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COMPTON HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



October 2013 Volume 61, Number 8 The Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn L. Foster, Pastor

<u>www.comptonheights.com</u> Mr. Josh Privitt, Student Assoc. Pastor



Jim Taylor, when writing Everyday Psalms, asked and answered the question: "Why do we need downtown churches? Because people still come there to seek sanctuary." We are more midtown than downtown, but an urban church to which people come seeking sanctuary in the city. Taylor's Psalm 63:1-8 speaks to our hearts:

Holy Presence

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Endless crowds of people crush me. They jostle my mind; they crack my concentration. I feel like no more than a means to an end, a cog in the machinery. I long for the gentle touch of loving fingers, the intimate whisper of acceptance. So I come looking for you, Lord, in your holy places. In this dimmed light, in this hushed silence, I sense your presence. I wish I could feel you as near me in the rabid frenzy of life in the city core. I want to reach out and touch you In the marketplace as well as the chancel. Then I will not feel alone: You will be part of every thought and every breath. I will know you at my desk and in my den, in my bed and in my bathtub. Nothing will come between us. And I will hold you close in the nighttime of my fears.

> - James Taylor, <u>Everyday Psalms</u>, (British Columbia: Woodlake Books) 2005. P. 77

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CROSSPATHS

This past week we have had two gatherings of our wonderful small group leaders as they prepare to host and lead five small group conversations between October 7 and 12. I have been so deeply moved by the faith and the love for Christ's Church in these leaders. I have already heard their deep commitment to ministry in this community; a passion for the ministry of this congregation.

As we move closer to this time when our whole congregation is invited to gather in homes to share the vision that is in us and to talk about our ideas for moving forward in ministry in the face of financial challenges, *I ask you to do three things:*

- 1) PRAY for each other for the daily concerns of family and friends, health, work and school, for the celebrations, the losses, and the new opportunities in each of our lives. It is in the midst of all of this, that we are the Church with and for each other and the world.
- 2) Be present to participate in one of our small group conversations! (They are listed below)
- 3) PRAY for the movement of God's Spirit in each of the small groups and then in the congregation as we sharpen our vision, as we celebrate our many gifts for ministry, and as we <u>together</u> discern the ways to move forward!

Blessings, Jacque

Facing the challenges together - Sharing our dreams and ideas ...

Between October 7th and 12th, we are having 5 (FIVE!) gatherings at different times and places so that EVERYONE can take part in conversation about our vision for the Compton Heights Christian Church and our ideas! We hope that YOU will be a part of one of these small group gatherings!

Monday, Oct. 7, 7:00 pm – home of Madeline Haraway, 4116 Humphrey St., St. Louis Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7:00 pm – home of Bud & Nancy Obermiller, 5200 Mardel, St. Louis Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:00 pm – home of Kathy Mead, 709 Tuxedo, Webster Groves

Childcare will be provided at the Church for the following two gatherings. Each of these is only a block from the church.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 7:00 pm – home of Foster/Boger, 3669 Russell Blvd., St. Louis **Saturday, Oct. 12, 2:00 pm** – home of Jan and Larry Kreuger, 2211 S. Grand Blvd. #301

Please plan to join us for one of these gatherings. We would like our hosts to know how many to expect at their homes, **so please let Leslie Latham** (<u>Imlatham77@gmail.com</u>) **442-9177 or Kathy Mead** (<u>kmkm709@sbcglobal.net</u>) **963-7999** know which session is best for you. You may also receive a call about these gatherings, so you may let that person know what works for you! Also please let us know if you need transportation or childcare (Thurs. and Sat.)

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Celebrations and Concerns

In Our Prayers

Jim Clayton is receiving a new heart valve on October 3. He will be in Barnes-Jewish. Please hold both Sharon and Jim in prayer.
Susan Petri – pneumonia and collapsed lung
Betty and Red Graham Red is in hospice care at Bethesday Meadows in Ellisville. Betty is undergoing chemotherapy.
Janice Tayoan Beauvais Manor on the Park
Royce Sykes for health and strength

Sympathy

We celebrate the life and grieve the family's loss in the death of **Bertha "Babe" Auer, mother of Joan James**.

