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(Disciples  
of Christ)

An Open &  
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Global Mission  
Congregation



**A TIME FOR LENT**

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It is *time* for Lent. I don't mean just that the calendar says that Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> this year and that date has arrived. I mean that it is really *time for Lent*. (It feels a bit odd to place a judgment – better or worse, right time or wrong time - on *when* Lent comes. After all, the calculation is all about the moon! Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. If the first full moon occurs on the equinox, Easter is the following Sunday. Therefore Easter can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25. So once you figure out the date for Easter, then you count back 6 weeks from the date of Easter to get the date of the First Sunday in Lent and Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is the Wednesday before the First Sunday.) Well, THAT leaves my head spinning, so I just look at the calendar and go with it! I will say that sometimes Lent just begins too early for me. The earliest it can begin is February 4, and last year it began on February 10. In 2018, Ash Wednesday will be on February 14, which provides an interesting conflict in our culture But I digress ...

It's time! Lent began as a time of fasting leading to the celebration of Easter. The 40 days of Lenten fasting mirrored Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the wilderness. Lent lasts 46 days (40 fast days, and 6 Sundays, which are not fast days.) During those days in the wilderness, Jesus came face to face with his own mortality – yes! *Jesus'* mortality! He was tempted to mis-use God, and mis-use power; to turn away from who he was in order to make his life easier. He was tempted to turn away from his call to spend his very life for the love of God's people. He was tempted to save himself.

Some of us sense that we are already in the wilderness; the landscape is threatening and we feel vulnerable. We are concerned with how we respond to our own fear and hunger without abandoning our call to embody God's care for all who live with fear and hunger. We face being people of God in relationship with the empire, and like Jesus we need to find our way through the wilderness and down the mountain to do the work. Sometimes we just feel tired and lost. We struggle to find our authority, and with how to use our power in ways that are faithful to the God's love embodied in Jesus.

What we discover in the wilderness is that we are not alone. We can still hear the voice that says: This is my Beloved! The good news is that we are feeling our mortality and we are reminded that still we are alive!  
Let's do this journey together! Pastor Jacque

## The Services of Lent

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by Isaiah 58 Ministries

Tuesday, February 28, 6 – 7:30 pm  
at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church  
(corner of Oak Hill and Connecticut,  
4111 S. Connecticut

### Ash Wednesday – March 1

Ashes to Go – 11:30 am – 1pm  
at corner of Arsenal and S. Grand Blvd.

Ash Wednesday Worship – 7 pm  
in our sanctuary

### Lenten WSPR – Wednesdays

March 8 through April 12, 6 – 7 pm  
“Following Jesus’ Journey in the Arts”

### Palm Sunday April 9 Worship 11am

### Maundy Thursday – April 13

Worship 7 pm at Oak Hill Presbyterian

### Good Friday – April 14

Way of the Cross Walk 12 noon  
leaving from Oak Hill Pres.

### Holy Saturday Community Meal

April 15 Doors open at 11:00  
Meal served 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

## It's a HUDDLE!

Kim Litton is hosting a HUDDLE on  
Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

The HUDDLE is a follow-up support and  
action gathering for those who  
participated in the Women's March  
(or wish they could have!).

The HUDDLE is not limited to women,  
but includes everyone seeking to work  
on the issues of justice for women and  
all people.

See Kim or contact her if  
you would like to come!  
Email: [clytemnestra2344@yahoo.com](mailto:clytemnestra2344@yahoo.com).

## Safe Church

### Boundary Training

Saturday, March 18

2:00 PM

Our congregation has a “Safe Church” Policy which requires that everyone who works with children or youth has ‘Safe Church Boundary Training’ and has passed background checks.

This is very helpful and appropriate training for anyone and everyone in the congregation – as we ALL interact with children and youth on Sunday mornings and at other events. (For that matter, in other places and contexts of our lives.)

If you have volunteered to help in the Nursery, or work with Children, Worship, and Wonder, or help with Christian Educ., or work with youth and have *not* had this training, this is the day!! A refresher and update is good for ALL.

Please let **Kathy Mead** know that you plan to attend.



## CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS



Millie Slack, David Nielsen, Nancy Obermiller, Sharon Clayton, Joyce Cole, Cathy Hutcherson, Jan Cameron, John Pitt, Royce Sykes



Michael Hagmeier & Heather Stout – the death of Michael's sister, Sue.

