



COMPTON HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

An Open and Affirming &
Global Mission Congregation

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This Month:

- One** We are the Church!
Thanksgiving Sunday
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Happy Birthday
New Member
Sing with Choir!
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Thanksgiving Worship and Dinner

Sunday, November 23

Bring a favorite
Thanksgiving dish to
share! Turkey will be
provided!

Come ready to enjoy
glorious Thanksgiving
worship followed by a
feast with friends!

We Are the Church – in this time and this place! - Jacque Foster

We are the Church of Jesus Christ; followers of the one who embodied God in a broken world to bring wholeness. The Jesus we proclaim as our Sovereign Power (Lord) and Savior is the one who came as Love Incarnate in the midst of the people's pain and fear. We follow Jesus who dared to live and proclaim boldly the Empire (kingdom) of God in the face of the Empire of Caesar.

As Disciples of Christ, as followers of this Jesus, we are blessed with the abundant love that lifts us up when we are down, and fills us with life and hope when we feel overwhelmed. We are filled with the breath of God's Spirit that gives us courage in challenging times. As the family of God, with Jesus as our Brother, Sovereign, and Savior, we have a responsibility in the world. These days challenge us to be the Church at our best, the Church at our truest. What does this mean in these days of broken relationship and work to build a community of justice and peace in St. Louis? *(continued on pg 7)*



Celebrations and Concerns – In our Prayer

Charlotte Johnson and Winster Olter
 Kathy Anderson – Sarah Richardson’s mom
 Jim and Sharon Clayton Royce Sykes
 Leo Ferranto – friend of Charlsi and Lee

Happy Birthday in November

- 2nd Stanley Williams
- 9th Peter Eliot Richardson
- 11th Joan James
- 14th Linda Lewis
- 17th Mary Davis
- 24th Audrey Tarde
- 27th Arlene Arbogast

Welcome to CHCC

On Sunday, Oct. 19 we welcomed **Howard and Penny Miller** as they claimed Compton Heights CC as their church home. Howard came by transfer of membership and reaffirmation of faith. Penny maintains her membership in her Massachusetts congregation, but comes with Howard to participate at CHCC. Welcome Howard and Penny!



Dave Boger making music with his feet!

A Community of Prayer

FROM KATHY ANDERSON Oct. 15
(Sarah Richardson’s Mom)

Dear Jacque, It is hard to imagine 4 weeks have passed since my surgery. The wonderful thing through it all has been the prayers, love, and support I have felt every day. . . . Please tell Nancy how much the prayer shawl meant. When Sarah gave it to me as we got home I was overwhelmed. It never left my side as I rested and healed. It went to every doctor’s visit and was clutched tightly when we heard the news that the cancer had not spread.

My sister-in-law made me one that I had decided I would use with any chemo treatments, but now we are believing I won’t have those. Both of these will have very special places as reminders of how God has blessed me and all those prayers.

Thank you to all the congregation for everything!
 Love, Kathy

Prayers for Baby Connor – Marsha McGuire celebrates the birth of a grandson, Connor Dane McGuire, born to Jonathon and Brook on October 21. Connor entered the world at 7 lbs. 4 oz and 20 ¼ inches. He had been in distress before birth and after birth developed breathing difficulty and was placed in NICU. Please hold baby Connor and the family in prayer.

PRAYERS FOR WHOLENESS & RECONCILIATION

We are in prayer for each other and for the community as a whole in the midst of the challenge calling us to deal honestly and openly with divisions and inequalities around ethnicity and race. Each Sunday morning, the prayers spoken by this community are honest, heart-opening, and listening for God’s leading. We have a calling as a faith community in prayer for the community and the world in a time of deep pain and division. We have a calling as a community of prayer in the face of oppression and the sin of racism. It is in, through, and out of prayer that we take action each day. Please pray without ceasing!

♪♪ Come make music with us! Bring your passion, voice & ideas to enrich the music of worship!!