Our love and sympathy continue to surround Joan, Dennis and their family in their loss. The Memorial Service was held at the United Methodist Church of Green Trails. Pastor Foster participated in the service and many our congregation were present. May God's peace fill Joan and her family as they continue to care for each other and to celebrate their mother's life and faith!

Happy Birthday!



October 14th Royce Sykes 23rd Marsah McGuire 28th Liz Vollmar

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

We celebrate the life and grief our community's loss in the death of **Bob Fletcher**, a dear neighborhood friend, who died to this life on September 23. Bob has been a part of this neighborhood, connecting us with other neighbors, sharing in "Happy Friday", Pet Blessings, care for those in the Saum Apartments and those in this congregation. We expect to see Bob and his dog King coming around the corner at any moment. A Memorial Service was held at the Saum Building on Monday, September 30. Pastor Foster participated in the service along with Fr. John Vien from St. Pius. A wonderful group of CHCC Happy Friday/Choir folk sang in the service. Thanks be to God for the gift of Bob's life shared in this community.

WELCOME to COMPTON HEIGHTS CC!

On Sunday, *September 1* we welcomed **Nina Shivers** as she came forward to make Compton Heights CC her church home. Nina came to CHCC at the invitation of Roberta Travis. We welcome Nina who reaffirmed her faith on that day!

On Sunday, *September 15*, **Kathy Bradley** came by Reaffirmation of Faith making Compton Heights her Church home. Then on *September 29* **Tina Owens** came to reaffirm her faith and to claim her new church home. We have been getting to know Kathy and Tina as they have been a part of our life and ministry over the last year. What a blessing they are to this community of faith! Volume 61, No. 8

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Mid-America Regional AND Area Assembly

Saturday, October 12, 9:45 – 3:30 PM

First Christian Church, Sedalia

200 S. Limit Ave., Sedalia, Missouri 65301

This one-day Assembly is being held in what is usually our 'off-year' as we continue the work of moving into a new way of doing regional ministry. This assembly will include time for each of our four Areas to do our Area business as well.

Fall is here and Choir has begun! *Is music your passion?* Each Sunday we will meet at 9:00 AM to warm-up and prepare for the day's music. Then after worship and community time, our weekly Choir practice will be from 12:30 to 1:30. This makes it possible for you to participate in the choir without needing to come back on a week night to practice! *The choir is a wonderful group and is vital to the worship life of the congregation! Please come with your gifts, whether vocal or instrumental!!*



CROP Walk – Sunday, October 13 at Eden Theological Seminary 475 E. Lockwood in Webster Groves

We have a team of Compton Heights CC/Isaiah 58 Ministries folks participating in this year's CROP Walk! The CROP Walk funds raised support Church World Service (our partner through Week of Compassion!) AND 25% of funds go to local Hunger Ministries, including Isaiah 58 Ministries.

You may get your sponsor sheet from Jacque Foster or Brenda Booth. The Compton Heights CC team is also registered for online giving. Josh Privitt is our team captain and has registered our team. You may go online here to join to the team for online giving. At the Compton Heights Christian Church page (below), just click on 'Join Team' and then sign up! You do not have to sign up online; you may simply choose to gather contributions to submit in your envelope.

 $\underline{http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR/2013FallCROPHungerWalk/TR-Fall2013?team_id=97228\&pg=team\&fr_id=17088$

On the day of the Walk, registration at Eden Seminary will begin at 12:30 pm. The Opening program and 'Step-off' will be at 1:30 pm. You may choose to walk 1 mile or 3 miles! So - Get your sponsor form. Gather your sponsors. Sign up online, (if you would like.)

Come walk with us!

BoundaryTraining/Safe Church Training - Wednesday, Oct 23, 7:00pm

We have a Safe Sanctuary Policy for the purpose of creating safe, secure space for children, youth, adults – everyone participating in the life of Compton Heights Christian Church. Just as our Pastors are required by the Region to have regular Boundary Training classes, so our congregational leaders – in fact any of the congregation – are encouraged to take Boundary Training. Our teachers, childcare-givers, and "Children, Worship & Wonder" leaders and helpers are all **required** to have Boundary Training. No one (even parents) who do not have Boundary Training are allowed to stay in the nursery with children other than their own.

On Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm we will offer Boundary/Safe Church Training for those who have not taken it in the last 5 years and for anyone who would just like a refresher. (Everyone must have it at least every 5 years). The class will be taught by Kathy Mead.

"Celebrating Our Ministry Now and Future" - Dinner - Sunday, Oct. 27

Following our early October Small Group Gatherings, we look forward to bringing together our Dreams, Visions, Ideas, Energy and Resources for the future! In worship and at this celebration dinner on October 27, we will celebrate our ministry, and share the ideas that have emerged from our small groups. *We hope you will join in a small group gathering (October 7 – 12) AND then share in this celebration to hear what is emerging from these conversations!*

What a great event since October is the month in which we celebrate Ministry throughout the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Bring a dish to share and come join in this potluck dinner and program.

New Round of Infant Massage Class Sessions to take place in November!

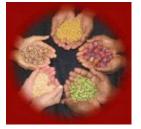
The first offering of Infant Massage Education classes (this past month) was successful and such a gift for the families involved! Therefore, Gerry Rauch and Maureen McCuen, Infant Massage Educators, will teach another Infant Massage class at Compton Height CC in November. This will be a day-time class at 9:00 – 10:30 am on Friday mornings, November 1, 8, 15, and 22. We are grateful to be one of three sites in the St. Louis metro area for these wonderful classes. If you know parents who may be interested in this or future classes please share this information.

Parents are taught to massage their babies while instructors demonstrate on dolls. Infant massage offers a number of benefits including: improved sleep, relief of muscular pain, stimulating brain development, reduced stress for both infant and caregiver, helps gas, colic, and digestion issues, learning the art of being present to your baby, learning to read your baby's cues, gaining confidence in parenting skills, and meeting other parents.

Classes cost \$75 per 5 week session. Gift certificates are available.

To Register: Call 314 - 919-6176 or go to www.babytimeSTL.com

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THOSE IN YOUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, NEIGHBORS AND FAMILY. IT IS A VITAL PART OF OUR MISSION IN THE COMMUNITY TO NURTURE HEALTHY PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS.



Isaiah 58 Ministries' Meal-a-Month Menus

We are participating in Isaiah 58 Ministrie's Meal-a-Month program. Below are the suggested menus for each month. *This can help us in our shopping for our food contributions!* All fruit and vegetable suggestions are to be canned, and if possible, low sodium and/or in their own juice. <u>A basket for food offerings is at the sanctuary door each Sunday!</u>

October Canned Chicken

Boxed Rice Mix Corn Fruit Cocktails (Toothpaste and Toothbrush) November Chicken & Dumplings Peaches Soup Carrots Green Beans Crackers (Shampoo) **BUY-A-BIRD XX** – Yes, this is our 20th year of Buy-a-Bird! 20 Years of Raising Funds for Turkeys and Chickens for Families for Thanksgiving. In recent years we have added "When Pigs Fly" to our "Buy-a-Bird" campaign to include hams for Christmas! Please note that we gather contributions to give grocery store certificates. (This is more economical.) We no longer purchase, store, and give out turkeys and hams. In November, we will have a Turkey in which you may place your contributions on Sundays. This is distributed through Isaiah 58 Ministries!



The 2013 RECONCILIATION OFFERING will be received on September 29th and October 6th. The Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission priority to become an pro-reconciling/ anti-racist church through experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue across racial/ethnic difference. Funds from this offering are providing for leadership development in our camps, our communities and our congregations as well as providing resources to promote small group study and community-action. Your giving is changing lives and building hope for realm of God for our children and for Christ's Church! WE STILL HAVE A DREAM! AND WE HAVE THE

COURAGE TO LOVE BOLDLY!

