



COMPTON HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

Open and Affirming & Global Mission
Congregation

Rev Dr. Jacquelyn Foster, Pastor
Ms. Jaime Van Nostrand, Pastoral Intern



This Month:

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- Two** Prayer Concerns
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Lent has come early, leaving less time for the Epiphany days of reflecting on the Light that has come into the world. We had less of the story before Jesus began telling his disciples that he would suffer and die for the ministry of God's mercy and justice. Just after the first of the year, Dave and I went on a Witness for Peace delegation to Cuba. While we were there, nativity scenes remained outside churches in Havana. Two in particular had large scenes in permanent glass cases attached to the outside of church buildings. The scenes were so prominent that I was drawn immediately to them rather than to the buildings.

I wonder what those cases contain now. Will they contain some presentation of the stations of the cross? Will there be depictions of the Easter story? And though Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Centro Martin Luther King (where we stayed) did not have one of those scenes, I wonder what is going on there at this time? What do reflections on Jesus' road to the cross, look like and sound like in Cuba?

In every community and culture, we find ways to tell the stories at the heart of our faith and our lives. Therefore I must conclude that the Lenten time of reflection and prayer in Cuban churches will provide a means for the people to reflect on their particular journey with Jesus as they look forward with concern, hope, and a desire to protect the values of equity at the heart of their society while increasing resources for the livelihood of the people. As in the U.S., there is so much good and, at the same time, so much that is broken and in need of change. In every place, we are people of both compassion and of injustice.

As we engage honestly with Jesus' life, ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection, we can only be convicted, as we explore our values, our relationship with God, the choices we make, and how we respond to God's people. In these days of Lent, may Love be alive as we seek the way of Christ. Blessings, *Jacque*



Cross on Church and Convent of St. Francis of Asisi, Old Havana

Celebrations and Concerns – In our Prayer

John Pitt, Roberta Travis, Royce Sykes, Sharon Clayton.

Welcome to the World!

We celebrate the birth of: **Janie Lynn Welder, born to Kristie and Brent Welder (and big sister, Eleanor!)** on December 3, 2015.

We celebrate the birth of **Xavier Robert Thomas Litton, born to Kim and Tom Litton on January 1** (also Kim's Birthday!). Xavier, Mom and Dad are doing very well! Family/Child Blessing will be February 28th!

Happy Birthday in February & March

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| 18 th Lynda Gamlin | March 4 th Dennis Landon |
| 20 th Hugh Richardson | 15 th Mary Schumacher, George Hudson |
| 21 st Annabelle Martin | 16 th David French |
| 25 th Westley Ziesemann | 19 th Bob Miner |
| 28 th Nancy Obermiller | 20 th – Amy Bertschausen |
| | 26 th Charlotte Johnson |

Welcome to Compton Heights Christian Church Community!

We welcome **Cathy and Ron Hutcherson** who joined by Reaffirmation of Faith and Transfer of Membership in December. Cathy and Ron come to us from St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship. Both enjoy music and have already participated in the Adult Church School class and WSPR. We give thanks for the faith and caring spirit they bring!

We welcome **Heather Stout** who joined by Reaffirmation of Faith and Transfer of Membership on Sunday, February 14. Heather has been worshipping and participating in the life of the congregation over the last year and has become a part of the heart of Compton. Heather's partner Michael Hagmeier is also an active part of the community.

We also celebrate Heather's new job as Assistant Director, Cornerstone at Washington University. Her work is to lead the University in creating accessible, welcoming, engaging space and community for people with different abilities.

Could you use one or more very sturdy 8 ft table – for work surface in a workshop, basement, craft-room, table-space for guests, etc? The church has a number of sturdy tables available. We would like a nominal donation for them if possible. We could deliver them to your home or workspace! *Contact Leslie Latham for info!*

Blessed are those who mourn . . .

We pray for **Amy and Roger Bertschausen** and their family as they grieve the death of Amy's mother, Mildred Holzhausen, who died to this life on January 9 at the age of 90. Amy's father died to this life last March. May God, who is Love hold this family in thanksgiving for the parents who gave them life and nurture, and for the peace that they are with them always.

We pray for **Julie and Jennifer Phoenix** and their family as they grieve the death of Julie's grandfather (Papa), Hobart Coffey who died to this life on January 23 at age 90. Julie's Papa was beloved and shared with them a faith and support that reflected God's everlasting love.

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life . . ."

