

Compton Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

An Open & Affirming Congregation



What a Celebration!



You are an amazing congregation! What a day of joy and surprises as on April 17 you celebrated our 20th Anniversary as Pastor and Congregation. I had only been told that I would not be preaching or leading worship that day. I would get to sit in the pew with Dave to worship; a rare treat in itself! I felt your gracious love and I am reminded of the Spirit of Christ in you as I think of the events of that day.

Leslie Latham facilitated, as children read scriptures, the choir led a wonderful hymn-sing – including some of my favorite hymns. One special gift was the Rev. Millie Slack celebrating communion, and the Rev. Katherine Kinnamon leading the prayers of the people. Regional Minister Penny Ross Corona came to share her blessings, which was such a gift. I cannot tell you how much

It means to me that you all are making such a generous contribution to GLAD Alliance in my honor! Open and Affirming ministry is so vital to our congregation’s witness to Christ’s love.

The stole you gifted me is so beautiful that I just had to go ahead and wear it this past Sunday, even though we are not yet to the ‘green’ season! (The white doves and white robe still give us the white of Eastertide!)

Thank you so much for the beautiful reception where I was so deeply moved by the video that Brenda Booth created! I treasure the lovely Compton Heights Family Tree (pictured) with the fingerprints all those gathered as the leaves! Julie Phoenix painted the tree itself and the knot in the front of the tree contains a DOC Chalice. I will never forget this celebration of our ministry! I love you all dearly. Blessings, *Jacque*

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Farewell to Jaime Van Nostrand Sunday, May 8

Two important dates upcoming as Jaime Van Nostrand completes her year as our Pastoral Intern: Sunday, May 1 is Jaime’s last sermon at CHCC; plan to be in worship on that day. Sunday, May 8 will be Jaime’s last Sunday with us! Join us in giving thanks and blessing Jaime on her way on that day!

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“I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother ... and in your mother ... and... now lives in you also.”



2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Mother's Day – May 8

Every one of us enters life in the womb of the mother who gives us birth. We celebrate when we are nurtured by the mother who raises us, whether she is our birth mother or adoptive mother. As we grow, our relationships with our mothers grow and change. It is a particular joy to be able to talk, to share our lives, and to learn from our mothers. Some parent-child relationships become broken. Yet our prayer is that we are able to receive the gift of the relationship that is possible, and to grow from our experience. As our mothers grow older, we receive their wisdom and we learn to care for each other in new ways. Mother's Day can bring both joy and sorrow for those whose mother's have died to this life, when relationships are painful, and when a mother has lost a child. God bless Moms!

Celebrations & Concerns

Please Pray for:

Audrey Tarde
Cathy Hutcherson
Edith Petri (Susan's
mother-in-law)

John Pitt
Royce Sykes
Sharon Clayton

Happy Birthday!

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14th Kathy Bradley
Heather Stout
15th Marty Renner Hughes
16th Bryan Richardson
Kristie Blunt Welder
27th Sarah Hughes

Graduation!

Bronnwyn McMillan is graduating from Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois with her degree in Graphic Design. Bronnwyn and Masi celebrate this wonderful accomplishment and that now Bronnwyn will be able to be in St. Louis (and at CHCC) full time!

Walt and Audrey Tarde's granddaughter, **Caroline Robinson**, graduates from Nerinx H.S. and looks forward to attending Indiana University at Bloomington.

Celebrating Two Retirements!

Both **Darrell Hughes** and **Larry Kreuger** celebrate their retirements this Spring.

Darrell is retiring from a wonderful career at Ameren UE.

Larry is retiring from a wonderful career teaching Social Work, most recently at Mizzou and at SIUE.

Congratulations!

SUMMER PLANS

Summer is coming and our lives shift into a bit of a different flow! We enjoy creation in different ways; we share time with family and friends in different ways. And we celebrate as Church in different ways.

Beginning May 29 (Memorial Day Weekend) our Sunday Morning classes for all ages will take a summer break! Our mornings will begin with 11:00 am Worship, followed by our social time with refreshments.