Scripture Readings for the Sundays after Pentecost

Twentieth Sunday afte	r Pentecost	
October 6, 2013	Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-16	Psalm 137
	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Twenty- First Sunday A	After Pentecost	
October 13, 2013	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalm 66:1-12
	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Twenty-Second Sunday	After Pentecost	
October 20, 2013	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalm 119:97-104
	2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Twenty-Third Sunday A	After Pentecost	
October 27, 2013	Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65
	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Twenty-Fourth Sunday	After Pentecost	
November 3, 2013	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalm 119:137-144
	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10

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Update on King's Matriculation School building

King's Matriculation School is the school serving the children of Family Village Farm in south India where Dhanush, Girisha, and Monisha attend school. It is the school where our Compton Heights CC group has traveled with our Global Ministries People to People Pilgrimage. There we have spend precious time with children and staff, and have led Health Screenings on our 2009 and 2011 trips (and plan to return in 2014)!

At the present time, the nursery and lower classes are on the campus



of Family Village Farm and the senior classes are on the separate campus of the King's Matriculation School. However, when the application for renewal of their school license was presented in August 2012, the new Government rules stated the school cannot operate from two premises. In order to comply, extra classrooms would need to be built at the senior school site in order to accommodate the junior school classes. In addition, there would be new standards needed in the 11th and 12th classes, also located at the King's Matriculation School.

Even though this new construction had not been in their budget, King's Matriculation School started on the construction of the new building by drawing funds from their designated funds and by taking out a large loan from the bank. If the construction had not begun promptly, 58 students would not have been able to take their Board exams.



The new wing on the main campus of King's Matriculation School will soon be completed. This will allow the junior school, currently on the Family Village Farm premises, to move alongside the Secondary and Higher secondary school classrooms at King's Matriculation School. The benefits of having the new building on the same site as the secondary and higher secondary schools are many. Administration, leadership, and oversight should be easier and will help to further the school's reputation and standing. It will also allow staff members to share professional practices and develop better teaching skills and give the older students a chance to take on

greater leadership roles within the school.

As King's Matriculation School's attendance increases, particularly the female student population, a second urgent need arose. King's School finds itself needing additional restrooms for their female students in order to comply with government guidelines. The school needs one commode for every 20 female students. Last school year, there were 90 female students and this number has increased as of June 2012.

Five additional restroom facilities are needed at an estimated cost of \$6,300. Global Ministries has received several designated gifts for this need and hopes to reach the goal. Gifts for this specific purpose may be designated for the **King's Matriculation School Restroom Project** (India).

We continue to pass "the big India Jar" on Sundays for the support of Dhanush and Girisha, the boys we sponsor at King's Matriculation School. **We will write letters to them Sunday, November 3!**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All events at Compton Heights CC unless otherwise noted)

Wednesday, October 2 – Ministry Group Fall Kick-off 6:30 Supper and 7:00 pm Min. Groups Thursday, October 3 – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Meeting at Hughes home – 7:00 pm Sunday, October 6 - Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost "Light a Candle for Children" World Communion Sunday & Reconciliation Summer Sunday Choir Prep. 9:00 am Christian Education -10:05 - 10:50 am Worship—11:00 am Coffee and Refreshments – 12:00 p.m. "Sing for Joy" Choral Concert – 2:00 PM at St. Lucas UCC 11735 Denny Road Monday, Oct. 7 – Small Group Gathering – 7:00 pm Home of Madeline Haraway Tuesday, Oct. 8 – Small Group Gathering – 7:00 pm Home of Obermillers Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Small Group Gathering – 7:00 pm Home of Kathy Mead Thursday, Oct. 10 – Small Group Gathering – 7:00 pm Home of Foster/Bogers Friday, Oct. 11—"Happy Friday" Outreach —7:00-8:00 am Saturday, Oct. 12 - Small Group Gathering - 2:00 pm Home of Kreugers Regional and Area Assembly at Sedalia, MO – 9:45 – 3:00 pm

Sunday, October 13 – Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost "Light A Candle for Children"

