



## 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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**In the beginning  
was God .  
Today is God.  
Tomorrow will be  
God.**

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### W.O.W. Worship on Wednesday

12:00 noon  
Wednesdays  
Fellowship Hall  
Gather for worship  
over the lunch hour  
- a time of prayer  
and communion.

## A Bold Budget for Mission and Ministry

In 2014, as Compton Heights Christian Church turns 120 years old, we can celebrate that the Spirit of God is still moving in new and recognizable ways. “New” because we are always surprised at the energy and the ministry taking form. Even as we take steps forward, we are never absolutely sure where our steps will lead. This willingness to trust God has brought the congregation thus far!

God’s moving Spirit is “recognizable” because what God is doing is grounded in who we are. God continues to use our gifts, our passion, the resources we bring to do a new thing. It grows out of us AND it comes anew from God – all at the same time.

The Board of Ministry is the group that keeps us focused on the mission and vision of Christ for this congregation. This was never more true than at the January meeting in which 18 members of the Board wrestled with this year’s budget. We made hard decisions in order to maintain our priorities of: *Mission in our community and globally, Open & Affirming ministry, Strong spiritual nurture and education for adults and children, and a rich worship life.* With limited financial resources, yet a commitment to be the Church boldly in this place, we are stepping out in faith – again. We trust that God is doing a new thing with and through our stewardship individually and as a community of Christ.



### Celebrations and Concerns – In our Prayer

Jim and Sharon Clayton  
Janice Tayoan – surgery to remove brain tumor on Feb. 6  
Royce Sykes  
Betty Graham  
Jennifer Bledsoe in the death of her dear uncle  
Rev. Katherine Kinnamon - beginning as Interim Minister at First Christian in Troy (we miss Katherine in choir!)

### Happy Birthday in February and March

2-18 Lynda Gamlin	3-4 Dennis Landon
2-20 Hugh Richardson	3-15 Mary Schumacher
2-21 Annabelle Martin	3-19 Bob Miner
2-28 Nancy Obermiller	3-21 David French



## Valentine-making Evening & Outreach with Valentines!

**Come Make Valentines! Happy Valentine's Friday!**  
**Tuesday, Feb 11, 6:30 pm**

Adults, Youth, Children –All  
Come for a relaxing, fun evening of Valentine-making! Bring a snack, if you choose. We'll make Valentines for family, friends, church community, and especially this year, to be given on Happy Friday which falls on Valentine's Day.

*Come Enjoy a Fun Evening!*

"Happy Friday" is always a special outreach for our congregation as we greet people on S. Grand with warmth and a cup of coffee or hot cocoa. But as Feb. 14 falls on Friday this year, we have special opportunity to share Valentines with people who may not receive them. Come reach out with God's love on Valentine's Day!



*As Valentine's Day approaches, we have a great supply of Equal Exchange Chocolate on hand. Equal Exchange is*

*our Fair Trade partner through Week of Compassion producing chocolate with no child labor in the process.*

*We also have wonderful coffee! We have set our prices so that they are competitive with grocery store prices for fair trade items. This helps support the farmers!*

### Nominating Committee Report Affirmed at Feb. 2 Congregational Meeting

#### New Elders

Nancy Obermiller  
Steve Randolph  
Judi Linville  
Norm Linville

#### New Deacons

Dennis James  
Joan James  
Carolyn Harry  
Reed Glasener

#### 2014 Officers

Moderator: Leslie Latham, Vice Mod. Larry Kreuger  
Clerk: Steve Randolph,  
Treasurer: Jan Kreuger  
Financial Secretary: Judi Linville



Courage is not the towering oak that sees storms come and go; it is the fragile blossom that opens in the snow.

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Courage is fear that has said its prayers.



## CrossPaths

We speak often of this congregation as a community of prayer. Over time, open prayer has become a cherished part of worship here. What once may have felt uncomfortable or risky, has grown into communal prayer-life that is sacred.

There is nothing more deeply at the heart of our faith and ministry than prayer. Hardly a day goes by without someone asking me to pray for him or her, or that I do not promise to pray for someone in particular. I *know* that is true of many of you also. Always I pray for individuals and families who are going through difficult times whether they know it or not.

I am always deeply moved when someone we do not know calls and leaves a message on the church answering machine requesting prayer. In those moments I am awed by the reality that these persons believe and *trust* that we will pray for them; that we are truly a community praying for the world!

Watching the news is an exercise in prayer for the world. Driving is an exercise in prayer. Years ago when serving for a year as a hospital chaplain in the neurological ICU, I found myself praying for everyone I saw on a motorcycle. Keeping up with folks on Facebook and other social media can hardly be done without prayer. At every turn, the condition of God's people and God's world is placed before us.

