



Compton Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

An Open and Affirming
& Global Mission Congregation

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Pastoral Intern



Praying and working for justice and new relationship in our communities

This Month:

- One** Reconciliation
Trivia Night – Oct 4
- Two** Prayer Concerns
Happy Birthday
Farewell Landons
Wedding
Holiday Bazaars
Sing with Choir!
- Three** Happy Friday Celebr
New Pastoral Intern
Church Sch. Classes
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Trivia Night
Saturday, October 4
7:00 pm
Doors open 6 pm
CHCC Fellowship Hall

A Fun Fund Raising event to support our ministries! Please spread the word, invite friends, create table!
\$20 per person \$160 per table of 8

Cash Prize for 1st Place, Mulligans, Silent Auction!
Soda and Snacks provided or BYO snacks , no alcohol.

What Does Reconciliation Mean Now ?

As St. Louis, Ferguson, and communities throughout our nation and world face the pain of our racism and the resulting brokenness of our people, we know that we have serious work to do. When Christians are confronted with our racism, we are confronted with our sin. To live as Jesus lived, and to love as Jesus loved, we are required to consciously recognize, name, and work to transform our racism so that we become the Community of Christ. This is not simply about what we say regarding the color of skin, is about living as the community of Christ with justice. Until there is justice, so that black youth and young men are not shot in our streets because of the color of their skin, we are not Christ's community. Until there is justice, so women of color are not used and abused and degraded in our society, we are not Christ's community. Until there is justice so that the voice and perspective of the person of color is as respected as the voice of one who is white, we are not Christ's community. Until there is justice so that 1 in 3 African American men are not expected to end up in prison, we are not Christ's community. As we take our Reconciliation Offering October 5 & 12, we strive to be "the Reconciliation Generation – filling School Yards not Prison Yards through the work of justice and reconciling love. *Jacque*

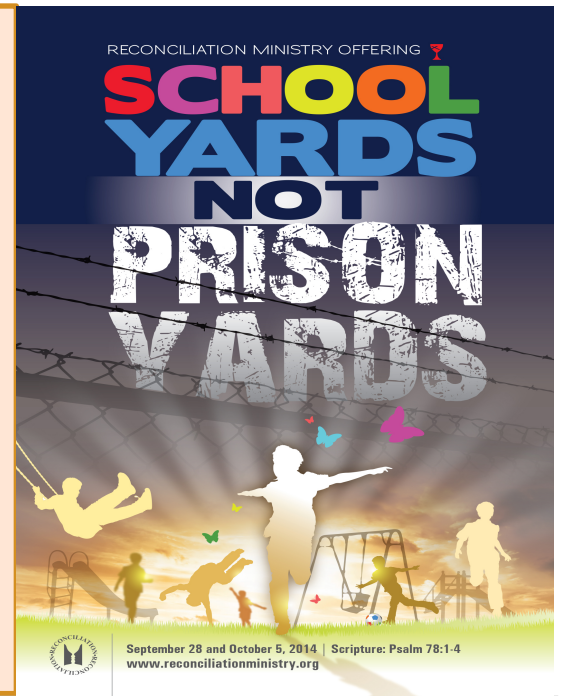


Celebrations and Concerns – In our Prayer

Winster Olter – chemotherapy and radiation
 Kathy Anderson – mother of Sarah Richardson –
 treatment for cancer
 Millie Slack Karen Pitt Jim and Sharon Clayton
 Royce Sykes Leo Ferranto – friend of Charlsi and Lee

Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays:	October Birthdays:
2 nd Talya Perry	14 th Royce Sykes
9 th Madeline Haraway	23 rd Marsha McGuire
11 th Larry Kreuger	28 th Liz Vollmar
18 th Walt Tarde, Jr.	
23 rd Robbie Lewis	



COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Farewell and Blessings to Dennis and Lana Landon as they move to Pennsylvania where they will be near their daughter and grandson. What a gift they have been in the life of this congregation and what a gift Dennis has been in the General Ministry of the CC(DOC) through Higher Education and Leadership Ministries. Our Blessings go with Dennis and Lana as they settle into their new home.

Getting Ready for a “Bazaar Weekend!”
 CHCC will have tables at **TWO** bazaars this fall and we hope you will be making & baking to help us have successful tables!!

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

Jennifer Kay Bledsoe

and

Julie Ann Diekmann

*request the honor of your presence
 at their joyful covenant of marriage*

Saturday, September 27, 2014

3:00 p.m.