Choir will take a well-deserved summer break. Therefore we invite and encourage folks to **1. Sign up for a Sunday to do special music** (solo, duet or small group, an instrumental piece, - bring your gifts!) **2. Join in the First Sunday Choir** – on the first Sunday of June, July, and Aug. those who would like to sing come at 10 am to prepare a song!

“Summer On the Lawn” Events

May and June will bring:

Sunday, May 22, 3 PM – Pet Blessing
Bring your pet on leash or in crate. Or bring a toy or collar representing your pet. We will celebrate and bless God's creatures!

Sunday, June 12, 11 am Worship on the Lawn
A special outdoor worship AND **Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch!** Also bring your lawn chair or picnic blanket!

The June 12 BYO Picnic (above) is the first of three “**Summer Fun Lunches**” – The **second** will be on **Sunday, July 17, at 12:45 – at City Park Grill on Morganford.** The **third** will be on **August 21, 12:45 at Subway on S. Grand.** Summer Fun Lunches are relaxed opportunities to lunch together after worship

Late summer will bring our “**Six Weeks of Compassion**” **Mission Celebration!** “**6WOC**” will begin **July 31 and extend through Labor Sunday, Sept. 4.** (watch for plans!)

Compton Heights CC Booth at PrideFEST June 25 & 26

Several members of our congregation first met us at PrideFEST! It's really an amazing connection of hearts that takes place at that little CHCC tent in the midst of all the party at Pride. People know us for our stickers, and our smiles – but we often connect on a heart level!

Planning is beginning for this year's booth; we would love to have your help, your ideas, your energy! Then soon we will post the sign-up sheet for booth attending!! See Leslie L. or Kathy M. to help!





Sunday Schedule
 9 am - Choir Prep.
 10 am - Education & Spiritual Nurture
 11 am - Worship

Every Wednesday
 WSPR - Wed. Share & Prayer 6 pm

Every Friday
 Happy Friday Outreach
 7:00 - 8:00 am

What's

1st 6th Sun. of Easter
 4th Wednesday
 WSPR 6 pm
 Ministry Groups 7 pm

5th Thursday Prayer
 Shawl Knitting Grp 7 pm

6th Happy Friday 7am

8th 7th Sun. of Easter
 Farewell for Jaime Van N.

Happening

11th Wednesday
 WSPR - 6 - 7 pm
 Elders' Circle 7 pm

13th Happy Friday 7 am

15th Pentecost
 Sunday

18th Wednesday
 WSPR 6 - 7 pm

20th Happy Friday 7 am

Here

22 Earth Stewardship
 Sunday

11 am Worship
 3 pm Pet Blessing

24th Tuesday
 Compassionate Listening
 6:30 - 8:30 pm

25th Wednesday
 WSPR - 6 - 7 pm

27th Happy Friday 7am

29th 2nd Sun. after
 Pentecost

SERVING SCHEDULE - MAY

May Communion Bread: David Nielsen
Sanctuary Greeter: Thelonus Lee

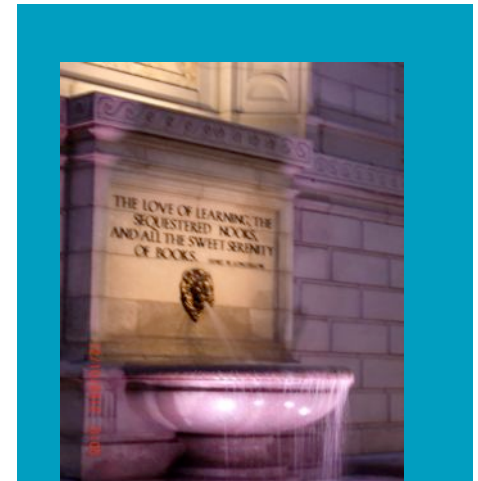
May 1 Liturgist: Dave Boger
Elders: Leslie Latham (Communion)
 Kathy Mead (Stewardship)
Deacons: Susan Petri, Julie Phoenix
 Kathy Bradley, Carolyn Harry
Nursery: Darrell Hughes
Coffee Hosts: Bud & Nancy Obermiller

