



COMPTON HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

Open and Affirming & Global Mission

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LENTEN Reflection by Jacque Foster

I cannot remember a time in which I felt more tension within my own soul. Yet, I have come to see that such tension is the heart of the path to the crucifixion and resurrection. Those journeying into Jerusalem with Jesus must have had a deep disturbing sense of not knowing what to do with themselves. The desire to change the injustice of the crucifixion he faced, the longing to just be with him, the exhaustion and desire to find rest, and the call as he urges them to live out the bold love of the gospel in the face of opposition. What to do? How to be? What to believe about God’s nature, vision, and will? How to understand their own lives as followers?

As many of you know, I recently spent 6 days in retreat for the purpose of wrestling with God and myself in the tension. As a result, I am spending some time praying with Thomas Merton. In the introduction to “Thomas Merton: A Book of Hours,” James Finley when inviting us join Merton in listening to God in silence says to “discover for yourself how patiently God waits in silence for all your inner noise to exhaust itself, so that , finally, impoverished and spent, you can begin to hear God uttering you and all things into being.” I have read that sentence over and over again – God waits for all my inner noise to exhaust itself. The image that comes to mind is of a child or a puppy who goes and goes and then suddenly falls limp asleep, resting into renewal for the next round. As adults we have learned to fight the need to rest completely in God. Our egos get in the way; we choose to hold onto the noise as if to let it go is to fail or fall away. The truth is that our deep and true work in Jesus the Christ only comes as we become quite enough inside to ‘hear God uttering us and all things into being.’ Then and only then is our work God’s work. Let it be so . . . Amen.



Celebrations and Concerns – In our Prayer

Winster Olter	John Pitt – recent hospitalization
Royce Sykes	Bud Obermiller – doing well post surgery
Sharon Clayton – in grief	Raymond Sutton – in grief
Joan James – fractured foot	Kim Litton and DebE Martin - in grief
Nancy Obermiller – fractured leg	



Happy Birthday in March and April

March 4 – Rev. Dennis Landon	April 4 – Eleanor Blunt Welder 2 yrs
March 15 - Mary Schumacher	April 20 – Leslie Latham
March 16 – David French	April 25 – DebE Miner Martin
March 19 – Rev. Bob Miner	April 26 – Rev. Karen Pitt

Sympathy

We celebrate the life of **James D. (Jim) Clayton** and grieve our loss in his death to this life. Jim died peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, February 8. In December of 1952, Jim was baptized at Compton Heights. Jim and Sharon were then married at CHCC on April 11, 1953. Jim served as a member of the choir, a Deacon, and an Elder. He was honored as Elder Emeritus. Our love and sympathy are with **Sharon and their son John** and all the family. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, February 21 at Compton Heights Christian Church.



We hold **DebE Martin** and **Kim Litton** and their family in prayer as they grieve their loss and celebrate the life of their maternal grandmother, **Betty Hershberger**, who died in Daytona Beach, FL on February 23. **Kim, Tom, DebE, Dave, Annabelle and Lucy** had just visited with their grandmother/great-grandmother before she died to this life. May they be held in God's tender grace in their grief.



We extend our love and sympathy to **Raymond Sutton, Sr.** and all of the Sutton family as they grieve the death of Raymond's mother, **Mary Sutton**. The visitation and funeral will be held at Austin Layne Chapel, 7733 Natural Bridge in Normandy, MO. Visitation is 4 - 7 pm Friday, March 13 and the Funeral will be at 10 am Saturday, March 14th. We hold Raymond and all the family in prayer.

A Farewell and a Welcome!

We have cherished our relationship with **Shannon Adams**, who has served as our gifted and beloved Nursery Care Giver! Shannon joined our staff when Tyler Place Presbyterian Church moved in to share space and educational programming with us. When Tyler Place closed, Shannon remained and has been dear to our children and families.

As Shannon gets ready to move to Arizona to continue school, we are sad to see her go, but send her off with our love and blessings!

The good news is that we have already welcomed a new Nursery Care Giver, **Brittani Jones**. In fact, Brittani and Shannon were able to have one over-lapping Sunday so that our children could begin getting to know Brittani in the security of Shannon's presence!

Like Shannon, Brittani is studying early childhood education. She comes highly recommended by Kristie Welder Blunt as she has served as Eleanor's care-giver.

Welcome, Brittani!

Come join in Church Yard Work Day – Saturday, March 28, 9 am

We need a great group to rake leaves, prepare the garden beds, and just generally get it all spruced up so that it will be both beautiful AND ready for the kids' Easter Egg Hunt!



