

Compton
Heights
Christian
Church
(Disciples
of Christ)

An Open & Affirming
and
Global Mission
Congregation

Sanctuary in the City



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS
2017 VOL65•NO6

ADVENT – A TIME TO NOTICE THE HOLY BREAKING INTO THE DAILY

This Advent, beginning Sunday, Dec. 3, our 10 am Adult Class will embark on a Sunday morning Bible Study by Kate Matthews. We hope you will join us. In our first session, Matthews notes:

"Patricia De Jong writes "At Advent, God's people summon the courage and the spiritual strength to remember that the holy breaks into the daily." Perhaps that's the difference between a calendar and a journal, because the latter helps us to notice, and mark, those experiences of the holy in our days. As this new church year begins, perhaps a good "new year's resolution" would be to keep just such a journal, a daily record of the holy breaking in, or bursting from within, our lives." (Kate Matthews)

Advent means "Coming." The 'coming' we anticipate is that of "the holy breaking into the daily." At Christmas we claim the holy breaking into the daily in the birth of Jesus the Christ into the world. As great a story as the birth of Jesus is; it more than a story of a child born to Mary in a manger. The birth of Jesus, and the life through which he reveals God's saving love, show us how to notice and recognize the holy in the world around us and in our own lives.

What does the holy look like, sound like, do in the world? (And by contrast, what does *not* reflect the Holy?) The way we deepen our recognition of the coming of the Holy One, is to practice noticing and responding to it. Kate Matthews notes the value of using journal writing to 'help us notice and mark the experiences of the holy in our days.'

I am going to take up the spiritual practice of journaling in a particular way this Advent to help myself notice 'the holy breaking in' to the world and to my life. Will you join me in this practicing of Advent Noticing?

Advent Blessings, *Jacque*

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER REGARDING A GLOBAL MINISTRIES ACTION.

Please pray for our friends and Mission Partners Drs. Anil and Teresa Henry, and Anil's mother Nancy Henry at Christian Hospital in Mungeli, India. They and the staff are in crisis as Global Ministries has rescinded their call in the wake of a conflict with hospital staff person. We pray for the Global Ministries Board to halt this action while awaiting the outcome of the legal process and revisiting the decision. May the Church's deepest commitment and concern be the work of the hospital in the lives of the people in this poorest part of India and the care of the many staff, nursing students, and the Rambo School. May the Church stand by our Global Ministries staff in difficult times.



PHILLIPS SEMINARY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

We are delighted to share the Advent Devotional written and gifted to our churches by Phillips Theological Seminary, our Disciples Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Devotional is offered to us with these words:

“Dear Friends, This Advent, as we prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Christ child in our midst, we pray that making room for Emmanuel is a priority in the busy lives we lead. The Phillips Seminary 2017 Advent Devotional is our gift to you. We pray that it will be a welcomed resource for your journey to the manger.”

We are printing copies for those who would like to pick up a paper copy for your use beginning Nov. 26. You may also experience the devotional online by going to www.ptstulsa.edu/advent2017

Once again this year,
throughout the season we will create
a Tree of Warmth!

You are invited to bring
Warm socks
Gloves,
Mittens,
Scarves,
Hats,
Long underwear
for adults and children.

Place these on (or under) the
tree in the main floor hallway.
These will be distributed to those
in need of them by Isaiah 58 Ministries.



ADVENT VESPERS

Wednesday Evenings

December 6th and 13th 6:00 – 6:50 pm at
the Church for Advent reflect and evening
prayer.

December 20th – On this evening our
vespers will move into the neighborhood,
inviting folks to join in a Carol-Fest at Dorothy
Park (corner of Thurman and Shenandoah).
We'll share hot cider and community! **NOTE**
different time – ½ hour later - 6:30 – 7:15
(meet at Dorothy Park)

SHARING CHRISTMAS IN SHAW!



On Wednesday, December 20, our Advent Vespers will reach into the community! We invite the neighborhood to join in a Christmas Carol-Fest for a short time in the early evening – 6:30 to 7:15 – at Dorothy Park, at the corner of Thurman and Shenandoah. A simple time to gather with neighbors for hot cider, song, and community in the midst of this busy season! Come notice the holy in our own community!