May 8 Liturgist: Jan Kreuger
Elders: Nancy Obermiller (Communion)
 Judi Linville (Stewardship)
Deacons: _____, Walt Tarde
 Jennifer Phoenix, David Nielsen
Nursery: Kathy Mead
Coffee Hosts: Joan & Dennis James

May 15 Liturgist: DebE Martin
Elders: Steve Randolph (Communion)
 Marsha McGuire (Stewardship)
Deacons: Tom Litton, Dennis James
 Joan James, Stanley Williams
Nursery: Ty Woodard
Coffee Hosts: Judi & Norm Linville

May 22 Liturgist: Matthew Creed
Elders: Madeline Haraway (Communion)
 Millie Slack (Stewardship)
Deacons: Heather Stout, Tina Owens
 Kim Litton, Bud Obermiller
Nursery: Marsha McGuire
Coffee Hosts: S. & B. Richardson, G. Hudson

May 29 Liturgist: Bob Lewis
Elders: Charlsi Lee (Communion)
 Norm Linville (Stewardship)
Deacons: Kathy Bradley, Carolyn Harry
 Susan Petri, Julie Phoenix
Nursery: Madeline Haraway
Coffee Hosts: Cathy & Ron Hutcherson
 Carolyn Harry



Where in St. Louis will you find the above fountain?
 The answer to last week's 'STL Find' (below) is: In Tower Grove Park!



A word from a Co-Treasurer:

Compton Heights Christian Church is a special place for me. If family and friends are my first home, then Compton is my second. I find community here. I find people who think about important issues and talk about important issues and pray about important issues and act on important issues. I find God here.

Compton operates at a deficit. In our budget for 2016 we estimate that deficit will be \$14,125. We began 2016 with about \$19,000 in savings to cover this deficit.

If you are feeling a little whiplash after reading the first two paragraphs of this article, bear with me; I think I can pull them together. As a member of the church, when I think about Compton I think about how I am spiritually nourished by the people and ministry that make up Compton Heights Christian Church. As one of the co-treasurers of the church, I see the day-to-day financial support needed to sustain that ministry.

Summer is coming - vacations, graduations, weddings, weekend trips, longer days, the call of the outdoors - so many things that can pull us away from regular attendance. Historically, when attendance decreases, so does giving. Regular giving helps us sustain the ministry of the church without dipping into our savings before it becomes necessary. So as summer approaches, if you are unable to attend, please consider mailing your tithe or offering to the church: Attn: Financial Secretary, Compton Heights Christian Church, 2149 South Grand Ave, St. Louis, MO 63104.

If you are looking for other ways that you can financially support Compton's ministry, here are some ideas. If you shop at Schnucks, pick up an eScript card and register Compton Heights Christian Church as the charity you support. If you have an eScript card, use it each time you shop at Schnucks. If you use the Internet, designate GoodSearch.com as your search engine and Compton Heights Christian Church as the cause you support. If you buy on-line, use GoodShop, or if you purchase via Amazon, sign up for Amazon Smile and designate Compton Heights Christian Church as the charitable organization you support.

- Kathy Mead, Co-Treasurer

Financial Report – APRIL Income

Regular Income for April through April 24:	\$9,990.59
YTD regular income through April 24:	\$41,884.02
YTD general fund income includes the following:	
Regular giving (pledged and estimated)	34,857.00
Loose offering	505.66
Gifts and new givers	400.00
Interest from CCF	190.92
Rent	1,850.00
Fund Raising	95.03
Special Offerings (Easter=\$1,081)	2,375.33
Memorial and Elders Fund Gifts	0.00
Tuition for Dhanush and Girisha in India	119.84
Equal Exchange/Coffee Fellowship	557.90
Offsets to Expenses (including trash)	932.34
YTD Capital Fund Income	0.00
Total Income	\$41,884.02



Let's feed the Hope!
The one we feed is the one that grows!