Lent and Easter at Compton Heights!

Wspr – Wednesday Share and Prayer 6:00 pm weekly
Weds, March 18, 25 & April 1 –
Praying Scripture with Art:
The Illuminations of the St. John's Bible

PALM SUNDAY - March 29 - Service of Palms

Maundy Thursday Worship – April 2, 7:00 pm
St. John's Episcopal, west of Grand on Arsenal

Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk –April 3, 12pm
in Shaw Neighborhood, leaving from our sanctuary

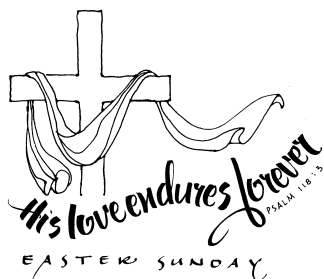
Holy Saturday Community Meal – A meal for
everyone in the community! 11:30 – 1:00 pm
in our fellowship hall

EASTER SUNDAY – April 5 – **Christ is Risen!**
(No classes to be held on Easter Day)

Easter Breakfast – 9:00 AM Potluck – Bring a
favorite Breakfast dish to share!

Egg Hunt for Children – 10:00 AM – Church Lawn
(or indoors if inclement weather)

Worship – Resurrection Celebration 11:00 am



Marty Hughes is ordering
Easter Lilies for the sanctuary.
Please talk to Marty to
“adopt” a lily which you may
take home anytime after
Easter Sunday! Call Marty at
314-962-3429 or email at
darrellhug@sbcglobal.net or
see her at church!

Wednesday Share & Prayer “Wspr”

About mid-week, most of us need to hear the *whisper* of God's presence and the *whispers* of assurance in a community of faith! Every Wednesday evening we gather at 6:00 pm for an hour. It is "Wednesday Share and Prayer." or its nickname – “Wspr” (pronounced: whisper!)

We began in January with a plan for “Children's Wspr” – with stories and activity during the Adult/Youth Wspr. To date no families with young children have participated. If the interest and need emerges we will welcome it and plan for young children. *Until that time, we will plan our program for Adults/Youth.*

We hope you will plan to add this special hour in the middle of your week to connect with your community, God, and yourself!

Listen! The still small voice is speaking! It may be a Wspr ...

Southeast Gateway Area Assembly “COME & SEE”

Saturday, April 18, 9:45 am – 3:30 pm
at First Christian Church, Dexter, MO

Early Bird Registration due April
Adults - \$15, Youth - \$10, Children - \$5
(Lunch included in fee)

Discussing new Regional structure proposal
CHCC Voting Delegates – Madeline Haraway,
Darrell Hughes, Jacque Foster – ALL Welcome!

Easter Offering for Mission

National Benevolent Association
Division of Overseas Ministries
Disciples Volunteering
Council on Christian Unity
Higher Education & Leadership Ministry
Hope Partnership
Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic
Ministries
North American Pacific Asian Disciples
National Convocation (African-American)
Office of General Minister & President





IMAGINE JUSTICE in SHAW 2035

An Open Space Creative Event
for
Shaw and Neighboring Communities
Saturday, April 11, 2015

9 am – 12 noon

Compton Heights Christian Church
Fellowship Hall

*What can we imagine for this community in
the next 20 years?*

*What paths and steps can we take to make
these dreams a reality?*

A time of creativity and hope with
The Open Hearts Expansion Project

Mark your calendar.

Plan to spend one Spring morning
to begin building a new community!

3rd Millenium World's fair

On May 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

come to

Compton Heights Christian Church

for

An Evening of Art

and World Chamber Music

Colleen O'Shea Jones on flute

and

Michael Hagmeier on didjeridu,
percussion, and guitar

Sharing a variety of Michael's originals and
classical pieces.

During the performance, artist Vesna Delevska
will create an original painting, which will be for
sale after the show.

Ticket prices to be determined.



MID-AMERICA REGION CHURCH CAMP!

We are getting ready for Summer Church Camps for ALL ages, including a variety of camps across the Region. Registration information and forms are ready! Register by May 1st for best price. Once again this year Darrell Hughes and Jacque Foster will co-direct the Intergenerational Camp at MoVal near Union, MO from June 16 – 20. Other camps include: Jr., Middle School, and H.S. camps, M.A.D. (Music, Art & Drama Camp), "That Camp about God and Sex" for 8th graders, Chi Rho Current River Trips, CYF Wilderness Backpack Trip in the Colorado Rockies, and a NEW camp this year "Intergenerational Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Camp." In addition you will find information about C.R.Y. (Christian Regional Youth Festival). To find out about specific camps and events, and for the Registration and Health form, go to:

www.midamericadisciples.org/summer/ See Pastor for paper copies.