We don't say "we'll pray for you" as a way of avoiding the Jesus-work of physical care, support, and advocacy. Rather our every action is born out of prayer and calls us back into prayer. I have found that though I name particular names and hold particular faces in the light of God, I also need to pray a simple prayer nightly. Increasingly, my favorite, my "go to" is:

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ: give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous, all for your love's sake. Amen.*  
(The Book of Common Prayer)

May we continue to grow as a community of prayer; a community praying for the world.

In prayer with you, Jacque

### LENT at Compton

**Shrove Tuesday – March 4<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Supper by/for Isaiah 58 Ministries at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church 6:00 pm**

**Ash Wednesday – March 5<sup>th</sup> - "Ashes to Go" from 11:30am – 1:00pm at S. Grand & Arsenal Evening Ash Wednesday Worship - 7:00 pm at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church**

**Adult Sunday Study– Mar 9 – Apr 13 10 am**

**"Forgiveness: A Lenten Study"**

**Lent Event I - Tues., March 11<sup>th</sup> 7 pm**

**"Entering the Lenten Journey"**

**Lent Event II – Tues., March 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

**"Praying the Events of our Lives"**

**Lent Event III – Tues., April 8<sup>th</sup> 7 pm**

**"On Jesus' Mission Road"**

**Palm Sunday – April 13<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thurs.**

**Worship – April 17<sup>th</sup> 7 pm**

**Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup> Noon – 2 pm (ish)**

**"Way of the Cross" Walk in Neighborhood**





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All events at Compton Heights CC unless otherwise noted)

### Sunday, February 9 – Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Tuesday, Feb. 11 – Valentine-Making Evening 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 12 - W.O.W. Worship on Wed. 12 noon, Elders' Circle 7:00 pm

Friday, Feb 14 – Happy Friday Outreach on Valentine's Day – 7:00 – 8:00 am

### Sunday, February 16 – Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Wednesday, Feb 19 Worship on Wed. 12 noon, **Ministry Grps 7 pm (Rescheduled)**

Thursday, Feb 20 Compassionate Listening Group 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Friday, Feb 21 Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

### Sunday, February 23 - Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Wednesday, Feb 26 – W.O.W. Worship on Wednesday 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

Pastor's Cabinet Meeting – 7:00 pm

Friday, Feb 28—Happy Friday Outreach—7:00-8:00 a.m.

### Sunday, March 2 – Last Sunday After Epiphany

Tuesday, March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – 7:00 pm at Oak Hill Presbyterian

Wednesday, March 5 – W.O.W. Worship on Wednesday 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall

Ashes to Go – Corner of Arsenal and S. Grand 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship – 7:00 pm at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

Thursday, March 6 – Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting – 7:00 pm

Friday, March 7 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

### Sunday, March 9 – First Sunday in Lent

Tuesday, March 11 – **Lent Event I** - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 12 – W.O.W. Worship on Wed. 12:00 noon Ministry Groups 7 pm

Friday, March 14 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

### Sunday, March 16 – Second Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 19 – W.O.W. Worship on Wed. 12:00 noon Elders' Circle 7 pm

Thursday, March 20 – Compassionate Listening Practice Group 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Friday, March 21 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

### Sunday, March 23 – Third Sunday in Lent

Tuesday, March 25 – **Lent Event II** - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 26 – W.O.W. Worship on Wed. 12:00 noon Cabinet – 7 pm

Friday, March 28 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

### Sunday, March 30 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, April 2 – W.O.W. Worship 12:00 noon Board of Ministry 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 3 - Prayer Shawl Grp 7 pm Friday, April 4 – Happy Friday 7:00 8:00 am



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

<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Communion Elders</b>	<b>Stewardship Elders</b>
<b>Feb 9</b> John Pitt	Lisa Bast	Leslie Latham
<b>Feb 16</b> Talya Perry	Charlsi Lee	Kathy Mead
<b>Feb 23</b> Dave Boger	Bob Lewis	Sarah Richardson
<b>Mar 02</b> Lisa Bast	Kathy Mead	Bob Lewis
<b>Mar 09</b> Dennis James	Leslie Latham	Steve Randolph
<b>Mar 16</b> Charlsi Lee	Brenda Booth	Sarah Richardson

**Deacons (All will serve; the first two will prepare and clean up communion.)**

<b>Feb 09</b>	Arlene Arbogast	Reed Glasener	Darrell Hughes	Talya Perry
<b>Feb 16</b>	Marty Hughes	Stanley Williams	Kim Litton	Tom Litton
<b>Feb 23</b>	Bud Obermiller	Carolyn Harry	Dennis James	Joan James
<b>Mar 02</b>	Jan Kreuger	Dave Martin	Susan Petri	Thelonius Lee
<b>Mar 09</b>	Darrell Hughes	Talya Perry	Arlene Arbogast	Reed Glasener
<b>Mar 16</b>	Kim Litton	Tom Litton	Marty Hughes	Stanley Williams