Happy Friday Outreach

Every week we list “Happy Friday” in our church calendar. And every Friday (unless severe weather), a deeply committed group of Compton Heights folks gathers at the church at 7:00 am to make “Happy Friday” happen. **Kathy Mead, Madeline Haraway, Arlene Arbogast, Darrell Hughes, Walt Tarde, and the Kreugers** have been the core H.F. group with a number of others joining in at times. (YOU are always welcome and invited!) It is really a simple, fun, and spiritually nurturing act.

The group sets up a table out in front of the church with coffee, hot chocolate, (and sometimes cold water in the summer). Armed with big HAPPY FRIDAY signs, smiles, and waves – the group very simply greets people who are driving or walking/getting off the bus as they head to work or school. Some are just out for their morning run. We offer coffee, conversation, or just a wave!

Over the years we have gotten to know people in the community and to care and pray for people we only see on Fridays! Relationships are built. Our experience is that people come to know the unconditional love of God through the simple care offered. There have been some folks who have come to worship to find out who these ‘Happy Friday’ people are! When they arrive on Sunday, they meet all of us!

Our goal, however, is not to get people to come to church. Our goal is to leave these walls - offer joy, fun, encouragement at the end of a work week, or the beginning of a work weekend. Our goal is to be the people of God in the community.

A note received this week: *“Thank you so much for happy Friday! It makes my commute to work/school so much more fun on Fridays and puts me in a great mood! My kids love it too. Thanks! Chris”*

So come out on a Friday morning, just to spend one hour experiencing the weird wacky delight that is “HAPPY FRIDAY!”

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION Due May 2 for best price and scholarship

Our Mid-America Region camp information and registration materials are available both online and at the church.

We have a great group from Compton Heights going to the Intergenerational Camp at MOVAL (about an hour from STL, at Union, MO.) This camp will be directed this year by **Brenda Booth and Doug Cripe!** Babies thru grandparents welcome!!

From 3rd grade through High School, children are in age groups and in Cabins together with counselors – just like in single age group camps. Children under 3rd grade are in cottages with their parents/grandparents.

Adults who come without children are in cabin together and have an Adult group.
 Fee per person \$210 (by May 2),
 \$230 (after May 2)), fee per person with 3+ in family \$190.
 Camp Scholarships are available for **all** applicants. To receive scholarship you must apply by the **May 2 deadline.**

For information on **ALL Mid-America Camps** and registration materials online, go to: www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer

Paper copies of the registration form for camp are on the short Bookcase under the hallway bulletin board



It is time again to sign up to make those special gifts for Summer Care of the Church Lawn. We employ someone to mow the lawn every two weeks. There is sign-up sheet for those who would like to make a \$60 contribution for lawn care. The sheet is on the small Communications Bulletin Board across from the Church Library.

We also greatly appreciate those who would be willing to water the church gardens, weed, and help maintain this beautiful summer space! Please let us know how you might like to help this summer!

sanctuary in the city

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Thank you to **Carolyn Harry** and **Katherine Kinnamon** who gave of their time to serve as ushers facilitating the gathering for the screening and panel discussion of the film "Injustice Anywhere."

Thank you to **Darrell Hughes** for coming to help with clean-up for the event.

We were delighted to have several other CHCC folks present: **Marsha McGuire, Dave Boger, Heather Stout, Michael Hagmeier, and Jacque Foster.**

Thanks to **All** for the continued work of helping to build a church and community that is committed to grow as an Anti-Racist and Pro-

Reconciling presence.

While introducing the film, Aziza Binti spoke of the support and influence of her grandmother, "Big Mama" who taught her to:

"Be good for goodness' sake. Be really good. Be Jesus good."

As this film is used to call the church to a deepening engagement in anti-racism work and justice ministries, may we grow in our understanding of what it can mean to be "Jesus good" and therefore to really be free! Let it be so!