You will find info. about all camps when you click on the Green Brochure on the right side of page. Click on the one Registration form no matter which camp you choose! WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AT CAMP! REGISTER NOW!

(Darrell and Jacque are also recruiting counselors for our camp!) You?



Disciples mourn passing of Craddock

From Disciples News Service, March 11, 2015

He was the favorite story-telling uncle for generations of Disciples. The Rev. Dr. Fred B. Craddock passed to new life in Christ on Friday, March 6 at the age of 86. He made himself the brunt of jokes about his physical size, but his stature as a preacher was unparalleled.

Whenever Craddock was scheduled to speak at an event, the halls would fill to bursting. Most recently at the 2011 General Assembly in Nashville, the lines at Woodmont Christian Church out the doors more than an hour before the service was to begin. General Minister and President Sharon Watkins said, "To hear him was to be moved – before we quite knew it was happening – moved to sudden laughter or unbidden tears, about Bible passages we thought we knew

by heart. Experiencing his preaching is cause enough to celebrate sharing this life with Fred for awhile." But Craddock was not just a beloved Disciples treasure. In CNN's story, aired this past weekend, he was hailed as a "preaching genius." Newsweek had named him as one of the 12 best preachers in the United States in the 1990s and more recently in 2010, the magazine *Preaching* names his books as one of the 25 most influential preaching books of the past 25 years. He pioneered an approach to preaching where the listener is converted from a passive recipient to a more inductive approach in which the hearer participates in the study process. His Southern gentlemanly style and folksy, humorous stories endeared him to many.

On her blog, Sharon Watkins wrote this week: "The outpouring of stories on the internet gives us more. In Fred, genuine greatness paired with rare humility. In story after personal story, a man of impeccable integrity and genuine caring emerges – a man who took the Gospel seriously. Himself? Not so much..."

Officially the Disciples have many leaders – ministers and presidents and elders. Yet for all my adult church-going life, our unofficial patriarch has been a Tennessee-born professor of preaching. With a deft analogy, an ironic quip, a telling story, he's held up a mirror to show us who we are as church. There we've seen both our hypocrisy – and our potential glory.

We are going to be grieving as a community, but we do not grieve as those who have no hope. We give thanks for the life of Fred Craddock. And we trust that he rests fully embraced in the eternal love of God."

2015 General Assembly - Columbus, Ohio – July 18-22

Worship services at the 2015 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will include both Disciples and ecumenical guests. We will kick off with Disciple Rev. Dr. Teresa (Terri) Hord-Owens, dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor of First Christian in Downers Grove.

The Rev. Dr. Amy Butler of New York's Riverside Church – the first woman to fill that pulpit – is slated for Monday evening. We will celebrate our 25-year partnership with the United Church of Christ by welcoming Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Black, general minister and president of that denomination.

On Wednesday evening we will pull out all the stops and SOAR with Rev. Dr. Adam Hamilton from Church of the Resurrection near Kansas City, author of *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*.



Register by April 1 to save \$\$! Register at www.ga.disciples.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Choir Warm-Up 9:15 am Christian Educ/Nurture for All – 10 am, Worship 11 am, Community Refreshment Time 12:15 pm (following worship), Choir Practice 12:40 pm

Sunday, March 15 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Sunday Afternoon – Sacred Conversation on Race (+Action) – 3 - 6 pm Busch Student Ctr.
Wednesday, March 18 – Wspr (“Wednesday Share and Prayer”) 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 19 – Compassionate Listening 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Friday, March 20 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent - Easter Offering Begins

Wednesday, March 25 – Wspr (“Wednesday Share and Prayer”) 6:00 pm
Friday, March 27 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
Saturday, March 28 – Church Yard Day 9:00 am – to prepare for Easter!!