Thelonius Lee – grieving the deaths of several extended family members in last 2 months



*Birthdays:*

18<sup>th</sup> Matthew Creed,  
Lynda Gamlin  
Maddie Klemme Eliceiri  
20<sup>th</sup> Hugh Richardson  
21<sup>st</sup> Annabelle Martin  
25<sup>th</sup> Westley Ziesemann  
28<sup>th</sup> Nancy Obermiller



*Birthdays:*

4<sup>th</sup> Dennis Landon  
15<sup>th</sup> Mary Schumacher  
16<sup>th</sup> David French  
19<sup>th</sup> Bob Miner  
26<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Johnson



*Birthdays:*

4<sup>th</sup> Eleanor Blunt Welder  
20<sup>th</sup> Leslie Latham  
25<sup>th</sup> DebE Martin  
26<sup>th</sup> Karen Pitt



## Landscapes of Grief – Quilt Show

Many in our congregation know Dr. Karen Tye and remember her dear husband, the Rev. Brent Dodge, who died to this life in 2013.

This special showing of Karen’s Art Quilts is called “Landscapes of Grief.” Karen has created along three years in the path of grief. It is intentional that Union Avenue Christian Church is sharing “Landscapes of Grief “ as an art show in the season of Lent.

The opening reception is Saturday, March 11, 2-4 pm at Union Avenue Christian Church.

The exhibit will then be open daily, except Saturdays. Please call 314-361-8844 to make sure the church is open.

**Thank you** to All to helped to make the **Summer Osborne Concert** on February 12 a great event for our congregation and the extended community!

A special thanks to **Julie and Jennifer Phoenix** for suggesting and then working to arrange the concert. Julie made wonderful buttons and little gift bags for each attendee and both Julie and Jennifer served as hosts for the concert.

Several in the congregation made and brought wonderful cookies for the Intermission reception. **Marty Hughes, Kristie Welder, Leslie Latham, and Jacque Foster** worked on set-up for the reception.

We especially give thanks that so many came, enjoyed, and shared in the supportive community!

**God be with us at every leap.**

**Christ be with us on every step.**

**Spirit be with us in every deep.**

**Each step of the journey we go.**



## Gateway

**Open and Affirming**

**Congregation Event**

**9:00 AM – 3:45 PM**

**Registration begins at 8:30 AM**

**Coffee, Pastries and Fruit will be Available**

**Displays will be Open**

**Parkway United Church of Christ**

**2841 North Ballas Road**

**Saint Louis, Missouri 63131**

**Registration \$15 per person/includes lunch or**

**\$100 per church with 7 or more attending**

**This event is sponsored by the UCC Gateway ONA group. We are grateful that they have invited our Disciples of Christ congregations to participate. Both the UCC and the DOC use the designation “Open and Affirming.” The UCC abbreviates it “ONA” and Disciples write “O&A.”**

**Registration was due on February 25 and at this time 7 from our congregation plan to go. If you would still like attend, we can see if additions can be made.**

Isaiah 58 Ministries

10<sup>th</sup> Annual

Pancake Supper

FAT & Tuesday

Celebration

February 28<sup>th</sup> : 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Pancakes, sausage, ham and eggs will be served with all the toppings to make this a feast to be remembered!

Fun for all ages!

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

4111 Connecticut St.

South Tower Grove Park

neighborhood

Mark your calendars for this annual fun and entertaining evening to benefit the food pantry

Come and kick-off the Lenten Season with

Isaiah 58 Ministries

For more information call

314-776-1410





*Occasionally, we come across things from the past that we have forgotten. As I began work on plans for this Lent, I happened across a "CrossPaths" article that I wrote in 2012. I couldn't say it any better today and I feel it as deeply, so here it is (a re-run!):*

As we begin this very special time in the Church Year, the season of Lent, a particular image stays with me. It is the image of children with the smudge of ash in the shape of a cross on their forehead.

In last night's ecumenical Ash Wednesday service at St. John's Episcopal, I had the privilege of preaching and then other participating pastors took the role of imposing ashes on the foreheads of those who came forward.

After the imposition of ashes, I looked out from the chancel and there was little Hugo Hagel happily toddling up the aisle with ash on his face. Then I began to catch in my line of sight other children, from toddlers to elementary age children, all with the mark of the cross in ash. It is not unusual to see children with smudges on their faces – dirt, that pea-green baby food, spaghetti sauce, cake-icing; but it takes your breath for a moment when it is the dark, intentional ash of the palm in the shape of the cross.