Compton Heights Christian Church

2149 South Grand Blvd.

St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Informal food and fellowship immediately following

In lieu of gifts, you are invited to make a donation of non-perishable protein foods to Isaiah 58 Ministries.

♪♪ 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 ♪



Happy Friday Celebrates 10 Years



Ten years ago at an Elders meeting - Madeline Haraway shared a blog from Ken Coleman, pastor at United Christian Church in Renton Washington. Pastor Coleman had a quirky ministry - every Friday morning he stood outside his church with coffee and communion waving to passing motorists and inviting them to stop and share a moment with him.

At that meeting we thought - "this is something Compton could do." It would be a way for us to step outside the doors of the church and connect with our neighbors. On Friday, September 12, we celebrated Happy Friday's 10th Anniversary with a community picnic on the front lawn of the church. Hot dogs were consumed, cupcakes enjoyed, bubbles blown, conversations engaged in, Happy Friday stories shared, coffee and hot cocoa sipped.

I shared in our Happy Friday blog, that for me, Happy Friday has been a transformative experience. There is something profound about the simple act of making eye contact with someone, smiling and wishing them "good morning" or "Happy Friday" - taking a moment to truly see someone. The celebration was much like Happy Friday itself, a relaxed time to visit with people in the community and fellow church members; a chance to connect, to truly see each other. (cont →↑

It takes a village to put on 10th Anniversary Celebration. Special thanks to: Thelonius Lee for providing 100 delicious homemade cupcakes. Bud Obermiller for the providing the grill. Jan Kreuger for making sure our yard was in tip top condition. Cartez Falvey , Leslie Latham, Larry Kreuger, Jan Kreuger, Dave Boger, Jacque Foster, Darrell Hughes, Marty Hughes and Arlene Arbogast for setting up. Darrell Hughes, Larry Kreuger and Walt Tarde for acting as grill masters. Madeline Haraway, Norm Linville, Judi Linville, Walt Tarde, Audrey Tarde, Stanley Williams, Dave Boger, Jan Kreuger and Larry Kreuger for working KP duty. - Kathy Mead

FROM OUR PASTORAL INTERN – VANESSA!

Hello ! My name is Vanessa Myers-Dudley and I am a third year student at Eden Theological Seminary. I came to Eden and St. Louis from The Park Church (UCC) in Elmira, New York, where I served as a volunteer youth leader, congregational team co-chair, and administrator’s assistant.

Before that I grew up in Ohio and Indiana, and was very active in both United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ churches and youth programs. Because I have had wonderful relationships with both, I plan on going for dual standing in both the UCC and DOC, though I will have to be ordained in the UCC first.

I am married, and my husband Jerad works in the oil & gas industry as a geologist in Oklahoma City. Thankfully his job allows him to be back in St. Louis once a month. I live on the Eden campus in Webster Groves, but will join Jerad in Oklahoma when I graduate in May. Though studying keeps me busy, I am trying to complete a bucket list of things to do in St. Louis before I leave. If anyone has any ideas to add please let me know!

My call to ministry began when a pastor told me that he could see me being a pastor some day. I just laughed at him and continued to pursue a B.S. in Meteorology. As I continued to be active in the church, I began to realize that part of my calling was to be around people, so I pursued a Masters of Geography where I could focus on the relationship (Continued next page, column 2)

***How Are We Nurturing, Teaching, Sharing Faith on Sunday Mornings at 10 am?
Nursery – 0 – 2 Preschool – Kathy M. and Madeline H. K- Elementary – Darrell & Marty H.
Preschool through Elementary use a great curriculum called “Living the Good News”
Talya Perry works with children on music each week at the end of the Church School hour!
Youth – Vanessa and Larry (and others!) – Life, Faith & Mission discussion and action***



We Are One: Six Weeks of Compassion 2014

During the month of August and the first week of September, we gathered offerings of food, health and dental supplies, school supplies, coins and cash to benefit four outreach missions of Compton Heights CC. On Sunday, Sept. 14, we dedicated the following: 24 hygiene kits for Church World Service plus contents for more than 12 school kits for CWS that will go to the regional assembly in October.

20 student dental packs for Missouri through Festival of Sharing.

More than 53 jars of peanut butter and 281 rolls of toilet tissue, as well as several bars of soap and tubes of toothpaste, for Isaiah 58 ministries.