Through our Christmas Offering, we support our Regional Ministries. These include children, youth, and adult ministries and church camp, women's and men's ministries, nurture and support of congregations, and mission ministries. Our Commission on Ministry journeys with people discerning their call to ministry. And our Regional Ministers provide pastoral care to pastors and congregations. These are only highlights of our Region's work. It is fitting that our Christmas Offering supports this ministry through which congregations and pastors are nurtured and strengthened to proclaim the good news of Christ's incarnation!



Christmas Offering

December 10, 17, & 24

Advent and Christmas at Compton Heights

Saturday, December 2, 10 am - Help prepare for the Hanging of the Greens!



Sunday, December 3

10 am – Advent Bible Study for Adults / Children’s Advent Classes

11 am – Worship

The Hanging of the Greens: A Service of Hope and Preparation
Lighting the Candle of Hope

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Advent Vespers 6:00 – 6:50 pm
- Ministry Groups 7:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 7 - Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting 7 pm at Jacque’s Home



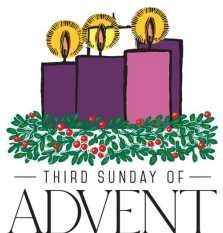
Sunday, December 10

10 am – Advent Bible Study for Adults / Children’s Advent Classes

11 am – Worship - Peace Sunday

Lighting the Candle of Peace
Begin Christmas Special Offering

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Advent Vespers 6:00 – 6:50 pm
- Elders’ Circle - 7:00 pm



Sunday, December 17

10 am – Advent Bible Study for Adults/ Children’s Advent Classes

11 am – Worship – Joy Sunday

Lighting the Candle of Joy
Stewardship Commitment Sunday

6 – 9 pm – Pastor’s Christmas Open House at Jacque and Dave’s home.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 – Sharing Christmas in Shaw 6:30 – 7:15 pm

This evening our Advent Vespers is reaching into the neighborhood. We are inviting the community to join in a Christmas Carol-Fest at Dorothy Park at Thurman & Shenandoah. Just a 45 minute break for hot cider, song, and community in the midst of this full season!

Sunday, Dec. 24

10:00 am – Advent Bible Study for Adults / Children’s Advent Classes

11: 00 am – Worship – Love Sunday

6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Lighting the Candle of Hope

7:15 pm – Caroling in the Neighborhood (to share joy and to benefit Children’s Services through the St. Louis Christmas Caroling Association)
followed by warm Christmas goodies back at the church!



Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY! PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL TO ALL!



Join us for the
Pastor's Christmas Open House
 at Jacque and Dave's home.

Sunday, December 17
6:00 – 9:00 pm

**Come relax with friends, food, and
 Christmas cheer!**

Compton Heights CC Folks and Community Arts

Ty Woodard – rocked the role of “The Wicked Witch of the West” in Bayless High School’s production of the **The Wizard of Oz** which played at the end of November! (Oh and if you missed this ...Ty will be singing “O Holy Night” in our Christmas Eve service!)

Mike Hubbard who sings with the **Ambassadors of Harmony** (renowned Barbershop music group) invites all to their Christmas concert “Sounds of the Season” December 8, 8:00 pm, Dec. 9, 2 pm and 8 pm, Dec. 10, 2 pm and 7 pm at the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center. (You may go online to www.touhill.instantencore.com to order tickets.)

Studio Wyrd (**Bronnwyn McMillin**) and BruTEA (the wonderful Tea and Brunch spot owned and run by **Kathy Bradley and Tina Owens**) are coming together to create “A Night of Tea and Art on Saturday, Dec. 9, 6 pm to 10 pm. This will be Bronnwyn’s Solo Exhibition – *“Invisible Men: Transmasculine Experiences.”* BruTea is located at 3320 Meramec in St. Louis.

Michael Hagmeier’s 60th Birthday Show with Third Millennium World’s Fair plus special guests! An evening of World Chamber Music, Art, and More! Saturday, December 16th, 7:30 pm at New Covenant United Methodist Church, 900 Bellerive Blvd. St. Louis. Featuring Colleen O’Shea Jones, flute, Abbie Steiling, violin, Meghan Yankowskas, clarinet, Michael Hagmeier, didjeridu, percussion, guitar. With special guests: Kevin Rienick, singer-songwriter, Thom Duggan, singer-songwriter, Eliana Haig, violist, and Hannah Frey, violinist. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$20 at the door. See Heather Stout or Michael Hagmeier!

