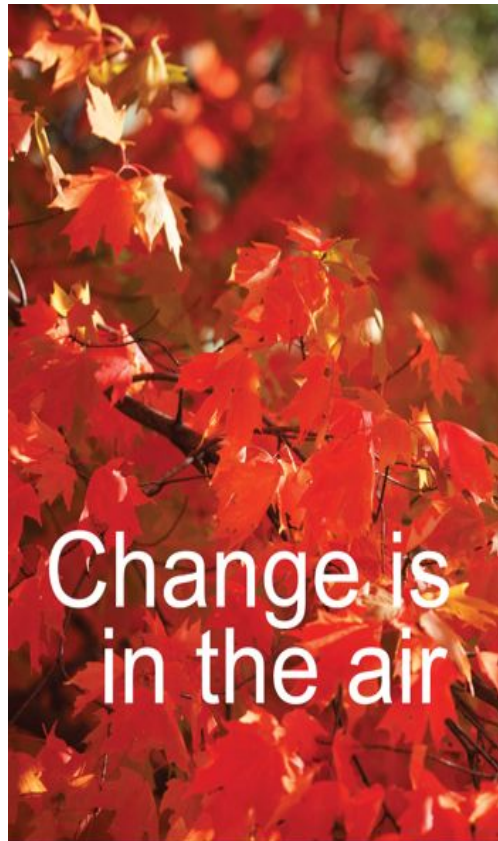


Compton
Heights
Christian
Church
(Disciples
of Christ)

An Open & Affirming
and
Global Mission
Congregation

Sanctuary in the City



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Change — The very nature of change is that it is both predictable and unpredictable! It is predictable in the sense that it will definitely happen. It is unpredictable in the sense that we don't know what it will look like; change can bring surprises. We expect change to come in the fall – September – October – November of each year. In our area, we expect crisp cool days, 'sweater weather', and beautiful autumn colors. This year, even the change has changed; here we are in mid-October with 70 and 80 degree days! When I saw the picture (above) of brilliant red-orange autumn leaves, I almost decided not to use it – because it doesn't look like this year's change (yet?). What occurs to me is that this photo at this time reminds us that indeed change IS in the air; yet it is not the change we expected!

Someone recently said that a difference between change and transformation is that a change can happen quickly whereas transformation happens over time. We might say that transformation comes as the result of changes, great and small. Transformation in our lives, in the church, in the community and world only takes place as we make day to day changes that are often hardly perceptible.

What if I change how I speak when I am angry?

What if I change how I respond when someone says something that is hurtful to or about an individual or group?

What if I change how I use just 2 hours a week?

These, for example, may not seem like life-transforming changes; however, made by one or more people, changes such as these could transform the spirit and character, the tenor, the productivity, the ability of a community to live out God's vision in the world.

In our Wednesday evening series, "AND STILL WE RISE," we are exploring our partnership with God in personal and congregational transformation. Change *will* come; therefore we can make some decisions about kinds of change we would like to make by stepping out in trust with God. Then we can patiently nurture transformation and be awed by it, as God's Spirit blows through us.

Come, worship, serve and be transformed! Jacque

**“AND
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Wednesday, October 18 will be the fourth week of our six week Wednesday evening Study and Conversation for Personal and Congregational Transformation. We celebrate that 31 people in the congregation are participating! Each session has brought new insights and has stirred rich conversation about our life together and our ministry in the community and world. Each week we deepen and this fourth week is a significant one in our journey! We look forward to seeing how we, as a congregation, will be transformed through this intense and focused time together.

Even if you are not participating on Wednesday nights, this study and conversation touches you, as we step open ourselves to new life as a congregation! We ask you to please PRAY for us as we gather each Wednesday evening. Surround us with your prayer; hold us in God’s light.

TWO Events! Inter-faith “Rolling The Stone Away: Generations of Love and Justice” Conference



Compton Heights to Host ALLIANCE Q Council Retreat and “Building an Inclusive Church” Workshop

1. The Rolling The Stone Away Conference will take place St. Louis Tuesday, October 31 – Thursday Nov. 2. This is a conference co-sponsored by the LGBTQI affirming organizations of many denominations! The conference is for LGBTQIA saints and prophets – generations past and present – to honor our history and empower our future. The conference is being held at the Marriott St. Louis Airport.