You are invited to the Wedding of David French and George Hudson

Tuesday, March 15
6:30 pm
Compton Heights Christian Church (DOC)
2149 S. Grand Blvd.
Reception to Follow in Fellowship Hall



LGBTQ Group Gathering

Those in our congregation who are LGBTQ gather on a regular basis.

Coming up:

Games -- Coloring -- Snacks!

Saturday, March 19, at 7:00 pm

Come relax, and have fun!

See Jennifer or Julie for place and details.

“Jesus, help us to create churches with your passion and light planted at the heart – Churches where we are prepared to address injustice and where ‘in a gesture a thousand words are spoken’”

- Neil Paynter, Iona Community

SHAW COMMUNITY CENTER

You may remember that on Nov. 1, Becky Reinhart spoke with us about the needs of the Shaw Community Center. In response, 1) we have contributed games and clay, 2) Carolyn Harry with the support of Marty Hughes, taught a knitting class at the Community Center, 3) Dave Boger has repaired their water fountain, and 4) Dave has filled in at the desk when other volunteers needed to be in a staff meeting.

There are still needs for volunteers (people to just be at the desk as a welcome, people to lead groups, activities, teach in areas of interest (as Carolyn and Marty have done), and simply find ways to build relationship with youth and adults!

Becky expressed the hope that the Community Center would become a place where groups meet and help build a sense of community there! Please share your ideas and interests so that we, as a congregation, may become more involved in the Community Center’s work in our neighborhood!

Come Bring your Gifts and Possibilities!

TWO GREAT CONCERTS – Feb. 20 and March 12

Third Millennium World’s Fair Concert

A Celebration of St. Louis in Music

World Chamber Music with

Michael Hagmeier – dijerido, guitar, drum

Colleen O’Shea Jones – flute

Abbie Steiling – violin

Vesna Delevska – creating a painting during the show

THIS Saturday, February 20th

7:30 pm

Compton Heights Christian Church

2149 S. Grand Blvd.

\$10 in Advance

\$15 at the Door

<http://3mwf-feb20.www.brownpapertickets.com>



American Chamber Chorale and Orchestra Concert

Stabat Mater

Saturday, March 12

7:30 pm

Messiah Lutheran Church

2846 S. Grand Blvd.

Admission: \$20

Ticket Sales to Benefit Isaiah 58 Ministries



LENT and EASTER at Compton Heights

Lent began with Ash Wednesday Worship on February 10 – held at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church. In that service, Pastor Jacque invited all of us to the experience of this reflective season as a community. There is certainly a personal aspect to Lent, however it is not limited to ‘what I give up for Lent’ or the condition of my heart in Lent. This is a time when we as a community of Jesus Christ prepare for and make together the journey that leads to the cross. To this end, we are invited to join in worship, study, discussion, and service through the 40 days (plus 6 Sundays) of Lent.

Lenten Devotionals: **REFLECTIONS ALONG THE JOURNEY** created by four of our Disciples congregations – including members of Compton Heights! You may pick up a paper copy at the Church or you may read it online by going to our website: <https://comptonheights.wordpress.com/lenten-devotional>

The Isaiah 58 Ministries Lenten Devotion Book – a wonderful guide, offering reflections for the Sundays in Lent, and suggestions for actions for each weekday. www.i58ministries.org/id83.html

WSPR – Lenten Bible Study and Discussion – 6:00 – 7:00 pm Wednesdays, February 17 – March 16 - *Finding Light in Darkness: The Possibilities for Life in Barren Times* - led by Jacque Foster

Sunday Morning Adult Lenten Study – 10 AM – led by Jaime Van Nostrand
Children’s Classes – led by Kathy and Madeline, and by Darrell and Marty

Week of Compassion – Outreach Offering – for help with Refugee Care – February 21 and 28

Church Preparation for Holy Week and Easter – Saturday, March 19 10 am Options: Work in yard, work in building, fill eggs for the egg hunt (adults and older youth only to stuff eggs)

Palm Sunday Worship – Remembering Jesus Entry into Jerusalem with Palms – March 20th

Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Worship – Thursday, March 24 at St. John’s Episcopal 7 pm

Good Friday – Ecumenical Way of the Cross Walk through the Tower Grove East neighborhood – March 25th, begins at 12:00 noon (beginning place tba)
Passion Reflections in the Compton Sanctuary 5:30 to 7:00 pm (a meditative time with music and self-guided Way of the Cross)

Holy Saturday Community Meal in our fellowship hall – A meal for the community. 11:00 am doors open, 11:30 – 1:00 meal served. (Isaiah 58 will provide the meat. We are asked to bring vegetables, salads, dessert to share. Remember that this is a community outreach event and we need everyone to help make it happen! Come bring food to share (so we can have it on the table by 11:30) and come be a presence of hospitality, sharing around the tables!) Can you volunteer for getting ready or for clean up?)

