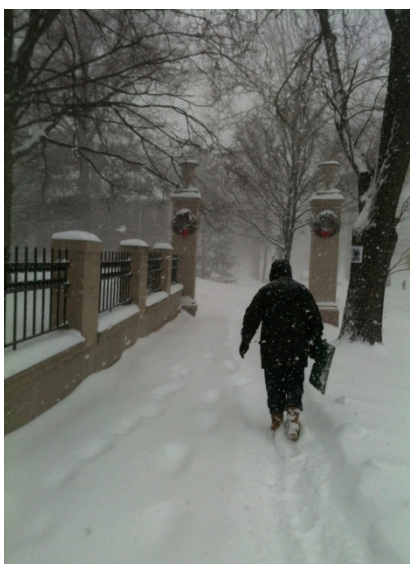




Compton Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

An Open and Affirming & Global Mission Congregation

Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Foster, Pastor
Mr. Josh Privitt, Student Associate



This Month:

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Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark.
- Rabindranath Tagore

W.O.W.

Worship on Wednesday

12 Noon

Each Wednesday
Fellowship Hall
Gather for worship over the lunch hour - a time of prayer and communion.

Lessons Beginning the New Year!

The New Year has greeted us with snow and cold temperatures unseen for decades and which many of us have never experienced. Those of us in St. Louis are not accustomed negative temperatures and we don't take kindly to this; it's just so rude and intrusive on our plans! On the more serious level, this drastic cold is life threatening, especially if we do not know it well enough to have a healthy respect for its power. It is certainly a threat to those who do not have and cannot afford warm shelter.

These are the experiences that teach us the stuff of life: that no matter how important

we believe our agenda and schedule to be, we can stop for a snow/or extreme cold day; allowing winter to slow us down and teach us patience for care of self and others.

-that neighbors helping neighbors is truly at the heart of life; whether shoveling, or sharing warm bread, or checking on health.

-that playing games, working puzzles, reading, and sledding are precious gifts.

-that, on a snowy day, worshipping at home, or 'virtually' with others, or with 2 or 8 in a circle around Christ's Table is enough – just exactly enough! Thanks be to God!

Celebrations and Concerns – In our Prayer

Jim and Sharon Clayton

Janice Tayoan

Royce Sykes

Betty Graham

Joan James' uncle in hospital with pneumonia

Josh Privitt on Seminary journey to Kenya

Happy Birthday in January and February

1 -9 Susan Petri

2-18 Lynda Gamlin

1-19 Jan Kreuger

2-20 Hugh Richardson

1-21 Judi Linville

2-21 Annabelle Martin

1-23 Raymond Sutton

2-28 Nancy Obermiller

1-28 Shannon Walton



Thank you to:

David French and every choir member for blessing us with such beautiful music through Advent and Christmas!

All who shared so wonderfully in the Christmas Eve service, caroled in the neighborhood, and those who made hot chocolate and cider and served cold carolers!

All who brought warm hats, scarves, mitten, gloves, and socks for the Tree of Warmth. These are being distributed to those in greatest need in this cold weather.

All who made and contributed

handmade items and baked goods for the CHCC tables at the Parents As Teachers Holiday Bazaar. **Madeline**, for arranging for our tables, **Kathy** and **Marty** for setting up and serving at our tables!

Dennis J., Bud O., and Dave B. for shoveling snow and salting to create welcome paths to the church!

Madeline H. and all who worked on compiling info and pictures for the new Church Directory. **(Be sure to pick up your New Directory in the Library or Church Office!)**

Thanks also to: **Judi Linville** for

ordering our new coffee, tea, and chocolate from Equal Exchange! We have new flavors and some sample packs of new chocolates and treats! See Judi to purchase these fair trade items! We also serve Equal Exchange Coffee in the kitchen on Sundays and for our other gatherings. These items are from our Disciples Coffee Project through Week of Compassion and benefit farmers throughout the world.



SYMPATHY - Red Graham died to this life on January 5. Betty and Red had been married for 64 years and loved each other with a wondrous love. **Services will be at 1:00 pm on Monday, Jan. 13 at Schrader Funeral Home on Manchester in Ballwin.** Visitation will be immediately prior to the service. Rev. Mildred Slack will officiate the service. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks. We hold Betty and

the Graham family in our prayer. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Memorials Gifts be made to Compton Heights Christian Church.

Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me shall live even if they die, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."* - John 11:25-26

Star of Wonder,
Radiant Goodness,
we turn to you as the
Source of Love.

Shine this goodness
and love on every
person with whom

we come in contact
each day.

Draw us to your
irresistible love.

-Joyce Rupp



CrossPaths

As I write, it is January 6, the Day of Epiphany - the day we celebrate God revealed in Jesus to everyone! The story of the Magi, the Wise Ones, the Astrologers who came from the East to find and worship the child is the story that tells us that God came not for one group of people but for All people!

The other vital piece is the matter of what it means for God to be revealed or manifest in Jesus. On this Epiphany, I am drawn once again to Edward Scribner Ames who described it so beautifully. Ames spoke of the "Christlikeness of God." Ames wrote:

The whole discussion about the divinity of Christ is usually vitiated by the fallacy of assuming certainty with reference to God, and then arguing whether Christ is of the same nature, whereas all we can legitimately do is to begin with a warm, blood-red spirit of Jesus Christ and ask ourselves whether the heart of God is like that. The significant thing finally is not so much whether Christ is divine, as whether God is Christ-like! And the only way to determine this is by asking whether Christ is an exception or a normal product in the life of the world. If other lives like his are possible; if the social order is capable of incarnating his spirit; if a Kingdom of Christ-like men and women can be built in the world; then we may believe that the heart of the world beats true to the heart of Christ and that God --- the inmost Soul of all -- is like the soul of Christ.

Ames goes on to say that people do not doubt the goodness of Jesus the Christ. What people tend to doubt is whether Jesus' way of life and his values can or should be realized in our world. Is Jesus love, compassion, forgiveness, and unselfishness the way of life for which we long? Is the way of Jesus the way God leads us? It has been interesting to hear the recent outcry as Pope Francis calls the Church to live more closely the way of Jesus. Many Christians object! In this Epiphany season may we come to know the God revealed in Jesus and may we listen to the call of such a God!

Refreshment Hosts

DO YOU ENJOY THE COMMUNITY TIME FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS?

We want to begin the year with a special thanks to those who provide the wonderful refreshment time for us on Sunday's following worship. In 2013 we have had 9 Host families or pairs:

Darrell & Marty Hughes, DeBE Martin & Kim Litton, Charlsi & Thelonius Lee, Tardes/Petri, Madeline Haraway & Kathy/Tina Owens-Bradley, Bud & Nancy Obermiller, Judi & Norm Linville, Sarah & Bryan Richardson, Marsha McGuire & Leslie Latham

Marsha is creating our Host schedule for 2014. Our Sunday refreshments do not need to be elaborate. Coffee, creamer, sugar, sugar substitute, juice cups, napkins, plates, and plastic ware are provided by the church. The Host for each week brings snacks and juice. This can include cookies, pretzels, crackers, fruit, and vegies. It is up to the host!! If you would like to be added to the schedule, either individually or by partnering with a friend, please let Marsha know!

Blessings, Jacque

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All events at Compton Heights CC unless otherwise noted)

Regular Sunday Schedule: Choir Prep. 9:00 am, Christian Ed. Classes & 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Coffee and Refreshments 12:10 pm, Choir Practice 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Sunday, January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmastide – Celebrating the Epiphany

Monday, Jan 6 – Epiphany! **SNOW STORM AND COLD!**
 Wednesday, Jan 8 - W.O.W. Worship on Wednesday 12 noon, Fellowship Hall **CANCELLED**
 Board of Ministry 7:00 pm **CANCELLED**
 Thursday, Jan 9 - Prayer Shawl Knitting and Crocheting Group – 7:00 pm **CANCELLED**
 Friday, Jan 10 – Happy Friday Outreach – 7:00 – 8:00 am **CANCELLED**

Sunday, January 12 – First Sunday After Epiphany PICK UP YOUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Wednesday, Jan 15 W.O.W. Worship on Wednesday 12 noon, Fellowship Hall
 Elders' Circle 7:00 pm
 Thursday, Jan 16 Compassionate Listening Group 6:30 – 8:30 pm
 Friday, Jan 17 Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, January 19 - Second Sunday After Epiphany

Wednesday, Jan 22 – W.O.W. Worship on Wednesday 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall
 Board of Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm **Note this RESCHEDULED Time!**
 Friday, Jan 24—Happy Friday Outreach—7:00-8:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 26 – Third Sunday After Epiphany