When we impose ashes, it is a reminder of our mortality and our utter dependence on God. We normally say "You are dust and to dust you shall return." When I impose ashes on a young child, I tend to say something like, "God has made you human, Jesus loves you, and will always be with you." But in my mind are those words that I can't shake: "You are dust and to dust you shall return." It is a statement that catches us by surprise every time; the hard truth that this life, this mortal body will die and will be no more. It feels different to say it to someone who has lived a good long life already, and to smudge that ash on a face that is a bit wrinkled with age; someone who has considered his or her own mortality. But when we touch that fresh smooth skin of a baby with the ash, it is just almost too much.

At the beginning of this Lent, I am aware that our mortality is ever before us; so much so lately that the heaviness for ALL of us is almost too much. Yet the message of Lent is not simply that we are mortal and that we sin, but that *we are held in the grace and forgiveness and love of God who will never let us go!* That is the truth we carry with us as we travel this journey toward Holy Week and then Easter. We are human AND we are wrapped in the holy love of God! We are broken AND we are embraced by God who calls us to turn around and look into the compassionate eyes of Jesus the Christ. We sin AND we are made whole in God's forgiveness.

Yes, I want every child and every adult to be reminded in these days that "God has made you human (you are dust and to dust you shall return), Jesus loves you, and will always be with you!

May this be a Holy Lent and a journey of deepening faith for all of us.

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William Barnett Blakemore was the fourth dean of the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, serving from 1945 until his death in 1975. He was also Associate Dean of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, the University of Chicago from 1959-66. On June 13, 1963, Dean Blakemore prayed this prayer in Rockefeller Chapel.

*In a time when many voices call us away from reason and love and bid us gain a taste for violence and prejudice, strengthen within us, O Lord, the determination to find your will and do it. Prevent us from any pride, whether of tribe or family or race or creed or region. Save us, for our land is sick with pride, for it is pride that has bred prejudice and greed that has provoked wrong. And the nation that above all nations you have blessed with material goods does not yet know how to spread your bounty to all your children. Amen.*

**May the Christ who walks on wounded feet, walk with us on the road.  
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands, stretch out our hands to serve.  
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart, open our hearts to love.**

Ray Simpson, in *Liturgies from Lindesfarne*, 2010 p. 139



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**JOHN 17: 20-21a**

General Assembly 2017  
July 8 – 12  
Indianapolis, Indiana

*Celebrate our ONeness!*

At this General Assembly, we will say farewell to Dr. Sharon Watkins our current General Minister and President and elect a new General Minister and President!

*Get this on your calendar!*

REGISTRATION for GA is now open! It is always good to register early for housing! Go to [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)



## 2017 Special Offering

**YOU ARE HERE**

**February 19 and 26**

When thousands remain under mandatory evacuation in San Jose, CA, due to floods, even as some neighborhoods have begun cleaning up and assessing damage. Week of Compassion is in communication with local and regional ministers and partners. #YouAreHere

When girls fight for rights and education and as families set out to find new, more hope-filled, opportunities, #YouAreHere.

Over 40,000 people were impacted by extreme blizzards in Romania last month. Elderly populations and rural farmers' homes were buried in deep snow and access to critical resources was blocked by ongoing road closures.

Through our global and local partners, [ACT Alliance](#) and [AIDRom](#), #YouAreHere making a life-saving difference delivering food, water, and hygiene kits to those who are suffering.

**WEEK OF COMPASSION is not just a “week” – it is our 24/7/365 relief and development ministry – in the midst of a refugee crisis, WE ARE THERE. In the face of flooding and hurricanes, WE ARE THERE. In the ache of poverty in war-torn places, WE ARE THERE!**



*Lenten Season*

**Sunday Schedule**

9:15 Choir warmup  
 10 am Classes for all  
 11 am - Worship  
 12:30 pm - Choir Prep

WSPR - Wed. Share & Prayer 6 pm - 7 pm  
 Prayer Shawl 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs  
 Compassionate Listening - 4<sup>th</sup> Tues.