Choir warm-up 9:15 am & Choir Practice 12:30 - 1:30 Sundays ♪



CHCC at CROP WALK 2014



On Sunday, October 12 a great Compton Heights CC group participated in the CROP Walk to join Church World Service in the fight against hunger. Starting from the Eden Seminary Campus, we walked 1 mile and 3 mile routes through the Webster Groves neighborhood.

Those walking (and riding in strollers) were: Bryan, Sarah, Peter, and Hugh Richardson, Susan, Willow, Matthew, Siena, Jackson, Cory, and Marcus Petri, Valerie Wright, Vanessa Myers-Dudley, and Jacque Foster. (Jacque was taking the photo above.)

Thank you to all those who contributed to sponsor our walkers! A fun fall day!

“Pedal for the Cause” Joan and Dennis James and Darrell Hughes ‘pedaled for the cause’ to raise \$ for cancer research! Thank you to those who sponsored them! And congratulations on their ride!



Getting Ready for “Bazaar Weekend!” CHCC will have tables at **TWO** Holiday Bazaars this fall and we hope you will be making & baking to help us have successful tables!! **This is one of our annual fundraising adventures for support of ministry and mission!**

Parents As Teachers Bazaar – Friday, November 21 – 10 am – 2 pm

Isaiah 58 Min. Bazaar – Nov. 21 & 22 - 5 - 8 pm Friday & 8 am – 2pm Saturday

**WILL YOU HELP TAKE
PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME
TO CHILDREN**

IN NEIGHBORHOOD DAYCARES?

Last Spring we worked with our community Ward Committeewoman Cara Jensen to begin a program to build the foundation for pre-school children to become readers. Through the summer we had a couple of families participate in the program, however we want to reach the wider population of children in our community who need to be engaged by the excitement of reading.

We have discovered home daycares who would like to have us bring the reading program to their children. We are very excited about this new approach. **We are going to the children!**

NOW WE NEED MORE READERS!!

If you have not had our Pre-School StoryTime Training and Boundary Training, please come on Saturday morning, October 25 at 10:00 AM. Boundary Training will be from 10:00 to 11:00 and Story Reader Training will begin about 11:00 am. Kim Litton’s Story Reader Training is phenomenal; you don’t want to miss it!

We have been gifted with a great collection of books from the Ready Reader Program and we use our wonderful public libraries!

Please let Nancy Obermiller or Jacque Foster know if you will be a part of this work to strengthen education in our community!



St. Louis Area Youth Service Day Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

1 – 4 pm, Sunday, November 9

Our CHCC youth are invited to participate in a Youth Service Day with other Disciples youth in the St. Louis area.

We will be doing service work at *Every Child's Hope*, a residential care program for ages 6-18. We will work on projects on their property.

This is the beginning of a plan for St. Louis area Disciples youth to do a different event together each quarter!

Schedule for the Afternoon:

- 12:30 – 1:00 pm – Check in and BYO Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 – Welcome and Gathering Games
- 1:30 – 4:30 – Service Projects
- 4:30 – 5:00 – Closing Worship with Offering

WHAT TO BRING:

Water, Money for Offering, Clothes appropriate for work, Closed-toe shoes

We will need youth and adults to sign up knowing that there is a limit of 40 people total and registration is first come, first served.

See Vanessa Myers-Dudley is organizing!

INDIA PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE TRIP POSTPONED

We are sad to announce that our People-to-People trip to India has been postponed. Five CHCC members and 11 from other congregations were scheduled to leave on December 26 for India. Due to restrictions necessary for security purposes at this time, we have decided to reschedule the trip. We are still committed and very excited about the trip to Family Village Farm, Tamil Nadu Seminary, and other Global Ministry Partners in southern India. We will hold the funds contributed for later in 2015.

Those planning to go from Compton Heights are *Brenda Booth, Jacque Foster, Joan James, Leslie Latham, and Marsha McGuire.*

**May you love God, love yourself,
love your neighbor.**

**May you walk always in the light
of Jesus Christ.**

October 15, 2014

Thank you to Compton Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Jacque,

It was good to talk with you during Assembly. I am glad the message of Joan Bell-Haynes delivered for the Ministers & Spouses Luncheon was so meaningful to you.