Marty Hughes invites us to her **American Chamber Chorale** Christmas concert, “Emmanuel.” The concert will feature music from modern composer Erik Esenvalds: O Emmanuel. As always there will be familiar carols and the concert will end with all singing Silent Night by candlelight. Concert dates and places are Saturday, December 16, 7:30 pm at Salem United Methodist Church, 1200 S. Lindbergh, and Sunday, Dec. 17, 3 pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 9907 Sappington Rd. See Marty or Darrell Hughes about tickets.

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS



Dennis James
 Phil Renner
 John Clayton
 Cathy Hutcherson

Sharon Clayton, Joyce Cole, Jan Cameron, John Pitt, Royce Sykes



We hold
**Thelonius and
 Charlsi Lee**

and their family in prayer as they grieve the death of Lee’s sister Joann, who died unexpectedly on Nov. 16. May they be embraced in God’s peace, and grieve as those with hope.



**Happy
 Birthday**

4th – Brenda Booth
 10th Dave Boger
 12th Jacob and Ty Woodard
 16th Roger Bertschausen
 Michael Hagmeier
 19th Cathy Hutcherson
 31st Kathy Mead



**Happy
 Birthday**

1st Kim Litton and Xavier Litton
 4th Sharon Clayton
 6th Ron Hutcherson
 7th Tina Owens
 9th Susan Petri
 19th Jan Kreuger
 21st Judi Linville



Poinsettias will
 decorate the
 sanctuary at
 Christmas. If
 you would
 like to sponsor

one or more for use in the church and then for you to take home or give to someone else, please let **Marty Hughes** know by December 10. We will announce the price as soon as we know it. You may do this “In Honor” or “In Memory” of someone, if you like and we will print these dedications in our worship bulletin.



Sunday: Choir 9:15am,
Chr. Nurture 10am,
Worship 11am
Choir 12:30 pm

Prayer Shawl Grp 1st
Thursday

Compassionate
Listening - 4th Tues.

Happy Friday Outreach
7:00 - 8:00 am

What's

Tues Nov 28 6:30 -8:30
Compassionate Listening

Wed Nov 29 Board 7 pm
Important planning from
"And Still We Rise"

Fri. Dec 1 Happy Fri.7 am

Sat. Dec 2 10 am
Hanging of Greens Prep.

Sun. Dec 3 Advent 1 HOPE

Wed. Dec 6 Vespers 6:00
Ministry Grps. 7 pm

Thurs. Dec 7 Prayer
Shawl Grp 7 pm J Foster

Fri. Dec 8 Happy Fri 7 am

Sun. Dec 10 Adv. 2 PEACE

Happening

Wed. Dec 13 Vespers 6 pm
Elders' Circle 7 pm

Fri. Dec 15 Happy Fri. 7am

Sun. Dec 17 Advent 3 JOY

* Stewardship Sunday

* Pastor's Open House -
6 - 9 pm

Wed. Dec 20 - "Sharing
Christmas in Shaw" 6:30 -
7:15 Carol-Fest at Dorothy
Park -Thurman & Shenandoah

Fri Dec 22 Happy Fri 7am

Sun Dec 24 Advent 4 LOVE
11 am Worship
6 pm Christmas Eve Serv.
7:15 ish Caroling with
refreshments following
at church.

Here

Monday Dec 25
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Fri Dec 29 Happy Fri 7am

Sun Dec 31
First Sunday of Christmas
New Year's Eve

Mon. Jan 1 - New Years Day

Wed. Jan 3 - Elders 7pm

Thurs. Jan 4 - Prayer Shawl
Group 7 pm

Fri, Jan 5 Happy Fri 7am

Sun. Jan 7 Epiphany Sunday
Budget Sharing/Discussion

Wed Jan 10 Board Mtg 7pm

Fri Jan 12 Happy Fri 7 am

Sun Jan 14 Epiphany 2
MLK, Jr. Weekend

SERVING SCHEDULE

Communion Bread: December – Kim and Tom Litton

Sanctuary Greeter: December - Howard Miller

Home Communion: December – Elder: Darrell Hughes
January – Elder: Kathy Mead

January - Morgan Clough

January – Marty Hughes

Alt. Madeline Haraway

Deacon: Monte Abbott

Alt. Marsha McGuire

Deacon: Talya Perry

Nov 26 Liturgist: Kathy Mead
Elders: Amy Bertschausen (Communion)
Carolyn Harry (Stewardship)
Deacons: _____, Dennis James (need sub)
Matthew Creed, Joan James
Nursery: Marsha McGuire
Coffee Hosts: Cathy and Ron Hutcherson