Choir Preparation – 9:00 am Christian Education -10:05 - 10:50 a.m. Worship—11:00 am Coffee and refreshments - 12:00 pm Choir Practice -12:30 - 1:30Thursday, Oct 17 Compassionate Listening Group 6:30 – 8:30 pm Friday, Oct 18 – "Happy Friday" – 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, October 20 — Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Choir Preparation – 9:00 am Christian Education -10:05 - 10:50 a.m. Worship-11:00 am Coffee and refreshments – 12:00 pm Choir Practice - 12:30 - 1:30 Wednesday, Oct. 23 – Boundary/Safe Church Training - 7:00 pm Friday, Oct. 25—Happy Friday—7:00-8:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 27-Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost BRING A DISH TO SHARE! Choir Preparation – 9:00 am Christian Education 10:05 -10:50 am Worship-11:00 am

"Celebrating Our Ministry Now and Future" Dinner – following Worship – Potluck! Wednesday, Oct 30 Pastor's Cabinet 7:00 pm Friday, Nov. 1 - Happy Friday – 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 - Church Beautification Workday - 9:00 AM - Yard and maybe Kitchen

Sunday, November 3 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Letter Writing to Dhanush, Girisha, and Monisha following worship!

Choir Preparation – 9:00 am Christian Education 10:05-10:50 am Worship—11:00 am Coffee and Refreshments – 12:00 pm Choir Practice -12:30 - 1:30Wednesday, November 6 – Board of Ministry – 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 7 – Prayer Shawl Ministry – 7:00 pm at Linvilles

Friday, November 8 – Happy Friday – 7:00-8:00 am

Serving Schedule – SEPTEMBER 2013

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

Liturgis	tin early in the week b	Communion Elde	ers Stewar	dship Elders			
0	Talya Perry	Bob Lewis		ne Haraway			
	Kathy Mead	Dennis Landon	Lisa B	5			
	Norm Linville	Sarah Richardson	Charlsi Lee				
Oct 27		Marsha McGuire	Bob Lewis				
Nov 3 Madeline Haraway		DebE Martin		Landon			
Nov 10 Ty Woodard		Leslie Latham		Richardson			
	ry woodard	Lesne Lauran	Garan	Alenard 3011			
Deacons	(All will serve	; the first two will p	orepare/clean up ur	less they ask others.)			
Oct 06	Jan Kreuger	Darrell Hughes	Stanley Williams	Arlene Arbogast			
Oct 13	David Martin	Larry Kreuger	Bud Obermiller	Nancy Obermiller			
Oct 20	Stanley Williams	Thelonius Lee	Marty Hughes	Kim Miner			
Oct 27	Dave Martin	Arlene Arbogast	Jan Kreuger	Darrell Hughes			
Nov 3	Marty Hughes	Kim Litton	Stanley Williams	Arlene Arbogast			
Nov 10	Kim Litton	Thelonius Lee	Jan Kreuger	Darrell Hughes			
In-Home Communion October - Elder: (A) Lisa Bast (B) Kathy Mead November – Elder: (A) Sarah Richardson (B) Dennis Landon Greeter October: Marsha McGuire November: Kim Litton							
Greeter		Coffee Host		CW & W Stowytollow			
Nursery	Brenda Booth	Thelonius and		CW&W Storyteller Sarah Richardson			
Oct 00 Oct 13	Ty Woodard		Charles Lee Farde & Susan Petri				
	Brenda Booth	Madeline Hara		Charlsi Lee			
		Bud and Nancy	2	Susan Petri			
Nov 3	Madeline Haraway Darrell Hughes	Norm and Judi		Susan Petri			
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Nov 10 Dave Boger Bryan and Sarah Richardson							
Children Worship & Wonder Schedule on door of Children's Worship Center							
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FINANCIAL REPORT Income for September through Sept. 30 \$23,356.05							
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YTD income through Sept. 30 \$136,017.19							

YTD includes the following:

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Pledges, loose and Sunday School and unrestricted gifts:	\$90,428.37
Outreach (Reconciliation is at \$547.)	3,649.85
Tuition for Dhanush and Girisha in India	442.00
Equal Exchange purchases	326.00
Rent and payments of misc. expense reimbursements	19,975.90
Interest on CCF investmens received in 2013	1,166.94
Withdrawal from CCF Investment Funds	20,000.00

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Ministry Leaders

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

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