Easter Sunday, March 27 **Breakfast – 9:00 am (Bring a favorite breakfast dish to share!)**
Egg Hunt and Worship Preparation 10:00 am
Celebrating Resurrection Worship – 11:00 am



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Names in bold print are newly elected to serve beginning in 2016

Those in regular print are continuing their terms.

Board of Ministry - Serving in 2016

(Each of these officers has been elected to serve another term)

Moderator: Leslie Latham

Vice Moderator: Kristie Welder

Treasurer: Tom Litton, Darrell Hughes and Kathy Mead

Financial Secretary: Judi Linville

Clerk: Marsha McGuire

ALL deacons and elders are members of the Board of Ministry, which meets the first Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Terms Expiring December 31, 2016

Elders: Nancy Obermiller, Steve Randolph, Judi Linville

Diaconate: Dennis James, Joan James, Carolyn Harry, Susan Petri, Tom Litton, Kim Litton

Trustee: Larry Kreuger

Terms Expiring December 31, 2017

Elders: Thelonius Lee, Marsha McGuire, Madeline Haraway

Diaconate: Kathy Bradley, David Nielsen, Tina Owens, Jennifer Phoenix, Julie Phoenix, Stanley Williams

Trustee: Millie Slack

Terms Expiring December 31, 2018

Elders: Leslie Latham, Kathy Mead

**Diaconate: Heather Stout, Bud Obermiller, Audrey Tarde, Walt Tarde,
David Martin (not scheduled, but serving as available)**

Trustee: Susan Petri

Ordained Ministers in the Christian Church (DOC) are Elders. These are the ordained ministers in our congregation (in addition to our pastor). They serve in other ministries or are retired. Those marked with an asterisk (*) have agreed to serve in the regular Elders' serving rotation. Others are willing to serve as they are available and needed.

Brenda Booth, Katherine Kinnamon, Charlsi Lewis Lee*, Norm Linville*, Karen Pitt, Millie Slack*

Nominating Committee - Serving in 2016

Susan Petri, Sarah Richardson, Carolyn Harry, Bud Obermiller, Darrell Hughes



Prayers and Reflections for Lent and Easter

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a With-Us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.

*We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen
Iona Community - 2001*

Jesus, you wept for the city you loved – in your words and actions the oppressed found justice and the angry found release . . .



These have been called "Easter Trees." We have seen bare trees of winter and even posts in our neighborhood wrapped in knitted, crocheted, or quilted blankets. Why might one call them Easter trees?

*Lord God,
in this world where goodness and evil continue to clash with each other, instill in us, and in all your people, discernment to see what is right, faith to believe what is right, and courage to do what is right.*

Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin, and preserve us, body, mind and soul, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Whatever God does, the first outburst is always compassion.

Meister Eckhart
Thirteenth Century

*O Lord . . . You have turned my mourning into dancing;
You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
So that my soul may praise you and not be silent
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you*



