburger meal with a drink included. Need help with setting up outdoors with tables and chairs, etc. as well as help with food.



See Lee, Charlsi, or Brenda for more information!

SEGA SUMMER HAPPENING "We Belong to God"

Tuesday, June 18 – Saturday, June 22 at Camp MoVal near Union, MO

Directors: Darrell Hughes and Jacque Foster

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

Go to SEGA website or our website for registration forms and scholarship

applications. www.segadisciples.org or www.comptonheights.com (under "What's New")

Celebrations and Concerns

In Our Prayers

Joan James' mother Babe Auer who has a broken wrist, and **Joan's** Aunt and Uncle, **Adeline and Erwin Branahl** who were critically injured in a auto accident.

David Nielsen and Scott Stamper for health

Lew Mead is in Hospice Care at Provision Living. We hold **Kathy and Ron** in prayer at this time also.

Betty and Red Graham Betty is undergoing Chemotherapy Radiation treatments, a very difficult time and in need of deep prayer. Red is in the Nursing Center and they are not able to see each other for the support that they both need.

Janice Tayoan Beauvais Manor on the Park

Royce Sykes for health and strength

John and Karen Pitt as they both recover from persistent illness!

Bud and Nancy Obermiller as they do the hard work of moving.



Sympathy

We celebrate the life of **Ruth V. Kreuger** and grieve our loss in her death to this life on April 27. We just celebrated Ruth's 101st birthday on April 22 and have been lifted by her ever-present joy and love of life. Ruth's faith and her commitment to Christ's Church has been a blessing here as it was at her long-time church home, Eastminster Presbyterian in Evansville, Indiana. Two services were held so that two communities could celebrate Ruth's life with her family.

The first service was in Evansville on May 3, and the second here in St. Louis at Bethesda Orchard on May 18. We hold in prayer Larry and Jan, Ruth's son and daughter-in-law, and all the Kreuger family.

We give thanks for the life of **Lewis V. Mead, Jr.** celebrating all that he was to his family, to the world, and to the Church. Lew died to this life on May 28, after a courageous struggle with alzheimer's disease and cancer. Lew has long been a rock of Compton Heights Christian Church with a heart for the mission and ministry of the church. Loved by youth and adults alike, he has shared his bright smile and his love for God and God's people. We hold in prayer: Lew's daughter Kathy and son Ron, as well as his Grandsons and Great-grandson, Lew's sister Nancy Keller, Don and Julie, Brother-in-Law and sister-in-law Walt and Audrey Tarde, and all the Tarde Family. Lew was a dear friend and to many. *The Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 8 at the church. Time to be announced.*

Thank You

Gifts to the Steeple Project in memory of Ruth Kreuger have been received from Bethesda Orchard Residents Association, Nancy Dillon, Reed and Linda Glasener, Jim and Livy Hartung, Darrell and Marty Hughes, Rita and David Jenkins, Norm and Judi Linville, Kathy Mead, Bud and Nancy Obermiller, Walt and Audrey Tarde and Judy Zimmerman. The family of Ruth Kreuger is extraordinarily grateful for this outpouring of support and appreciation for Ruth's life. Also, Mary Schumacher made a donation to the steeple fund in honor of Dave Boger. These various gifts total \$812.00. The total amount donated to the Save our Steeple Campaign is \$8517.15.

Happy Birthday!



JUNE

2nd Siena and Matthew Petri

8th Jacque Foster

Theolonius Lee

10th Willow Petri

13th Reed Glasener

19th Roberta Travis

22nd Steve Randolph

24th Cory, Marcus, and Jackson Petri

JULY

7th Betty Graham

15th Sarah Richardson

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



PEACE POLE - in need of tender, loving care!

The Peace Pole is central to our Peace Garden and stands at the intersection of the paths leading to our busy side door.

For those who love outdoor projects, we have a great one! The Peace Pole, which was crafted by Sarah Hughes before she left to go to college at Chapman University, is in need of maintenance. Sarah is now working on her Master's (time flies!) and in these years the weather has "weathered" the pole, and the finish is peeling off. If you are the type who would enjoy sharing in the sanding and refinishing of the centerpiece of the peace garden, please let Darrell or Jan know.

Compassionate Listening Practice Group

Our next two Compassionate Listening Practice Group sessions will be on **Thursday, June 27 and Thursday, July 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm** in the Church Library. Our first Practice Group was in May and the group plans to meet once a month. You are invited to join in at any time. When we get past the craziness of the summer schedule, we will try to settle onto the Third Thursday of the month.

Compton Heights CC PrideFest Booth – June 29-30

Once again PrideFest is upon us and we are planning our PrideFest Booth. This year, for the first time, PrideFest will be held downtown at the Soldier's Memorial area. **Leslie Latham** is heading up our CHCC PrideFest Planning Committee. In addition to planning, we will need folks to help set up the booth on Saturday and take it down on Sunday. Then, most important will be those who take turns staffing our booth on Saturday and Sunday. *This is such a marvelous time to share God's love and our love - and to share Compton Heights Christian Church with those attending PrideFest!*

There will be a PLANNING MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 6:30 PM AT THE CHURCH. Let Leslie know if you would like to help even if you are unavailable for this meeting.