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday - Easter Offering Received

Wednesday, April 1 – Wspr (“Wednesday Share and Prayer”) 6:00 pm
- Ministry Groups 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday Worship at St. John’s Episcopal on Arsenal 7:00 pm
Friday, April 3 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
Good Friday “Way of the Cross Walk” – 12 noon from our sanctuary

Sunday, April 5 – EASTER SUNDAY – Easter Offering Received

9:00 am – Easter Breakfast – Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share!
10:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt on Church Lawn (and preparations for worship!)
11:00 am – Easter Worship: Celebration of Resurrection!!
Wednesday, April 8 – Wspr (“Wednesday Share and Prayer”) 6 pm
Elders’ Circle – 7:00 pm
Friday, April 10 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
Saturday, April 11 – IMAGINE SHAW 2035 9:00 am – Noon in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 12 – 2nd Sunday of Eastertide

Wednesday, April 15 – Wspr (“Wednesday Share and Prayer”) 6:00 pm
Thursday, April 16 – Compassionate Listening Group 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Friday, April 17 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
Saturday, April 18 – Southeast Gateway Area Assembly – Dexter, MO

Sunday, April 19 – 3rd Sunday of Eastertide

Wednesday, April 22 – Wspr (“Wednesday Share and Prayer”) – 6:00 pm
- Cabinet Meeting – 7:00 pm
Friday, April 24 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, April 26 – 4th Sunday of Eastertide

Wednesday, April 29 - Wspr (“Wednesday Share and Prayer”) – 6:00 pm
Pastor’s Cabinet – 7:00 pm
Friday, May 1 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
Saturday, May 2 – “Third Millenium World’s Fair: An Evening of Art and World Chamber Music”
7:30 pm Compton Heights CC Sanctuary



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

	Liturgist	Communion Elders	Stewardship Elders
March 15	Larry Kreuger	Steve Randolph	Marsha McGuire
March 22	Judi Linville	DebE Martin	Larry Kreuger
March 29	Bryan Richardson	Norm Linville	Jan Kreuger
April 05	Talya Perry	Charlsi Lee	Madeline Haraway
April 12	Charlsi Lewis Lee	Sarah Richardson	Judi Linville
April 19	Bob Lewis	Nancy Obermiller	Thelonius Lee
April 26	Kim Litton	Jan Kreuger	Steve Randolph

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

March 15	Dennis James	Joan James	Marty Hughes	Stanley Williams
March 22	Julie Phoenix	Kathy Bradley	Carolyn Harry	Jennifer Phoenix
March 29	Kim Litton	Tom Litton	Bryan Richardson	Susan Petri
April 05	David Nielsen	Arlene Arbogast	Darrell Hughes	Talya Perry
April 12	Tina Owens	Reed Glasener	Kim Litton	Tom Litton
April 19	Marty Hughes	Stanley Williams	Dennis James	Joan James
April 26	Carolyn Harry	Jennifer Phoenix	Julie Phoenix	Kathy Bradley

Providing Communion Bread **March:** Joan & Dennis James **April:** Tom and Kim Litton

In-Home Communion (Two Elders and one Deacon each month to take home communion)

March Elder (A) Charlsi Lee **(B)** Thelonius Lee **Deacon** Joan James
April Elder (A) Norm Linville **(B)** Judi Linville **Deacon** Carolyn Harry

Greeter - March Jennifer Phoenix **April** Bob Lewis

Nursery Care

Mar 15	Darrell Hughes	Judi & Norm Linville
Mar 22	Kathy Mead	Sarah & Bryan Richardson
Mar 29	Marsha McGuire	Marsha McGuire/Leslie Latham
Apr 05	Dave Boger	Darrell & Marty Hughes
Apr 12	Marty Hughes	DebE Martin & Kim Litton
Apr 19	Madeline Haraway	Charlsi & Thelonius Lee
Apr 26	Brenda Booth	Audrey & Walt Tarde/Susan Petri

Coffee Hosts

Income for March through March 8:	\$5,260.86
YTD income through March 8:	\$22,829.09
YTD income includes the following:	
Regular giving (pledged and estimated)	\$19,862.00
Loose offering	481.52
Interest from CCF	107.09
Rent (and and trash pickup)	1416.00
Fund Raising	71.12
Memorial and Elders Fund Gifts	350.00
Tuition for Dhanush and Girisha in India	94.01
Equal Exchange/Coffee Fellowship	78.10
Offsets to Expenses	369.25



This photo (by our north hallway sanctuary door) welcomes all into worship at Compton Heights. It is the Amnesty International Candle in Salisbury Cathedral. Taken by Jacque Foster on her 2006 sabbatical on the Radical Hospitality of Jesus.



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Upcoming Weeks

March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ps. 51:1-13, Heb. 5:5-10, Jn 12: 20-33

March 29 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Ps. 118:1-2,19-29, Phil. 2:5-11, Mk. 11:1-11

April 5 – EASTER Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9, Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, Jn.20:1-18

April 12 – 2nd Sunday of Eastertide

Isaiah 43:8-13, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-7

April 19 – 3rd Sunday of Eastertide

Act 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b - 48

April 26 – 4th Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 4:5- 12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-15

“We know love by this, he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.
- 1st John 3:16

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