Just wanted to take a minute to thank you for your support of the Assembly. We were so pleased to have your choir participate in the Musical Celebration of Praise. Their rendering of "Your Life is in My Hands" was enjoyable. Some of the choir members also sang with the Regional Assembly Praise Singers (RAPS). Would you believe the RAPS only had about an hour and a half of practice?

Their presence was a vivid symbol of our unity and awesomeness as a Region. To God be the glory!

***Please continue to "Be the Change" and
"Go Make a Difference in the World!!"***

Your Sister in Christ,

Norma Ellington-Twitty, PhD

*1st Vice Moderator of the Christian Church of
Mid-America*

2014 Regional Assembly Planning Team Chair



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All events at Compton Heights CC unless otherwise noted)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Choir Warm-Up 9:15 am Christian Educ/Nurture for All – 10 am
Worship 11 am, Community/Refreshment Time –following worship, Choir Practice 12:30

Sunday, October 26 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, Oct 29 – Pastor’s Cabinet 7:00 pm
Friday, Oct 31 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
Saturday, November 1 - Church Yard Work Day 9:00 am

Sunday, November 2 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Wednesday, Nov. 5 – Board of Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm
Thursday, Nov. 6 – Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting 7:00 pm
Friday, Nov. 7 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
Saturday, Nov. 8 – Craft Day to work on items for Bazaar 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 9– 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday afternoon – Disciples Youth Service Day!
Wednesday, Nov. 12 – Elders’ Circle 7:00 pm
Friday, Nov. 14 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, November 16 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Thursday, Nov. 20 - Compassionate Listening Group 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Friday, Nov. 21 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
CHCC Tables at Parents as Teachers Holiday Bazaar 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
CHCC Tables at Isaiah 58 Min. Holiday Bazaar 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday, Nov. 22 CHCC Tables at Is. 58 Holiday Bazaar 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Sunday, November 23 – Reign of Christ Sunday
Thanksgiving Service with Thanksgiving Dinner following worship!**

Thursday, Nov. 27 – THANKSGIVING DAY!
Friday, Nov. 28 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, Dec 3 – Ministry Groups 7:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 4 – Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting 7:00 pm
Friday, Dec. 5 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am



Anti-Racism, Pro-Reconciliation Card Project

Author Michele Norris started *The Race Card Project* to foster a wider conversation about race among her readers. Judi and Norm Linville were in the Town Hall Conversation a few weeks ago here in the St. Louis area. As they waited, they were handed a card with the word “race” on it. Everyone was asked to respond to the word “race” in 6 words or less. Some of these responses were used to facilitate conversation. As a part of our Outreach ministry, Judi and Norm then adapted this process to begin thoughtful, sacred conversations about race and reconciliation during our Reconciliation Ministry Offering in October. Reconciliation Ministry is the anti-racism ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

On each of three Sundays, we received a card in worship. On the first Sunday, the word on the card was “race”. The second Sunday the word was “reconciliation.” The third Sunday we were asked “What can I or Compton Heights Christian Church do to foster Reconciliation?” Our Elders have spent some time in conversation with the cards of the first Sunday. Other conversations will come. Here we would like to share responses from the first two Sundays:

“race”

- for some a prism, beautiful and delightful to many; for others a threat to privilege, power and an assault on the status quo.
- Race is only in the mind. We are all just beings.
- A social construct created to group or classify people
- Love, compassion, friendship, fellowship, difference, empathy, understanding, acceptance, foundation
- Part of the unique character of each person
- Talking about race is often the elephant in the room – we all avoid it
- If it begins, “I am not racist but . . .” racism surely follows
- Systemic racism is real and deadly. In every life there is darkness, pain, mourning, sadness, and hardship, so for some Americans, it is too hard to admit that among their woes they are still privileged. However, it is true. Black Americans are subject to all the woe white Americans are, plus the shackle of systemic racism.
- My own privileges aren’t lessened by them being extended to everyone.
- We make it a sign of our brokenness.
- My brother/my sister.
- The word evokes a variety of other words: prejudice, color of skin, ethnicity, different, sense of unfairness and inequality.
- Something that too many of us stumble over.
- All equal – color no difference.
- Beauty we have twisted.
- Want to appreciate what our black neighbors feel? Imagine (if you are white) you wake up and you are black.
- Used to create the deepest pain, hatred, and injustice in our communities, nation, and world; yet could be our greatest gift and hope

