



Compton Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

An Open and Affirming
& Global Mission Congregation

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



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**Lean close, O Holy
God! Lean close and
hear the weeping
hearts of your people
who seek peace!**

- Ann Weems

Pre-School Story Time

Wednesdays at Noon
Beginning April 2

A New Community program sponsored by our congregation, and our neighborhood partners. Leaders: Nancy Obermiller & Cara Jensen ward Committeewoman .

CrossPaths: Walking on Ancient Stones

Above are photos taken on the rock beach on the Isle of Iona where Columba and his followers landed when they came from Ireland, bringing Christianity to Britain. I remember looking down and realizing that I was standing where these monks had landed, no longer in sight of the land from which they had come, but carrying the faith that brought them safe thus far.

The seasons of Lent and Easter draw us into a deep connection with those who have walked the paths of faith and particularly the way of Jesus before us. We are reminded that our questions,

searching, and hopes are in many ways the same as those who have traveled the paths of faith before us. Yes, we are the people of 2014 in a tech savvy world; yet we are heart and soul, mind and body on the journey that was begun by those who walked the road to the cross with Jesus. We stand on their wisdom, their faith, their longing for what is just and eternal. We strive as they did to live the faith of Jesus the Christ; to walk in compassion, mercy, and peace for the renewal of our world. On the path together, Jacque



Celebrations and Concerns – In our Prayer

Kathy Mead – in hospital with blood clot in her lung
 Norm Linville – home following cardiac bypass surgery
 Dave Boger in the death of his mother, Nancy Ann Corbett
 John and Karen Pitt thank everyone for the wonderful celebration of their marriage renewal and for the gift of love of their church family. They now celebrate the addition of a wonderful child, Angel, to their family! Please hold John in prayer as he struggles with health concerns.

Jim and Sharon Clayton

Royce Sykes has moved to 5143 Waterman, St. L. 63108-1103
 Betty Graham

Happy Birthday in April

Apr. 4 – Eleanor Blunt Welder

Apr. 25 - DebE Martin

Apr. 20 – Leslie Latham

Apr. 26 – Karen Pitt

Apr. 24 – Angel Arnold (Pitt family)



THE MINISTRY WE ALL SHARE

Community Meal

On Saturday, April 19, 11:30 – 1:00 we will serve an Easter weekend Community Meal inviting those in the broader community. The meal is provided and served by our congregation and Isaiah 58 Ministries. Thelonius Lee and Brenda Booth are the planners. This is an opportunity for you to participate in hospitality and outreach by helping and most of all by eating with our guests.

Church Camp -All Ages

SEGA Summer Happening, June 17-22, will be led again this year by Darrell Hughes and Jacque Foster. This camp is one of the many camps offered in our Region. Please see camp info, registr., and SEGA scholarship forms under the hallway bulletin board.

Early Bird Registration due May 1. See Jacque about CHCC Scholarship \$\$ also.

Snowy Winter Giving

The good news is that so many are keeping up wonderfully with our giving. Yet, as winter weather as caused us to miss a couple of Sundays and as individual attendance has been lower, our giving has been impacted. When we make our stewardship commitment, we make it for every Sunday. If you mailed in or made up your missed offerings, Thank You! If you are behind and are able to catch up, it will help us to pay these especially high winter utility bills!) Thank you!

Sympathy

We grieve our loss in the death of Janice M. Tayoan, who died to this life on Sunday, March 9. We have been blessed by Janice's wit, wisdom, and faith. We hold her sisters Betty and Joan, and her brother Jim and their families in our prayer. Services were held on Thursday, March 14 with Rev. Foster officiating.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

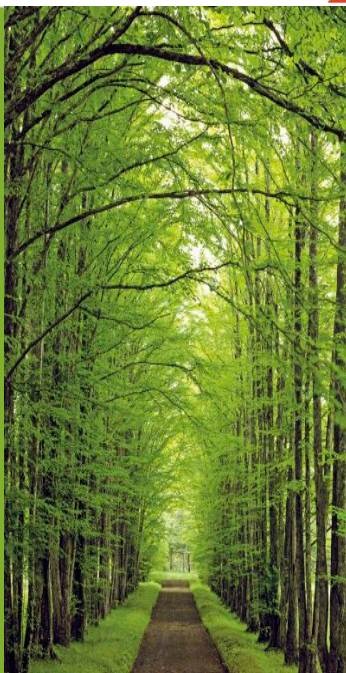
We welcome **Julie Diekmann** and **Jennifer Bledsoe**, who made CHCC their church home by reaffirmation of faith on Sunday, March 16. Jennifer and Julie have become an active part of the congregation in recent months, along with Julie's children, Abi, Delaney, and Westley. Julie is a librarian who loves her job! Jennifer is the new Isaiah 58 Ministries Hunger Program director.



There is no future
without forgiveness.