Dec 3 Liturgist: Cathy Hutcherson
Elders: Darrell Hughes (Communion)
Millie Slack (Stewardship)
Deacons: Heather Stout, Morgan Clough
Monte Abbott, Howard Miller
Nursery: Brenda Booth
Coffee Hosts: Marsha McGuire, Millie Slack

Dec 10 Liturgist Bob Lewis
Elders: Brenda Booth (Communion)
Kathy Mead (Stewardship)
Deacons: Bud Obermiller, Kim Litton
Marty Hughes, Tom Litton
Nursery: Matthew Creed
Coffee Hosts: Darrell and Marty Hughes

Dec 17 Liturgist: Talya Perry
Elders: Leslie Latham (Communion)
Marsha McGuire (Stewardship)
Deacons: Audrey Tarde, Talya Perry
Masi Swanagan, Walt Tarde
Nursery: Madeline Haraway
Coffee Hosts: DebE Martin and Kim Litton

Dec 24 Liturgist Matthew Petri and Willow Petri
Elders: Susan Petri (Communion)
Madeline Haraway (Stewardship)
Deacons: Joan James, Matthew Creed
_____, Dennis James
Nursery: Kathy Mead
Coffee Hosts: Charlsi and Thelonius Lee

Dec 31 Liturgist Bud Obermiller
Elders: Carolyn Harry (Communion)
Amy Bertschausen (Stewardship)
Deacons: Howard Miller, Monte Abbott
Heather Stout, Morgan Clough
Nursery: Marty Hughes
Coffee Time: Audrey & Walt Tarde / Susan Petri

Jan 7 Liturgist Marilyn Koncen
Elders: Millie Slack (Communion)
Darrell Hughes (Stewardship)
Deacons: Marty Hughes, Tom Litton
Bud Obermiller, Kim Litton
Nursery: Susan Petri
Coffee Time: Madeline H., Kathy B., Tina O.

Jan 14 Liturgist: Masi Swanagan
Elders: Kathy Mead (Communion),
Brenda Booth (Stewardship)
Deacons: Masi Swanagan, Walt Tarde
Audrey Tarde, Talya Perry
Nursery: Marsha McGuire
Coffee Time: Bud and Nancy Obermiller

Compton Heights Christian Church
 2149 South Grand Blvd.
 St. Louis, MO 63104

Ministry Leaders

Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Foster
 Pastor

Mr. Philip Barbier
 Pastoral Intern

Ms. Nancy Obermiller
 Moderator of Congregation

Mr. Monte Abbott
 Vice Moderator

Ms. Marsha McGuire
 Clerk

Ms. Marty Hughes
 Ms. Leslie Latham
 Financial Secretaries

Ms. Kathy Mead,
 Mr. Tom Litton
 Treasurers

Contact us: 314-771-5071
www.comptonheights.wordpress.com
 check us out on Facebook
www.isaiah58ministries.org
 Email: comptonheightscc@gmail.com
 Pastor: jleigh55@att.net

Financial Report – Income and Expenses

Income report 11/19/2017	Expense report (11/12/2017)
Nov income \$47393.91	Nov. Expenses: \$3,273.60
YTD total income \$147,069.79	YTD expenses \$132,932.22 (actual)
	\$138,696.45 (accrued)

YTD total Income details

Regular giving	\$114,259.11
Loose offering	2452.64
CCF Interest	145.01
Transfer fr. Savings	2882.50
Elder's Income	500.72
Rent	5579.00
Fund Raising	334.29
Outreach offerings	7220.43*
India tuition	283.62
Equal Exchange	1015.25
Expense offsets	6229.79
Capital Fund	2813.00

* Includes \$608.00 for Thanksgiving offering