“reconciliation”

- Meeting the other person without fear and honoring our differences
- Realize we all have differences, that these differences should be celebrated, and bring those differences together for common causes
- Balance
- To admit and forgive wrong doings. To unite with others despite differing opinions, because community is of utmost importance
- Coming together. The opposite of segregation (sin).
- Group hug
- Everyone needs to have dialogue with one another about what it means to have fairness and justice in everyday life.
- Putting yourself aside and working for the greater good
- Accepting others’ experiences as valid and true
- Can only be true when we are very honest in working to eradicate the system that causes the pain, injustice



We Are the Church in this time and in this place! (continued from page 1)

What following this Jesus means to me is that we:

- 1) Proclaim and live the good news of God's love for everyone! – ALL means ALL – those of every race/ethnicity, economic condition, perspective, sexual orientation, age, religion.
- 2) Celebrate the goodness of God that fills our lives through the person of Jesus.
- 3) Pray fervently for our ALL in our community, city, and world.
- 4) Listen to every person, so each knows what it feels like to be heard and respected.
- 5) Nurture each other in faith and love so that we may build relationships of love with ALL people.
- 6) Dare to stand as a visible presence of Christ and Christ's Church in the world.

We are Compton Heights Christian Church standing on S. Grand in the city. We are connected to Ferguson; we are a part of the Shaw neighborhood and all of St. Louis City. When the pain and turmoil began in Ferguson, our church members hurt – both those who live in that area and those who do not. Our members immediately began going to Ferguson to be supportive of businesses, to care for those who live there. I worked with our Ward Committeewoman, Cara Jensen to schedule a vigil in our neighborhood in support of Ferguson and our CHCC members were present. I have walked beside those protesting in Ferguson and have prayed day and night for everyone – protesters and police alike in these weeks which have grown into months. We have seen and shared the exhaustion of those who are enduring through this time. In our neighborhood, we have given food and support to both the Myers family and police.

When Vonderitt Myers, Jr. was killed in our neighborhood, Lawrence Johnson (SNIA President) and Alderman Conway asked if we would host an ecumenical Prayer Service and we were glad to gather community here. Our Happy Friday Group was on the street as usual that following Friday morning; a witness to our presence. On October 16, our Compassionate Listening Group used a Talking Circle format to provide space for sharing experiences, thoughts, and feeling in this time. We are offering this resource as a safe context for continued community conversation.

I have joined other clergy as we have been called upon to provide a presence both in Ferguson and Shaw in the midst of protests. Metropolitan Congregations United is scheduling clergy to help provide a presence in the upcoming weeks as the Grand Jury announcement comes in. I will be one of several clergy present at Shaw and Klemm on Thursday nights (and perhaps other nights) in the upcoming weeks.

Presence in the midst of protests is just one aspect. *More important will be the real work and conversation ahead of us and that WE, THE WHOLE CHURCH are engaged in that work in the world!* Brenda Booth and I were a part of a Neighborhood Conversation at The Word at Shaw on Saturday morning, October 18. These conversations will take place every two weeks into December. YOU are invited at 9:00 am at The Word at Shaw (Shaw and Tower Grove).

On **Thursday, October 30, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church will host a speaker at 7:00 pm.** We are all invited. Dr. Tobias Winright will speak about **Faith and Force: Policing and Christian Ethics.** The talk will include a brief history of policing, a sketch of different models of policing, including a narrative of the militarization of the police in recent decades. Attention will also be given to the ethics of the use of force by police, and how community policing is congruent with Catholic social teaching (e.g., common good, participation, human dignity, etc.). A Question and Answer period will invite all attendees to enter the conversation.

Dr. Winright is an Associate Professor of Christian Ethics in the Department of Theological Studies at St. Louis University, and a city resident. He formerly served as a reserve police officer, a police academy ethics instructor, and a corrections officer. He has written and spoken about this topic locally, nationally and internationally. He has authored articles on ethics and policing for Christian Century magazine, Sojourners magazine and Commonweal.