- Desmond Tutu

There is also no
Christianity without
forgiveness
Forgiveness is the
healing stream
flowing from the
crucified Christ over
a world that does not
know how
desperately it needs
the healing.
Marjorie J. Thompson



God's Bathrobe - Isaiah 6:1-3

God sat Sunday in her Adirondack deck chair
reading the New York Times and sipping strawberry lemonade
her pink robe flowing down to the ground

the garment hem was fluff and frill
and it spilled holiness down into the sanctuary
into the cup and nostrils of the singing people

one thread trickled loveliness into a funeral rite
as the mourners looked in the face of death
and heard the story of a life truer than goodness

a torn piece of the robe's edge flopped onto
a war in southern Sudan and caused heartbeats
to skip and soldiers looked into themselves deeply

one threadbare strand of the divine belt
almost knocked over a polar bear floating
on a loose berg in the warming sea

one silky string wove its way through Jesus' cross
and tied itself to desert-parched immigrants with swollen
tongues
and a woman with ovarian cancer and two young sons

you won't believe this, but a single hair-thin fiber
floated onto the yacht of a rich man and he gasped
when he saw everything as it really was

the hem fell to and fro across the universe
filling space and time and gaps between the sub-atomic world
with the effervescent presence of the one who is the is

and even in the slight space between lovers in bed
the holiness flows and wakes up the body
to feel beyond the feeling and know beyond the knowing

and even as we monotheize and trinitize
and speculate and doubt even our doubting
the threads of holiness trickle into our lives

and the seraphim keep singing "holy, holy, holy"
and flapping their wings like baby birds
and God says: give it a rest a while

and God takes another sip of her summertime drink
and smiles at the way you are reading this filament now
and hums: It's a good day to be God

By Michael Coffey

LENT and Easter at CHCC

Adult Sunday Study- Through Apr 13 - 10 am

"Forgiveness: A Lenten Study"

Lent Event II - Tues., March 25th 7pm

"Praying the Events of our Lives"

Lent Event III - Tues., April 8th 7 pm

"On Jesus' Mission Road"

Palm Sunday - April 13th

Maundy Thurs. Worship - April 17th 7 pm
Blues and Lamentation at St. John's Episcopal

Good Friday - April 18th Noon - 2 pm (ish)
"Way of the Cross Walk" in Neighborhood

Holy Saturday - "Community Meal"
April 19th 11:30 am - 1 pm

EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 am - Easter Breakfast
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 am Worship

**Forgiveness is the fountain from which new life flows
in a wounded, strife-weary world.**

- Marjorie J. Thompson, in Forgiveness: A Lenten Study, (Westminster John Knox, 2014)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All events at Compton Heights CC unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, March 23 – Third Sunday in Lent

Tuesday, March 25 – **LENT EVENT II** “Praying the Events of our Lives” 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, March 26 – W.O.W. Worship on Wednesday 12:00 noon
 Friday, March 28—Happy Friday Outreach—7:00-8:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 30 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, April 2 – W.O.W. Worship & Preschool Story Time 12:00 noon
 Ministry Group Meetings 7:00 pm
 Thursday, April 3 – Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting 7 pm
 Friday, April 4 – Happy Friday Outreach 7 – 8 am

Sunday, April 6 – Fifth Sunday in Lent **Deacons' Meeting & Training following Worship**

Tuesday, April 8 – **Lent Event III** “On Jesus’ Mission Road” - 7:00 pm
 Wednesday, April 9 – W.O.W. Worship & PreSchool Story Time 12:00 noon
 Elders Circle 7 pm
 Friday, April 11 – Happy Friday Outreach 7 – 8 am

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Holy Week Begins Dr. Teresa Henry 10 am & Worship

Wednesday, April 16 – W.O.W. Worship & Preschool Story Time 12:00 noon
 Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thurs. Worship – 7 pm St. John’s Episcopal, Arsenal
 Friday, April 18 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
 Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk 12 noon
 Holy Saturday Community Meal 11:30 – 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

Easter Breakfast – 9:00 am – Bring a Favorite Breakfast Dish to Share!
 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am - Egg Hunt on the Church Lawn (or inside in case of rain)
 Easter Worship – Celebration of the Resurrection 11:00 am

Wednesday, April 23 – WOW Worship & PreSchool Story Time 12 noon
 Friday, April 25 – Happy Friday Outreach 7 – 8 am

Sunday, April 27 – Second Sunday of Easter – Earth Stewardship Sunday

“Younger Adult” Gathering – Sunday afternoon – Time to be announced.

Wed., April 30 – WOW Worship & Preschool Story Time 12 noon **Cabinet 7 pm**
 Thursday, May 1 – Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting 7 pm
 Friday, May 2 – Happy Friday Outreach 7 – 8 am

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Classes for All – 10 am, Worship 11 am, Choir 12:30 pm

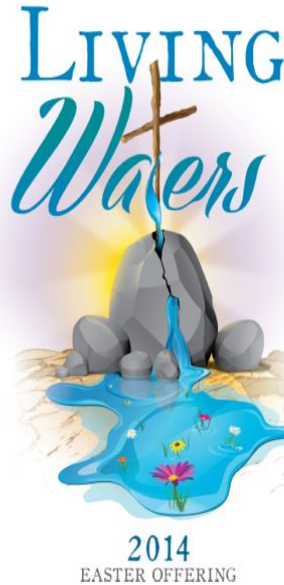


Easter Offering

Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now."