Go to <https://rollingthestoneaway.org> to learn more and to register for the Rolling the Stone Away Conference

FOLLOWING the ecumenical conference, the Council of the Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance (Alliance Q) [formerly GLAD Alliance] will hold their Council Planning Retreat at Compton Heights CC on Friday, November 3.

2. Then on Saturday, Nov. 4 the Council will provide a “Building an Inclusive Church Workshop” here at Compton Heights from 8:30 AM to 5 PM. The cost of the workshop is \$30 for the day, which includes materials and lunch.

This day-long workshop will provide in-depth and hands on training in the tools of Graceful Engagement, One to One Conversations, Storytelling, Framing, and more. These tools are also powerfully useful in many other contexts. Rev. Dr. Mark Johnston, Executive Director of Alliance Q’s Open & Affirming Ministry Program, will lead this workshop.

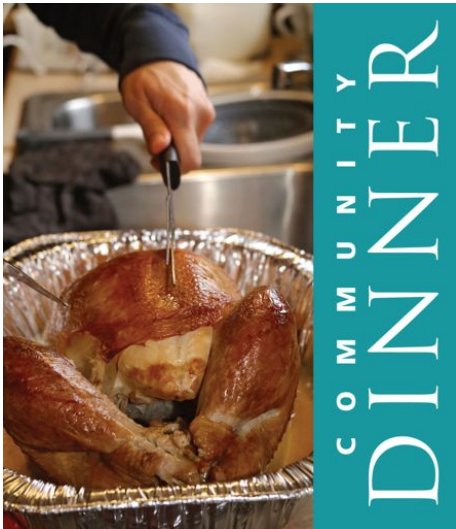
To register for the “Building an Inclusive Church” Workshop, go to:
<http://contribute.disciplesallianceq.org>



The Mystics and Why They are Relevant in These Times! - 10 am Sundays beginning Oct 15

Marilyn Koncen is new to Compton Heights in the last year and is a delightful addition to our community. She brings wonderful spiritual gifts to us! Beginning Sunday, October 15, Marilyn is leading an Adult Sunday morning series on the mystics. She will begin with Julian of Norwich and will include both ancient and modern-day mystics.

We hope you will plan to join us at 10:00 am on Sundays to reflect on the stories of people who experience God in direct and powerful ways. We will likely find that we have experiences of God that transform us, and enable us to touch the world in transforming ways.



Compton Heights CC and Isaiah 58 Ministries have created a wonderful tradition of inviting the community to share in a Thanksgiving Dinner with us on the Saturday before Thanksgiving – Saturday, Nov. 18 this year. Please plan to participate this year! Bring a dish to share! Help plan and get ready for the event. You could help to set up, or help to clean up. Most of all, come with the intention to just be present, perhaps to meet folks from the community who join us. Come with gratitude for the opportunity to gather as a community of God’s people! Doors will open at 11:00 am and we will begin serving at 11:30 am.

Think! Pray! Act!

Becky Klemme Elecieri, of our congregation, has created a wonderful OWAAT (One Week At a Time) series on her blog “Think! Pray! Act!” Her reflections are so beautiful, powerful, and helpful. In addition to her own reflection, she provides links to other excellent resources each week.

Go to thinkprayact.org



The Prayer Shawl Ministry has touched more lives at critical times, than we could ever have imagined. Prayer shawls are made and given to those who are ill or in grief or at a time of needed care. Several of us meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm, however we knit and crochet prayer shawls all the time. If you would like to join us, please come. It is a relaxing, nurturing time. Sometimes folks come just to sit and talk even if they don’t knit or crochet! If you would like to learn, we can teach you!

WIDE-RANGING DISASTER and JUSTICE RESPONSE

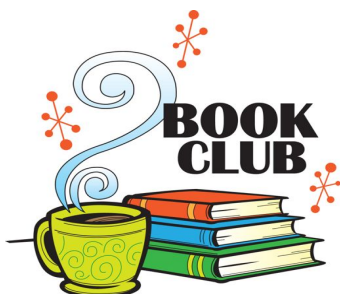
In recent weeks, we have absorbed the shock of trauma inflicted on God's people across the world. Those near to us are particularly jarring. Earthquakes causing loss of life and destruction in Mexico, Hurricanes devastating Puerto Rico, and other Caribbean Islands, on top of the flooding and loss of life in Florida and Texas. Massive wildfires are taking life and homes, schools and businesses in the western U.S. Many of us have personal family, friends, and church family in these areas.