Happy Friday Outreach  
 7:00 - 8:00 am

What's	Happening	Here
Feb. 28 Tuesday - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6 - 7:30 at Oak Hill Presbyterian March 1 -Ash Wednesday Worship 7 pm March 2 Thurs. Prayer Shawl Group 7 pm Sunday, March 5 LENT 1 Wed. March 8 WSPR 6pm Board Meeting 7 pm Thursday, Prayer Shawl Group 7 pm 10 <sup>th</sup> Happy Friday 7-8 12th Sun. LENT 2	15 <sup>th</sup> - Wed. WSPR 6pm Elders Circle 7 pm 17th Happy Friday 7-8 am 18 <sup>th</sup> Sat. Boundary Training 2 - 4 pm 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday - LENT 3 22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. WSPR 6pm 24 <sup>th</sup> Happy Friday 7-8 am.  26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday LENT 4 28 <sup>th</sup> Tues. Compassionate Listening 6:30 - 8:30 29 <sup>st</sup> Wed. WSPR 6 pm 31 <sup>st</sup> Happy Friday 7-8 am  APRIL 2 Sunday -LENT 5 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday WSPR 6pm	Ministry Groups 7 pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Prayer Shawl Grp 7 pm 7 <sup>th</sup> Happy Friday 7-8 am  9 <sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Wed. No WSPR 13 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Oak Hill Presby. 7 pm 14 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday - Way of the Cross Walk 12 pm leaving from Oak Hill Pres. 16 <sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY Breakfast 9 am Egg Hunt 10 am EASTER WORSHIP 11am

**SERVING SCHEDULE - March/April**

**MARCH Communion Bread – Marty Hughes  
 Sanctuary Greeter – Dennis James**

- Mar 05 Liturgist:** Ron Hutcherson  
**Elders:** Norm Linville (Communion)  
 Millie Slack (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Bud Obermiller, Jennifer Phoenix  
 Marty Hughes, Julie Phoenix  
**Nursery:** Susan Petri  
**Coffee Hosts:** Madeline H., Kathy B., Tina O.
- Mar 12 Liturgist:** Carolyn Harry  
**Elders:** Leslie Latham (Communion)  
 Marsha McGuire (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Audrey Tarde, David Nielsen  
 Masi Swanagan, Walt Tarde  
**Nursery:** Matthew Creed  
**Coffee Hosts:** Bud and Nancy Obermiller
- Mar 19 Liturgist:** Bob Lewis  
**Elders:** Susan Petri (Communion)  
 Madeline Haraway (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Joan James, Matthew Creed  
 Tiffany Schempler, Dennis James  
**Nursery:** DebE Martin  
**Coffee Hosts:** Joan and Dennis James
- Mar 26 Liturgist:** Kathy Mead  
**Elders:** Carolyn Harry (Communion)  
 Amy Bertschausen (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Howard Miller, Heather Stout  
 Monte Abbott, Fill-in Non-Sched.  
**Nursery:** Darrell Hughes  
**Coffee Hosts:** Judi & Norm Linville/Carolyn H.

**April Communion Bread:** Dennis James  
**Sanctuary Greeter:** Heather Stout

**Apr 2 Liturgist:** Cathy Hutcherson  
**Elders:** Millie Slack (Communion)  
 Darrell Hughes (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Marty Hughes, Julie Phoenix  
 Bud Obermiller, Jennifer Phoenix  
**Nursery:** Marsha McGuire  
**Coffee Hosts:** Sarah & Bryan Richardson

**Apr 9 PALM SUNDAY**  
**Liturgist** Kim Litton  
**Elders:** Kathy Mead (Communion)  
 Norm Linville (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Masi Swanagan, Walt Tarde  
 Audrey Tarde, David Nielsen  
**Nursery:** Marty Hughes  
**Coffee Hosts:** Cathy & Ron H., Leslie L.

**Apr 16 EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Liturgist** Darrell Hughes  
**Elders:** Marsha McGuire (Communion)  
 Leslie Latham (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Tiffany Schlemper, Dennis J.  
 Matthew Creed, Joan James  
**Nursery:** Kathy Mead  
**Coffee Time:** Marsha McG., Millie Slack

**Apr 23 Liturgist** Marcia Hendrix  
**Elders:** Madeline Haraway (Communion)  
 Susan Petri (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Heather Stout, Monte Abbott  
 Howard Miller, Fill-in Non-Sched  
**Nursery:** Brenda Booth  
**Coffee Time:** Darrell & Marty Hughes

# sanctuary in the city

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## Ministry Leaders

Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Foster  
 Pastor

Jake Schlemper,  
 Pastoral Intern

Ms. Leslie Latham  
 Moderator of Congregation

Ms. Kristie Welder  
 Vice Moderator

Ms. Marsha McGuire  
 Clerk

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 Financial Secretary

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## Financial Report – Income and Expenses

### Income report 2/19/2017

February income \$11,021.75

YTD total income \$21,260.15

### Expense report 2/19/2017

February expenses 7,214.36

YTD expenses 19,653.55

### YTD total Income details

Regular giving	\$18863.00
Loose offering	186.45
New and gifts	30.00
CCF Interest	0.00
Rent	1060.00
Fund Raising	17.00
Outreach offerings	409.00
India tuition	61.80
Equal Exchange	177.90
Expense offsets	455.00
Capital Fund	0.00