I am honored to be a part of this faith-filled and courageous congregation in this time and in this place! On the night of the shooting in our neighborhood, our Elders were at the church reflecting on the Race and Reconciliation Card Project that we had done in worship the previous Sunday. Madeline, Dave and others have led us in hard conversations before this time. Talking about things that matter is at the core of your hearts. Let us be the Church boldly in these days. Let us be open to what God will do with us in the days to come! Thanks be to God for you! - Pastor Jacque



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

	Liturgist	Communion Elders	Stewardship Elders
Oct 26	Jan Kreuger	Steve Randolph	Kathy Mead
Nov 02	Talya Perry	Norm Linville	Judi Linville
Nov 09	Ty Woodard	Nancy Obermiller	Leslie Latham
Nov 16	Darrell Hughes	Kathy Mead	Sarah Richardson
Nov 23	Kim Litton	Leslie Latham	Bob Lewis
Nov 30	Bryan Richardson	Steve Randolph	Norm Linville

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

Oct 26	Kim Litton	Tom Litton	Marty Hughes	Stanley Williams
Nov 02	Dennis James	Joan James	Bud Obermiller	Carolyn Harry
Nov 09	Susan Petri	Thelonius Lee	Jan Kreuger	Dave Martin
Nov 16	Arlene Arbogast	Reed Glasener	Darrell Hughes	Talya Perry
Nov 23	Marty Hughes	Stanley Williams	Kim Litton	Tom Litton
Nov 30	Bud Obermiller	Carolyn Harry	Dennis James	Joan James

Providing Communion Bread **November:** Darrell Hughes **December:** Arlene Arbogast

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

November Elder (A) Sarah Richardson **(B)** Bob Lewis **Deacon** Talya Perry

Greeter - **November:** Joan James

	Nursery Care	Coffee Hosts	Children, Worship & Wonder	
Oct 26	Darrell Hughes	Judi and Norm Linville	S- Charlsi	Gr. Larry
Nov 02	Kathy Mead	Sarah and Bryan Richardson	S - Kathy	Gr.
Nov 09	Marty Hughes	Marsha McGuire/Leslie Latham	S - Kathy	Gr. Judi Norm
Nov 16	Marsha McGuire	Darrell & Marty Hughes	S - Kathy	Gr. Judi Norm
Nov 23	Brenda Booth	DebE Martin & Kim Litton (Dinner)	S-	Gr.
Nov 30	Madeline Haraway	Charlsi & Thelonius Lee	S- Dave	Gr.

FINANCIAL REPORT Income for October through October 19: \$7,666.73

YTD income through October 19: \$128,845.11

YTD income includes the following:

Pledges, loose and Sunday School offering, gifts:	\$87,042.44
Outreach (Reconciliation=\$875; goal \$800)	4,246.75
Elders Fund and Memorials:	757.25
Tuition of Girisha and Dhanush at King's School:	500.00
Offering for future India Trip:	308.56
Equal Exchange Purchases:	325.99
Fund Raising:	1,122.12
Rent and Contributions toward expenses:	17,050.98
CCF Investment Interest:	791.02
Withdrawal of CCF Funds:	14,000.00
Transfers from Steeple Account and Insurance:	2,700.00



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Upcoming Weeks

Oct 26 – 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Deut. 34:1-12, Ps. 90:1-6,13-17, 1 Thess. 2:1-8, Mt. 22:34-46

Nov 2 – 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Joshua 3:7-17, Ps 107:1-7, 33-37, 1 Thess. 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12

Nov 9 – 22th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, Ps. 78:1-7, 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Mt. 25:1-13

Nov 16 – 23th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7, Ps. 123, 1 Thess. 5:1-11, Mt. 25:14-30

Nov 23 – Reign of Christ Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Ps.100, Eph.1:15-23, Mt. 25: 31-46

Nov 30 – First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64: 1-9, Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Cor. 1:3-9, Mk 13: 24-37

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
and God’s mercy endures forever.” Ps. 107:1**

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