All of this is added to the violence that has taken lives in Charlottesville, Las Vegas, and town after town across the country. The continued escalation of a culture of violence, hatred, and the increasing evil of white supremacy weighs heavily on us. In St. Louis as across the country, we are in the midst of renewed civil rights actions and calls for justice for people of color. Across our nation we are concerned about the healthcare of our people, the undoing of protections for those who are LGBTQI, women, and immigrants, those who are poor, and who are most vulnerable.

The word "disaster" encompasses so much. We in the Church are gathered with our communities to give care and to work for transformation and justice in the midst of both 'natural' disasters and 'human initiated' disasters. Certainly we recognize that some of our 'natural' disasters are created or worsened by human action; fires resulting from carelessness or arson, or hurricanes worsened by long-term environment-impacting human action. Often we cannot separate the two, as human injustices impact even our responses in the case of hurricanes, fires, and earthquakes. Often human injustice creates the poverty and conditions that make those who are poor more vulnerable to the devastation of storms.

Our response here at Compton Heights CC has included:

- + record breaking additional giving for disaster relief through Week of Compassion,
- + participation in Regional Anti-Racism Training
- + the creation of 9 Emergency Clean-up Buckets for Church World Service,
- + a Kids Mission Event – our kids could help put together the Emergency Buckets
- + increased giving for our community ministry through Isaiah 58 Ministries,
- + record breaking giving for Reconciliation Ministry (our DOC anti-racism ministry)
- + participation by a group of Compton people in Anti-Racism protest actions
- + a service of "Lament, Comfort, and Hope" gathering us to pray for all in disaster & need and hear God's call
- + participation in Metropolitan Congregations United coordinated interfaith responses



Are you interested in a Compton Heights CC Book Group? There has been some conversation about starting a new book group, so we just want to see if we have folks who would like to gather to talk about it! Please let Kathy Mead know if this stirs your book-loving heart!

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS



Cathy Hutcherson,
Sharon Clayton,
John Clayton (Sharon's son),
Joyce Cole,
Jan Cameron,
John Pitt,
Royce Sykes



9th Penny Miller
14th Royce Sykes
15th Monte Abbott
23rd Marsha McGuire
28th Liz Vollmar



2nd Stanley Williams
9th Peter Richardson
11th Joan James
14th Linda Lewis
17th Mary Davis
24th Audrey Tarde
27th Arlene Arbogast





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

Thurs. Oct. 5 Prayer
Shawl Grp 7 pm
Fri Oct 6 Happy Fri 7am

Sunday Oct 8 Worship

Wed. Oct 11: 7 - 8:30 pm
"And Still We Rise"
Fri Oct 13 Happy Fri 7

Sun Oct.15 Worship

Wed. Oct 18: 7-8:30 pm
"And Still We Rise"

Fri. Oct 20 Happy Fri 7a
Sunday Oct 22 Worship
Tues Oct 24 6:30 - 8:30
CompassionateListening

Happening

Wed Oct 25 7-8:30 pm
"And Still We Rise"
Fri Oct 27 Happy Fri 7am

Sunday Oct 29 Worship

Wed. Nov 1: 7-8:30 pm
"And Still We Rise"

Thurs. Nov 2 Prayer
Shawl Group 7pm
Fri. Nov 3 Happy Fri 7 a
We host DOC Alliance Q
Council at CHCC

Sat Nov 4 Inclusive
Church Training
Sunday Nov 5 All Saints
Worship

Here

Wed Nov 8 Board Mtg 7 p

Fri Nov 10 Happy Fri 7am

Sunday Nov 12 Worship

Wed Nov 15 Elders 7pm

Fri Nov 17 Happy Fri 7am

Sat Nov 18 Community
Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday, Nov 19 Worship