A total of \$1,418.63 for Week of Compassion, the disaster relief and development agency of Disciples of Christ. (Our goal had been \$1,200.)

Our gifts will bless at least 99 families with supplies they need, plus many more through the work of Week of Compassion.

In addition, we learned through Minutes for Mission about the cooperative response that Church World Service and Week of Compassion perform all year, around our country and around the world. We followed a prayer calendar, saved coins, contributed a little bit each week and the result is the generous gifts listed above. Our dental packs and hygiene kits will be picked up in St. Louis on Sept. 20 and delivered to the Festival of Sharing at Sedalia in October. The school kit items will be pooled with those from other churches in the Mid-America Region at the assembly Oct. 10-11 in St. Louis and then delivered to CWS. Our check to Week of Compassion will be on its way soon. And the peanut butter and toilet tissue for Isaiah 58 was distributed weekly as it came in.

Thanks be to God for the faithful response of our congregation to our brothers and sisters experiencing hunger, deprivation, dislocation, disaster and despair.

We are One in the Spirit of Christ.

(Pastoral Intern – continued)

between people and weather. It was not until Jerad and I moved to Elmira for his job that I realized how accurate my minister had been when I was in high school.

I have done contextual education at Lydia's House and St. Johns Evangelical UCC (Lindbergh & 55) and learned a lot, but still have a lot more to learn! I plan on pursuing parish ministry and look forward to practicing to be a minister in your presence. I ask for your acceptance and guidance as I work towards following God's call.

Thank you, *Vanessa*



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America Regional Assembly

October 10 -12, 2014

St. Louis – at Webster Groves and Union Ave. Christian Churches

- Global Missions Missionary Xuyen Dangers will share her experience in Vietnam and Laos
- Youth may stay at Union Ave. Mission Inn and participate in a mission project
- Participate in Workshops
- Sing in Joint Choir or with our CHCC choir in the Sat. Eve. Music Festival at Webster Gr. CC
- Bring items to contribute to a Church World Service school kit
- Celebrate Woodhaven's 50th Birthday
- Speakers: Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes, Rev. Dr. Todd Adams, Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw, Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Hylton, Jr.



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, Sept. 28 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, Oct 1 – Preschool Story Time 12:00 noon Ministry Group 7 pm
Thursday, Oct 2 Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting 7 pm at the Obermiller’s home
Friday, Oct 3 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
Saturday, Oct 4 - CHCC Trivia Night 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6 pm)

**Sunday, October 5 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
and RECONCILIATION OFFERING**

Wednesday, Oct 8 - PreSchool Story Time 12:00 noon Elders Circle 7 pm
Friday, Oct 10 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Regional Assembly – Friday, Oct 10 – Sunday, Oct 12 – Webster Groves CC
and Union Ave. CC in St. Louis Our Choir Singing Saturday Evening 7 pm in

Sunday, October 12– 18th Sunday after Pentecost - RECONCILIATION OFFERING

Wednesday, Oct 15 – PreSchool Story Time 12:00 noon
Thursday, Oct 16 – Compassionate Listening
Friday, Oct 17 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, October 19 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost - CHILDREN’S SABBATH

Wednesday, Oct 22 – PreSchool Story Time 12:00 noon
Friday, Oct 24 – Happy Friday Outreach – 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, October 26 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, Oct 29 – PreSchool Story Time 12:00 noon Pastor’s Cabinet 7:00 pm
Friday, Oct 31 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

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

Wednesday, Nov 5 – Preschool Story Time 12:00 noon Board of Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm
Thursday, Nov. 6 - Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting 7 pm
Friday, Nov. 7 – Liberation Christian Church Service of Baptism and Child Blessing 7 pm
in Compton Heights CC sanctuary. You are welcome to attend!



October 12th, 2014
Eden Theological Seminary
Webster Groves
12:30 register 1:30 walk
Come walk with the Compton Team!

See pastor for forms and/or sign up for our team at:
<http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/CHCCStL>

Dream God's Dream

As we "Light a Candle for Children" on these Sundays leading to Children's Sabbath (Oct. 19) we examine the faith we share with our children.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, we had an opportunity to name the dreams that we want to share: child with adult and adult with child! The dreams shared and then hung on the baptistry wall by the children are:

Hope for peace in regions of conflict

To live in safety and peace – Feel a belonging,

All children be able to have enough to eat & access to education – to be able to dream dreams,

May our children live in a peaceful community, nation, and world. May they be builders of continuing peace

That the lamb would lie down with the lion. The strong and the weak would join as friends and share God's abundance.