Wednesday, Jan 29 – W.O.W. Worship on Wednesday 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall
 Friday, January 31 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, February 2 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Wednesday, Feb 5 – W.O.W. Worship 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall, Ministry Groups 7:00 pm
 Thursday, Feb 6 - Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting 7:00 pm (Place to be announced)
 Friday, Feb 7 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, February 9 – Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Wednesday, Feb 12 – W.O.W. Worship 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall Elders' Circle 7:00 pm
 Friday, Feb 14 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Weekend Sat and Sun, Jan. 18 & 19

“Voting Rights Revisited: What are the new hurdles?” Rev. Leah Gunning-Francis
First Presbyterian Church, 7200 Delmar, Univ. City Sat. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Sun 3 pm

Dr. Gunning-Francis is Assistant Professor of Christian Ed. at Eden Theological Seminary

SERVING SCHEDULE Please get a substitute if unable to serve on your designated date!

	Liturgist	Communion Elders	Stewardship Elders
Jan 12	Kim Litton	DebE Martin	Dennis Landon
Jan 19	Tina Owens	Leslie Latham	Sarah Richardson
Jan 26	Steve Randolph	Kathy Mead	Marsha McGuire
Feb 2	Nancy Obermiller	Bob Lewis	Charlsi Lee
Feb 9	John Pitt	Lisa Bast	DebE Martin
Feb 16	Talya Perry	Madeline Haraway	Leslie Latham

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

Jan 12	Nancy Obermiller	Arlene Arbogast	Jan Kreuger	Darrell Hughes
Jan 19	Bud Obermiller	Nancy Obermiller	Stanley Williams	Thelonius Lee
Jan 26	Dave Martin	Kim Litton	Larry Kreuger	Marty Hughes
Feb 2	Arlene Arbogast	Stanley Williams	David Martin	Larry Kreuger
Feb 9	Darrell Hughes	Jan Kreuger	Kim Litton	Nancy Obermiller
Feb 16	Marty Hughes	Thelonius Lee	Bud Obermiller	Arlene Arbogast

Providing Communion Bread: January Thelonius Lee **February** Marty Hughes

In-Home Communion **January - Elder: (A)** DebE Martin **(B)** Norm Linville
February - Elder (A) Marsha McGuire **(B)** Brenda Booth

Greeter **January** Larry Kreuger **February** Thelonius Lee

Nursery Care

Coffee Hosts

Jan 12	Marty Hughes	Bryan & Sarah Richardson
Jan 19	Kathy Mead	Marsha McGuire & Leslie Latham
Jan 26	Darrell Hughes	Marty & Darrell Hughes
Feb 2	Ty Woodard	DebE Martin & Kim Litton
Feb 9	Madeline Haraway	Charlsi and Thelonius Lee
Feb 16	Brenda Booth	Audrey & Walt Tarde/ Susan Petri

**CHILDREN, WORSHIP & WONDER
 LEADER SCHEDULE ON DOOR
 OF CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CENTER
 OR CALL CHARLSI OR DAVE**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income for December through Dec. 29: \$12,507.16

YTD income for 2013 through Dec. 29: \$178,318.65

YTD income includes the following:

Pledges, loose & Sunday school offering, unrestricted gifts:	\$115,176.44
Outreach (Christmas offering is \$727; goal was \$600)	5,321.85
Tuition of Girisha and Dhanush in India:	554.00
Equal Exchange Purchases:	537.00
Bazaar and misc. fundraising:	520.99
Rent and payments of misc. expenses:	22,801.37
Interest on CCF Investments received in 2013:	1,430.27
Withdrawal from CCF of invested funds:	20,000.00
Total transfers from Steeple Repair Gift Account:	12,000.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Upcoming Sundays

January 12 – First Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 42: 1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10: 34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

January 19 – Second Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-12, 1 Cor. 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

January 26 – Third Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 5-13, 1 Cor. 1:10-18, Matt. 4:12-23

February 2 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Cor. 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

February 9 – Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 58: 1-9a, Psalm 112:1-9, 1 Cor. 2:1-12, Matt. 5:13-20

February 16 – Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Deut. 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Cor. 3:1-9, Matt. 5:21 -37

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.
- Isaiah 9:2

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 Financial Sec: Judi Linville

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