**Providing Communion Bread: February** Marty Hughes **March** Kim and Tom Litton

**In-Home Communion February - Elder (A)** Kathy Mead **(B)** Marsha McGuire  
**March - Elder (A)** Steve Randolph **(B)** Judi Linville

**Greeter February** Thelonius Lee **March** DebE Martin

<b>Nursery Care</b>	<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	<b>Children, Worship &amp; Wonder</b>
<b>Feb 9</b> Madeline Haraway	Audrey and Walt Tarde	Sarah Richardson with Jan Kreuger
<b>Feb 16</b> Brenda Booth	Charlsi and Thelonius Lee	Charlsi Lee with Audrey Tarde
<b>Feb 23</b> Marsha McGuire	Madeline H., Kathy B, Tina O.	Kathy Mead with Jan Kreuger
<b>Mar 2</b> Dave Boger	Bud and Nancy Obermiller	Susan Petri with Dave Boger
<b>Mar 9</b> Marty Hughes	Kate and Bob Hagel	Susan Petri with ??
<b>Mar 16</b> Kathy Mead	Joan and Dennis James	Dave Boger with Audrey Tarde

Income for January through January 26: \$9,674.35  
 YTD income through January 26: 9,674.35

YTD income includes the following:

Pledges, loose and Sunday school offering, gifts:	\$7,929.60
Outreach	20.00
Memorials (8 so far for Red Graham)	450.00
Tuition of Girisha and Dhanush in India:	26.00
Equal Exchange Purchases:	40.00
Fundraising (Bazaar, so far)	20.00
Rent and payments toward expenses:	950.00
CCF Investment Interest:	238.75





## A New Approach to Cleaning the Church

One of the difficult decisions the Board made in the Budget process was to end the employment of our church custodian, Raymond Sutton. This decision was made with prayerful consideration as the Board weighed the congregational priorities developed this past fall with the funds available through our pledges and gifts, rental income, and other fund raising sources.

With Dennis James taking the lead in volunteering time to clean the church, we believe that members of the congregation will join in this effort. We cannot always give financially in the ways we would like; yet there are ways we can give that help the congregation to have the resources to live out our ministry and mission priorities. Cleaning and care of the building is a part of this stewardship as well as a part of the ministry of hospitality.

This building is not just a building; rather it is the space in which the church worships, nurtures children, youth, and adults, lives out mission through Isaiah 58 Ministries, provides space for Bible study and prayer, a place of welcome and sanctuary for those seeking a safe space in community. It is a work of hospitality to prepare this welcoming place each week, and to maintain the building through the year.

Dennis James is committing time weekly to doing basic cleaning. Darrell Hughes and Stanley Williams have volunteered to keep the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classrooms and restrooms clean. We have put up a sign up sheet on the Church Library door. If you would like to help in some way, for instance once a month or with a particular task or to help Dennis with basics, or ?? – please sign your name and phone number.

Those who are helping in this way are freeing our resources for mission in other areas! Many, Many Thanks!

## The Beatitudes Study

Judi Linville is leading a wonderful study of the Beatitudes on Sunday mornings through March 2. This study has been used by Disciples Women across the denomination and it was written by Presbyterian women. (This is not a “womens” study; it was just created by some great Bible scholars who are women!)

Judi knows this study well as she has led Area Disciples women to lead it in congregations across SEGA. Come join us in the church library, 10 am Sundays!

### Forgiveness: A Lenten Study

**Sundays March 9 – April 13**

During the season of Lent, we are offering a 6-week Sunday morning exploration of Forgiveness. Every one of us faces the pain of unresolved hurt, blame, or anger that causes harm to our very souls. When we allow it to fester, we can become less than the human beings we are meant to be. Our relationships suffer and we suffer.

As individuals and as a community, we struggle to know how to forgive. We are often unsure of what it would mean to forgive. Do we even want to forgive? Do we have to forgive?

Marjorie Thompson (author of *Soul Feast*) has written *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*. We hope you will plan to be a part of this discussion study on Sundays at 10:00 am through Lent. *Books will be ordered soon. Please let the pastor know that you plan to participate.*

Save the Date! June 17 – 22  
SEGA Summer Happening –  
Church Camp for Everybody  
– Children, Youth, Adults!  
Darrell & Jacque directing!



**SCRIPTURE READINGS for Upcoming Weeks**

**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

**February 23** – Seventh Sunday After Epiphany  
Lev.19:1-2,9-18, Ps.119:33-40, 1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23 Mt 5: 38-48

**March 2** – Last Sunday After Epiphany  
Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matt. 17:1-9

**March 9** – First Sunday in Lent  
Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Mt. 4:1-11

**March 16** – Second Sunday in Lent  
Genesis 12:1-4a, Ps. 121, Romans 4:1-5,13-17, John 3:1-1

*So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 2 Peter 1: 19*

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