S-E-L-F PROGRAM (STRENGTH & EMPOWERMENT LIFTING FAMILIES) TO BE OFFERED BY ISAIAH 58 MINISTRIES, WITH OTHER FOOD PANTRIES Could you serve as a mentor to a family in the SELF Program?

Beginning June 4, 2013 and continuing through July 9, 2013, Isaiah 58 Ministries is collaborating with two other food pantries, (St. Cronan's and St. Margaret of Scotland) to offer a great educational and empowerment program for its clients.

This program was developed to promote systemic change in the lives of clients in order to improve their quality of life and promote greater independence. It is directed towards individuals and families who have lost sight of their dreams and subsist day to day, barely getting by. They are identified as low or no income individuals caught in the cycle of poverty and who rely heavily on private and public assistance for a prolonged period of time.

Each pantry has committed to recruiting 5-7 families who will make the pledge to attend all six SELF sessions and participate in all aspects of the classes. **AND we need a mentor for each family.** The mentor will continue to give encouragement to the family past the end of the program. What a great opportunity for outreach!



Tickets - \$12 – may be purchased online or at the door
Badges - \$5 (to cover the cost of the festival)

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.

Performances will be at the St. Lou Fringe Festival

Friday, June 21st. 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 22, 4 pm Matinee

Sunday, June 23rd 9 pm

Kranzberg Arts Center (Black Box Theatre)



We hope to host a performance of the play at CHCC following the Festival with a reception for all!!

However we encourage attending the Festival performance!

Asperger's: A High Functioning Musical was conceived and written by the father/son team of Adam and Dean Rosen. They have been writing musical theater together for the past 15 years. The music is all composed by Adam. He is 34 and lives in St. Louis where he grew up attending Parkway North High School. He later studied music at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. Adam is a poet and a composer. He wrote an original score for the St. Louis premier of *The Laramie Project*, produced by Mostly Harmless Theatre Company in 2002. He has written compositions for Joan Lipkin's *That Uppity* Theatre Company and her work with gay men in *The Louie Project*. He has also written music for First Run Theatre and performed in one of their productions. Adam has played keyboard for Ed Reggi's improv comedy group. He has an essay published in the book *Mensch*, a collection of writings on the experience of being Gay and Jewish. In his youth he was an activist for the rights of gay youth and a pioneer in this field, including producing a radio show on KDHX for gay youth in the 1990's.

When Adam realized he had Asperger's Syndrome he wanted to use his creative art to inform the public and reduce stigma. Adam has always believed that his art should be a vehicle of social change, creating greater awareness of not just how the world is, but how it can be and should be. He is thrilled to see this work coming to fruition in this world premier performance at the St. Louis Fringe Festival this June.



Six Weeks of Compassion!

Each year we celebrate and give to **Week of Compassion** which is our Disciples of Christ Relief and Development ministry working in crisis situations throughout the world. Our work is extensive, deep, and ongoing in cooperation with Church World Service and with ecumenical and interfaith partners in every place. When tornadoes, hurricanes, or floods devastate communities in Joplin, MO, or Moore, OK, or Japan or Africa or Latin America, *we are there*. When war destroys communities and lives, we are there. We always say that “Week of Compassion” is more than a “week”; it is year ‘round Compassion with a week of special emphasis for our giving. **THIS** year, we will have a Summer Mission focus called “**Six Weeks of Compassion**” to extend from **July 28 through September 1**.

In addition to the WOC Offering, we will gather items and put together needed relief and disaster kits for Church World Service (CWS) and for distribution through the Festival of Sharing in Missouri. Amy Gopp, Executive Director of WOC, has recently alerted us that CWS is in need of Disaster Clean-up Buckets. The high number of recent disasters has depleted the supply. Our Stewardship and Outreach Ministry Group is considering this to be one of the projects we will do during this time.

We will have an after-worship ‘brainstorming session’ to choose our other projects/kits for this summer!

Summer Children and Youth Program – Beginning June 9

These Summer Sunday mornings children and youth will have a Multi-age Activity Event in the fellowship hall for the Education hour beginning at 10:05 am. The program will be led by Rev. Bob Hagel and other Compton Heights and Tyler Place Adults are needed to help with the activities (especially for the younger children). These do not need to be the same adults each Sunday. We will have sign-up for a rotation.

A sign-up sheet for adult helpers to choose their dates to help will be posted on the library door. Please sign up to help on Sundays that are good for you!



Nursery Helpers Needed from 10:00 to 11:00 AM Sundays

As you know, we have a Nursery Helper scheduled for Sunday worship times. **In addition, we need volunteers to help Shannon in the Nursery during the Church School Hour (10 – 11 am)** Maybe this could be a rotation of those who are in the building at Church School time, but do not choose to participate in classes. Please let Leslie Latham know if you will be in this rotation.

Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting Group

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will continue through the summer and anyone is invited to join in! We meet on the First Thursday of each month at someone’s home. You do not need to already knit or crochet in order to participate. Come learn or just hang out with us! **On Thursday, June 6 we will knit at Judi Linville’s home.**

Who Did That?