LENT, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>HUNGER for MORE Isaiah 58 Ministries</p> <p>14 Hunger for More... LOVE This week expand your heart and share it with others.</p>	<p>15 Send a friend or family member a hand-written card letting them know you are thinking of them.</p> <p>22 Hope is the little voice you hear whisper "maybe" when it seems the entire world is shouting "NO!" Trust the "maybe"</p>	<p>16 Find ways to commit random acts of kindness throughout the day.</p> <p>23 Begin a gratitude journal. Commit to identifying 5 things every day for which you are grateful. Find hope in the midst of everyday activities.</p> <p>Mar. 1 Watch this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W12_km1v_xw</p>	<p>Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday! Hunger for More... CONNECTION This week seek to connect with the world around you.</p> <p>17 Prepare a few brown bag lunches today and give them to strangers on the street. Better yet, sit down and break bread with them.</p> <p>24 Make a point to be a better listener today. Find hope in the stories others share with you.</p>	<p>11 Connect to God's world. Spend time outside in silence. Listen to the sounds of the earth—the sounds of the city—the sounds of God's creation.</p> <p>18 Everywhere you go today, invite others to go before you. Open your heart to generosity.</p> <p>25 Create a vision board. Fill it with your hopes and dreams for a better world—a better future.</p>	<p>12 Reach out to someone new today—someone you don't know. Talk to a stranger, shake someone's hand... Smile!</p> <p>19 TGIF(Y) Thank God I Found You! Let your loved ones know how happy you are that they are in your life.</p> <p>26 Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible. Share your vision of a better world with a friend.</p>	<p>13 If you haven't already, introduce yourself to your next door neighbor. Over coffee get to know them—share your stories with one another.</p> <p>20 Make a date with your children. Plan an exciting adventure. Finish it with a special meal and let them know how much you love them.</p> <p>27 Visit with strangers in a hospital, nursing home, or someone who is confined at home. BE their hope—be their light in the darkness.</p>
<p>28 Hunger for More... DIVERSITY This week celebrate the diversity of God's world.</p>	<p>29 DIVERSITY Different Individuals Valuing Each other Regardless of Skin, Intellect, Talent or Years</p>	<p>8 Identify your passions. Reach out to others who share your interests and work together to bring your passions to life.</p>	<p>2 Discover the many different cultures that reside within your city. Commit to learning more about others' heritage and traditions.</p> <p>9 Join a book club through a locally owned bookstore. This is a great way to meet new people and have lively discussions about great books.</p> <p>16 Go through your entire day without complaining or doing anything negative. Experience inner peace.</p> <p>23 Plant some flowers, either in a garden patch outside, or in a flower pot inside. Nurture them and enjoy their beauty throughout the year.</p>	<p>3 Identify the beautiful tapestry of your neighborhood. Celebrate the diversity and embrace the differences.</p> <p>10 Make a lunch date with friends you haven't seen in awhile. Spend time catching up on each others lives.</p> <p>17 Speak to local officials about an injustice you are passionate about. Ask for support in making changes in your community.</p> <p>24 Do something simply for the fact that it brings you joy!</p>	<p>4 Enjoy an evening out at an ethnic restaurant in your neighborhood. Dare to try a dish you've never eaten before.</p> <p>11 Invite friends over for a game night. Be sure to include individuals you are just getting to know.</p> <p>18 Join an organization in your community that is working for justice. Remember that there is strength in numbers.</p> <p>25 It is Good Friday. Where can you find joy in the midst of darkness and loss?</p>	<p>5 Spend the afternoon at an art exhibit that highlights art from different cultures.</p> <p>12 Attend a worship service at a different church/synagogue/mosque. Identify and celebrate both the differences and similarities to your own worship traditions.</p> <p>19 Spend a day in silence, either by yourself or with others. Embrace the holy that can only be found in silence.</p> <p>26 Celebrate the joy of friendships and community. Share a meal with those you care about.</p>
<p>6 Hunger for More... UNITY This week seek ways to unite with others in your community.</p> <p>13 Hunger for More... PEACE This week seek ways to bring about peace through acts of justice.</p> <p>20 Hunger for More... JOY This week celebrate joy!</p>	<p>7 Watch this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1cqD1s06c</p> <p>14 Watch this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xFBlDqWgA&list=PLCOA6F2B5A9EG6A80D&index=52</p> <p>21 Watch this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcrulov45bl</p>	<p>27 Happy EASTER! Always Hunger for More!</p>	<p><i>Hunger for More is a campaign that encourages individuals to look within themselves to discover the hunger for justice that Christ calls us to embrace. This year's Hunger for More Lenten calendar looks at some of the many things we hunger for in our lives, providing inspiration and encouragement to improve our lives and the lives of those around us.</i> Join us as we journey through Lent and Hunger for More.</p>			



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Choir Warm-up – 9:15, Christian Educ/Nurture for All – 10 am,
Worship 11 am, Refreshments following worship, Choir Practice 12:30 – 1:30**

Wednesday, Feb 17	6 pm WSPR	7 pm - Elders
Thursday, Feb 18	6:30 pm	Compassionate Listening
Friday, Feb 19	Happy Friday Outreach	7:00 – 8:00 am
Saturday, Feb 20	Third Millennium World's Fair Concert	7:30 pm Compton Heights CC Sanctuary

Sunday, February 21 – Second Sunday in Lent - Week of Compassion Offering

Wednesday, Feb 24 WSPR 6:00 pm – Lenten Study, Pastor's Cabinet Meeting – 7:00 pm
Friday, Feb 26 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, February 28 – Third Sunday in Lent – Week of Compassion Offering