Saint Teresa of Avila

Jesus gave his life as an offering to the world. He offered living water that would transform the world. The Easter Offering supports the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the countless ways that Disciples can continue to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus. **Our Easter Offering will be received on Palm Sunday, April 13 and Easter Sunday, April 20!**



INDIA MISSIONARY, DR. TERESA HENRY

We are so fortunate to have **Dr. Teresa Henry** visiting **Compton Heights CC on Palm Sunday, April 13**. Drs. Anil and Teresa Henry, of Christian Hospital, Mungeli have been with us before (and several of us have spent time at the hospital in Mungeli). This time Anil will be returning to India and Teresa will be staying to spend more time with the churches here.

On Sunday morning, April 13, Dr. Henry will join us during the Church School hour - for conversation about their ministry in Mungeli. This will be a time for both adults and youth. Then Teresa will join us for worship and share a Mission Time in worship that morning.

We hope you will make a point to be with us during the 10 AM Education hour and then for worship!

This is a perfect way to kick off our Easter Offering!!

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.

Maundy Thursday Blues

Holy Week is a time of lament. On the way to the cross, Jesus goes to the Garden where he cries out to God, longing for his disciples to stay awake with him in this hour. We hear the story of Jesus mocked, beaten, crucified. Peter laments his denial of Jesus. Judas laments his betrayal. The women at the foot of the cross lament their loss. We lament our brokenness and the sin our world. Erica Lynn, an Eden Seminary student, musician, and part of St. John's Episcopal Church is exploring the relationship between singing the Blues and Lamentation. Our Student Assoc. Josh is going to join with Erica and others in leading us in singing the Blues and Lamentation in our ecumenical **Maundy Thursday worship, 7 pm, April 17 at St.**



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

Liturgist	Communion Elders	Stewardship Elders
Mar 30 Dennis James	Judi Linville	Kathy Mead
Apr. 6 Brenda Booth	Bob Lewis	Leslie Latham
Apr 13 Bryan Richardson	Steve Randolph	Brenda Booth
Apr 20 Madeline Haraway	Sarah Richardson	Norm Linville
Apr 27 Bob Lewis	Nancy Obermiller	Judi Linville
May 4 Nancy Obermiller	Kathy Mead	Leslie Latham
May 11 Kim Miner	Brenda Booth	Norm Linville

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

Mar 30	Susan Petri	Thelonius Lee	Jan Kreuger	Dave Martin
Apr 06	Arlene Arbogast	Reed Glasener	Darrell Hughes	Talya Perry
Apr 13	Marty Hughes	Stanley Williams	Kim Litton	Tom Litton
Apr 20	Bud Obermiller	Carolyn Harry	Dennis James	Joan James
Apr 27	Jan Kreuger	Dave Martin	Susan Petri	Thelonius Lee
May 04	Darrell Hughes	Talya Perry	Arlene Arbogast	Reed Glasener
May 11	Kim Litton	Tom Litton	Marty Hughes	Stanley Williams

Providing Communion Bread: **April** Bud Obermiller **May** Carolyn Harry

In-Home Communion

April Elder (A) Leslie Latham **(B)** Kathy Mead **Deacon** Jan Kreuger
May Elder (A) Nancy Obermiller **(B)** Norm Linville **Deacon** Darrell Hughes
Greeter April Marty Hughes **May** Joan James

Nursery Care

Coffee Hosts

Children, Worship & Wonder

Mar 30	Madeline Haraway	Sarah & Bryan Richardson	S Dave Boger	G Jan Kreuger
Apr 06	Marty Hughes	Marsha McGuire/Leslie Latham	S Charlsi Lee	G
Apr 13	Ty Woodard	Darrell & Marty Hughes	S	G Susan Petri
Apr 20	Marsha McGuire	Judi & Norm Linville	S Charlsi Lee in Main Sanctuary	
Apr 27	Kathy Mead	Charlsi & Thelonius Lee	S	G
May 04	Dave Boger	Tardes/ Petri	S Kathy Mead	G
May 11	Darrell Hughes	M. Haraway/K.Bradley/T. Owens	S Susan Petri	G

Income for March through March 23: \$9,569.23

YTD income through March 23: \$32,826.70 YTD includes the following:

Pledges, loose and Sunday School offering, gifts: \$24,646.93 (Includes a gift of \$500 over and above a pledge)

Outreach:	20.00
Elders Fund and Memorials:	501.12
Tuition of Girisha and Dhanush at King's School:	78.65
Equal Exchange Purchases:	116.00
Fundraising	20.00
Rent and Contributions toward expenses:	7205.25
CCF Investment interest:	238.75



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Upcoming Weeks

March 30 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
1 Sam. 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesian 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

April 6 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

April 13 – Palm Sunday
Psalm 118:1-2,19-29, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

April 20 – Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43, Ps. 118:1-2,14-24, Col. 3:1-4, John 20:1-18

April 27 – Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

May 4 – Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps. 116:1-3, 10-17,
1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

“... just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” Romans 6:4b-5

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