To be able to talk honestly about our lives.

True peace and justice for all people

A world where racial & ethnic barriers would fall and people would work together for the common good

Peace on Earth – that all people love and care for each other – we are our brother's keeper

Peace in the world and in life

A community where each person is loved and respected

End racism worldwide

God bless all children in this congregation and around the world

To live like Jesus lived

That everyone would have enough

Justice and peace

That all children will have enough to eat every day

That all children know that they are loved

Authentic equality, Happiness, God's Peace for the world

No child ever go to bed hungry & all children have basic needs met – food, healthcare, education & love

Unconditional love for all be found thus creating peace

The day when all people in this world can live in harmony, no fear, equality

To register everyone in Ferguson to vote

Bring peace to the whole world

The love of Christ – Peace to all in their hearts

Health - Caring for the elderly

Helpfulness

That all may feel love and grace in our lives. That we may live lives of abundance and ensure that everyone has enough.



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

	Liturgist	Communion Elders	Stewardship Elders
Sept 28	Ty Woodard	Norm Linville	Nancy Obermiller
Oct 05	Darrell Hughes	Steve Randolph	Judi Linville
Oct 12	Kim Litton	Bob Lewis	Leslie Latham
Oct 19	Bryan Richardson	Sarah Richardson	Kathy Mead
Oct 26	Jan Kreuger	Steve Randolph	Brenda Booth
Nov 02	Talya Perry	Norm Linville	Judi Linville

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

Sept 28	Marty Hughes	Stanley Williams	Kim Litton	Tom Litton
Oct 05	Bud Obermiller	Carolyn Harry	Dennis James	Joan James
Oct 12	Jan Kreuger	Dave Martin	Susan Petri	Thelonius Lee
Oct 19	Darrell Hughes	Talya Perry	Arlene Arbogast	Reed Glasener
Oct 26	Kim Litton	Tom Litton	Marty Hughes	Stanley Williams
Nov 02	Dennis James	Joan James	Bud Obermiller	Carolyn Harry

Providing Communion Bread **Oct:** Thelonius Lee **November:** Darrell Hughes

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

October Elder (A)	Nancy Obermiller	(B) Brenda Booth	Deacon Bud Obermiller
November Elder (A)	Sarah Richardson	(B) Bob Lewis	Deacon Talya Perry

Greeter - October: Bud Obermiller **November:** Joan James

	Nursery Care	Coffee Hosts	Children, Worship & Wonder
Sept 28	Marsha McGuire	Walt & Audrey Tarde & Susan Petri	S - Dave
Oct 05	Brenda Booth	Madeline H, Kathy B & Tina O	S- Charlsi
Oct 12	Dave Boger	Bud and Nancy Obermiller	S- Charlsi
Oct 19	Madeline Haraway	Joan & Dennis James	S- Charlsi
Oct 26	Kathy Mead	Judi and Norm Linville	S- Charlsi
Nov 02	Darrell Hughes	Sarah and Bryan Richardson	

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income for September through September 21:	\$8,139.35
YTD income through September 21:	\$118,981.77
YTD includes the following:	
Pledges, loose and Sunday School offering, gifts:	\$80,384.07
Outreach (Week of Compassion=\$1426.75)	3,371.75
Elders Fund and Memorials:	757.25
Tuition of Girisha and Dhanush at King's School:	501.32 (Amt over \$500 for Partner Gifts
Equal Exchange Purchases:	299.64 given on upcoming India Trip)
Fund raising: (eScrip=\$107.67)	358.67
Rent and Contributions toward expenses	15,927.98
CCF Investment interest:	681.09
Withdrawal of CCF Funds	14,000.00
Transfers from stepple account and insurance:	2,700.00



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Upcoming Weeks

Oct 5 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20, Ps. 19, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21: 33-46

Oct 12 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ex. 32:1-14, Ps.106:1-6, 19-23, Philipp. 4:1-9, Mt. 22:1-14

Oct 19 – 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Ex.33:12-23, Ps. 99, I Thess. 1:1-10, Mt.22:15-22

Oct 26 – 20th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Nov 2 – 21st Sunday After Pentecost

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

“So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.”
I Thessalonians 2:8

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