Wednesday, March 2 – WSPR – 6 – 7pm Board of Ministry Meeting - 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 3 – Prayer Shawl Knitting and Crocheting – 7:00 pm
Friday, March 4 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, March 6 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Wednesday, March 9 – WSPR – 6 – 7 pm Elders' Circle 7:00 pm
Friday, March 11 Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, March 13 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Tuesday, March 15 – Wedding of David French and George Hudson 6:30 pm
Wednesday, March 16 WSPR 6 – 7 pm
Thursday, March 17 - Compassionate Listening 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Friday, March 18- Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
Saturday, March 19 – Pre-Easter Church Prep 10 am, LGBT Gathering 7 pm – see Jennifer for place & details

Sunday, March 20 – Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 24 – Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal on Arsenal
Friday, March 25 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am
Good Friday Way of The Cross Walk – 12:00 noon
Passion Reflection in the Compton Heights Sanctuary 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 26 – Holy Saturday Community Meal – Doors open 11 am, Lunch Served 11:30 – 1:00

Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday **Breakfast – 9:00 am**
Easter Egg Hunt and Worship Prep – 10:00 am
Celebrating the Resurrection Worship – 11:00 am

Friday, April 1 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am

Sunday, April 3 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Wednesday, April 6 – WSPR Bible Study 6 – 7 pm Ministry Groups – 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 7 – Prayer Shawl Knitting and Crocheting – 7:00 pm
Friday, April 8 – Happy Friday Outreach 7:00 – 8:00 am



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

	Liturgist	Communion Elders	Stewardship Elders
Feb. 21	Larry Kreuger	Kathy Mead	Marsha McGuire
Feb. 28	DebE Martin	Steve Randolph	Judi Linville
March 6	Ron Hutcherson	Madeline Haraway	Norm Linville
March 13	Howard Miller	Charlsi Lee	Millie Slack
March 20	Masi Swanagan	Nancy Obermiller	Thelonius Lee
March 27	Marty Hughes	Judi Linville	Leslie Latham
April 03	Bryan Richardson	Marsha McGuire	Kathy Mead
April 10	Kristie Welder	Norm Linville	Steve Randolph

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

Feb 21	Tina Owens	Marty Hughes	Kim Litton	Tom Litton
Feb 28	Bud Obermiller	Stanley Williams	Dennis James	Joan James
March 6	Susan Petri	Julie Phoenix	Kathy Bradley	Carolyn Harry
March 13	Audrey Tarde	Walt Tarde	Jennifer Phoenix	David Nielsen
March 20	Tom Litton	Dennis James	Joan James	Stanley Williams
March 27	Heather Stout	Tina Owens	Kim Litton	Bud Obermiller
April 3	Kathy Bradley	Carolyn Harry	Susan Petri	Julie Phoenix
April 10	Jennifer Phoenix	David Nielsen	Audrey Tarde	Walt Tarde

Communion Bread – February: Carolyn Harry **March:** Susan Petri

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

March Elder (A) Leslie Latham **(B)** Marsha McGuire **Deacon** Carolyn Harry

Greeter - February – Dennis James **March –** Julie Phoenix

Nursery Care

Feb 21	Madeline Haraway
Feb 28	Brenda Booth
Mar 06	Marty Hughes
Mar 13	Kathy Mead
Mar 20	Ty Woodard
Mar 27	Darrell Hughes
Apr 03	Madeline Haraway
Apr 10	Marsha McGuire

Coffee Hosts

Joan and Dennis James
Judi and Norm Linville
Sarah & Bryan Richardson/George Hudson
Cathy & Ron Hutcherson/ Carolyn Harry
Marsha McGuire/Leslie Latham/Millie Slack
Darrell and Marty Hughes
DebE Martin and Kim Litton
Charlsi and Thelonius Lee

Regular Income for February through Feb. 14:	\$3,881.78
YTD regular income through February 14:	\$14,162.70
YTD general fund income includes the following:	
Regular giving (pledged and estimated)	12,238.00
Loose offering	245.10
Gifts and new givers	200.00
Interest from CCF	97.70
Rent	850.00
Fund Raising	60.61
Special Offerings	0.00
Memorial and Elders Fund Gifts	0.00
Tuition for Dhanush and Girisha in India	46.04
Equal Exchange/Coffee Fellowship	216.50
Offsets to Expenses (including trash)	208.75

YTD Capital Fund Income	0.00
Total Income	\$14,162.70





A CHCC Newsletter Game – Where in St. Louis will you find this? We'll start with an easy one ...

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www.comptonheights.com

www.isaiah58ministries.org

also check us out on fb

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Ministry Leaders:

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Vice M.: Kristie Welder

Clerk: Marsha McGuire

Treasurers: Kathy Mead,
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Financial Sec. Judi Linville



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