Thurs Nov 23 Thanksgiving

Sunday Nov 26 Worship

Tues Nov 28 Comp.
Listening 6:30 - 8:30 pm

SERVING SCHEDULE

Communion Bread: October – Walt and Audrey Tarde

Sanctuary Greeter: October - Bud Obermiller

Home Communion: October – Elder: Brenda Booth
November – Elder: Millie Slack

November- Matthew Creed

November – Madeline Haraway

Alt. Susan Petri

Deacon: Kim Litton

Alt. Amy Bertschhausen

Deacon: Bud Obermiller

Oct 08 Liturgist: Dave Boger
Elders: Leslie Latham (Communion)
Marsha McGuire (Stewardship)
Deacons: Heather Stout, Morgan Clough
Howard Miller, Monte Abbott
Nursery: Matthew Creed
Coffee Hosts: Kim and Tom Litton

Oct 15 Liturgist: Talya Perry
Elders: Susan Petri(Communion)
Madeline Haraway (Stewardship)
Deacons: Bud Obermiller, Kim Litton
Marty Hughes, Tom Litton
Nursery: Marsha McGuire
Coffee Hosts: Audrey and Walt Tarde, Susan Petri

Oct 22 Liturgist Matthew Creed
Elders: Carolyn Harry (Communion)
Amy Bertschhausen (Stewardship)
Deacons: Audrey Tarde, Talya Perry
Masi Swanagan, Walt Tarde
Nursery: Madeline Haraway
Coffee Hosts: Madeline H., Kathy B., Tina O.

Oct 29 Liturgist: Marcia Hendrix
Elders: Millie Slack Communion)
Darrell Hughes (Stewardship)
Deacons: Joan James, Matthew Creed
Tom Litton, Dennis James
Nursery: Marty Hughes
Coffee Hosts: Bud and Nancy Obermiller

Nov 05 Liturgist Bob Lewis
Elders: Kathy Mead (Communion)
Brenda Booth (Stewardship)
Deacons: Monte Abbott, Howard Miller
Heather Stout, Morgan Clough
Nursery: Brenda Booth
Coffee Hosts: Joan & Dennis James

Nov 12 Liturgist Masi Swanagan
Elders: Marsha McGuire (Communion)
Leslie Latham (Stewardship)
Deacons: Marty Hughes, Tom Litton
Bud Obermiller, Kim Litton
Nursery: Susan Petri
Coffee Time: Judi & Norm Linville,

Nov 19 Liturgist Steve Randolph
Elders: Madeline Haraway(Communion)
Susan Petri (Stewardship)
Deacons: Masi Swanagan, Walt Tarde
Audrey Tarde, Talya Perry
Nursery: Darrell Hughes
Coffee Time: Carolyn Harry, Leslie Latham

Nov 26 Liturgist: Kathy Mead
Elders: Amy Bertschhausen (Communion),
Carolyn Harry (Stewardship)
Deacons: Tiffany Schlemper, Dennis James
Matthew Creed, Joan James
Nursery: Marsha McGuire
Coffee Time: Kathy & Ron Hutcherson,

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 Pastor

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Financial Report – Income and Expenses

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| Income report 10/1/2017 | Expense report |
| Oct income \$2823.11 | Oct Expenses: \$1,129.30 (Sept. \$11,886.28) |
| YTD total income \$125,820.41 | YTD expenses \$114,790.78 actual (\$120,829.24 accrued) |
| | Accrued Surplus +\$4,991.17 |

YTD total Income details

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| Regular giving | \$98,513.11 |
| Loose offering | 1,934.53 |
| CCF Interest | 95.92 |
| Transfer fr. Savings | 2882.50 |
| Elder's Income | 500.72 |
| Rent | 5029.00 |
| Fund Raising | 334.29 |
| Outreach offerings | 6412.43* |
| India tuition | 262.62 |
| Equal Exchange | 893.00 |
| Expense offsets | 5943.79 |
| Capital Fund | 2780.00 |

*Includes \$2090.74 to Week of Compassion II (in addition to our earlier WOC offering)

*Includes \$1434.00 for Reconciliation Ministry (Anti-Racism work)



MCU Public Meeting: From Pipeline to Pathways

Ending the criminalization of Black youth by introducing education, policing and juvenile court reforms.

We've invited area police chiefs, school district superintendents, local elected officials and YOU!!

Thursday, November 9, 2017 6:30pm - 8pm

Harris-Stowe University
 Henry Givens Auditorium

3026 Laclede Ave. St. Louis 63103