Joe Bradshaw of Tyler Place Presbyterian is doing such a great job keeping the church yard not only mowed but edged! Joe *also* fixed the Park Bench that had fallen apart in our garden!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All events at Compton Heights CC unless otherwise noted)

Friday/Saturday – May 31 – June 1 – Spring Congregational Retreat at Marianist Retr. Ctr.**Sunday, June 2—Second Sunday After Pentecost**

Christian Education — 10:05 -10:50 am

Worship— 11:00 am Coffee and refreshments— 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4 – PrideFest Planning Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, June 5 – Ministry Group Meetings 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 6 – Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting Group – 7 pm at the Linvilles

Friday— June 7—Happy Friday—6:45-8:00 am

Saturday – June 8 – Memorial Service for Lewis V. Mead, Jr., CHCC Sanctuary (Time TBA)

Sunday, June 9—Third Sunday After Pentecost

Christian Education — 10:05 -10:50 a.m.

Worship— 11:00 am Coffee and refreshments – 12:00 pm

Wednesday, June 12 – Elders' Circle 7:00 pm

Friday, June 14—Happy Friday—6:45-8:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 15 – Book Group 10 am – Noon - Place TBA

Father's Day Weekend BBQ Fund-Raiser 11 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday, June 16— Fourth Sunday After Pentecost (Father's Day)

Christian Education 10:05 -10:50 am

Worship— 11:00 am Coffee and refreshments – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, June 18 through Saturday, June 22 – SEGA SUMMER HAPPENING at Camp MoVal

Friday, June 21 - Happy Friday—6:45-8:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 23 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Christian Education 10:05-10:50 am

Worship— 11:00 am Coffee & refreshments— 12:00 pm

Wednesday, June 26 – Cabinet Meeting – 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 27 - Compassionate Listening Practice Group – 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Friday, June 28– Happy Friday -- 6:45-8:00 am

Saturday, June 29 – Sunday, June 30 – CHCC Booth at PrideFest

Sunday, June 30 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Christian Education 10:05 – 10:50 am

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

Wednesday, July 3 – Board of Ministry – 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, July 5 – Happy Friday – 6:45 – 8:00 am

Sunday, July 7

Christian Education 10:05 – 10:50 am

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

Wednesday, July 10 – Elders' Circle 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 11 - Compassionate Listening Practice Group 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Friday, July 12 – Happy Friday – 6:45 – 8:00 am

Saturday, July 13 – Wed., July 17 – *General Assembly of the CC(DOC) in Orlando*

Serving Schedule – JUNE 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
June 2 Dave Martin	Marsha McGuire	Madeline Haraway
June 9 Nancy Obermiller	DebE Martin	Lisa Bast
June 16 Madeline Haraway	Leslie Latham	Charlsi Lewis Lee
June 23 Norm Linville	Kathy Mead	Bob Lewis
June 30 Leslie Latham	Madeline Haraway	Norm Linville
July 7 Sarah Richardson	Lisa Bast	Dennis Landon

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

June 2 Stanley Williams	Marty Hughes	Jan Kreuger	Darrell Hughes
June 9 Stanley Williams	Arlene Arbogast	David Martin	Larry Kreuger
June 16 Marty Hughes	Kim Miner	Bud Obermiller	Nancy Obermiller,
June 23 Thelonius Lee	Kim Miner	Bud Obermiller	Nancy Obermiller
June 30 Jan Kreuger	Darrell Hughes	Stanley Williams	Thelonius Lee
July 7 Jan Kreuger	Darrell Hughes	Stanley Williams	Kim Miner

Providing Communion Bread: June Larry Kreuger **July** Bud Obermiller

In-Home Communion -- June - Elder: (A) Charlsi Lee (B) DebE Martin Deacon ?
July - Elder: (A) Brenda Booth (B) Karen Pitt Deacon ?

Greeter June: Madeline Haraway **July:** Kathy Mead

Nursery Care

	Coffee Hosts
June 2 Kathy Mead	Charlsi and Thelonius Lee
June 9 Marsha McGuire	Audrey and Walt Tarde/ Susan Petri
June 16 Marty Hughes	Madeline Haraway
June 23 Dave Boger	Nancy and Bud Obermiller
June 30 Brenda Booth	Judi and Norm Linville
July 7 Ty Woodard	Sarah and Bryan Richardson

Children Worship & Wonder - on Summer Break!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income for May through May 19: \$21,084.43 (\$15,000 of this was the withdrawal from Church Finance Council.)

YTD income through May 19: \$64,671.47 (includes the \$15,000 withdrawal from CCF)

YTD income includes the following:

Pledges, loose offerings, gifts:	\$36,874.33
Outreach offerings:	1,603.93 (Pentecost is \$364.70--our goal is \$450.)
Tuition for boys in India:	178.15
Rent and misc. expense	9,993.14 (same as last week)
Equal Exchange purchases	185.45 (same as last week)
Interest on CCF investments	834.47 (ditto)
Withdrawal from CCF	15,000.00 (ditto)

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 – 2012-1013

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