

# Compton Heights Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

An Open & Affirming  
and  
Global Mission  
Congregation

Sanctuary in the City



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## MINISTRY OF CARE

At the very heart of the life and ministry of the Church is caring for God's people. Our caring takes many forms and is lived out in many contexts, but it is the core of everything we do. Just think about it:

- Caring for God's people is at the heart of worship as we proclaim the love of God, as we pray for those in and beyond our community, and as we break bread together at the Table of Christ
- Caring for God's people is at the heart of our giving as we seek to respond to God's love and care for us, and to live out Christ's ministry in the world through Week of Compassion, Reconciliation Ministry, and so many others
- Caring is at the heart of our Education and Spiritual nurture of children and adults
- Caring is at the heart of our action and outreach in the community and the world as we advocate for justice, feed those who are hungry, seek adequate housing and health care for all, create Emergency Clean-up Buckets for those suffering in the wake of disasters, as we care for people through Isaiah 58 Ministries, help to feed those who live in poverty, and help provide shelter in the winter, and connect with others thru Happy Friday
- Caring is at the heart of our congregation's various ways for being community with each other – such the work of the Elders and Deacons in visiting and sharing Communion with those who are ill, and our new Story Circle gatherings, and our Compassionate Listening group, our Books group, our Prayer Shawl Ministry

The list goes on and on. We have always visited and prayed for each other in times of need within the congregation. However, I am excited to see this ministry grow in organization and strength! **Deanna Snowden** shared with me that she feels particularly called to coordinate our **Ministry of Care** for people in the congregation. She has already begun to call and check on people who are ill, and facilitate our providing of meals when that would be helpful. If you would like to take part in this ministry, by making a visit when needed, or preparing a casserole or other dish for someone in a time of illness, or grief, or other need, *please contact Deanna* so that she will have you on her list! (314-285-5381 or [deannasnowden@yahoo.com](mailto:deannasnowden@yahoo.com)) The Ministry of Care will coordinate with the Elders, so that the two groups communicate about the needs of the congregation! What a Blessing!!

*Jacque*



We hold each other and our wider community, nation, and world in prayer. It is more than a turn of phrase to say that we “pray without ceasing.” This is a community grounded and centered in prayer in such a way that we hold each other and those we do not know in God’s Restorative Light day and night.

**Please pray for: Millie Slack, Joyce Cole, Sharon Clayton, Karen and John Pitt**

**Audrey Tarde, Carolyn Harry’s husband Don Harry**



## BAGS OF BLESSINGS

### NOVEMBER

### DECEMBER

**Food Item:** Pancake Mix  
Syrup

**Hot Chocolate,  
Tea, Canned Fruit**

**Pantry Essential: Flour**  
(1 or 2 lbs)

**Sugar**  
(1or 2 lbs)

**Personal Care:Diapers (sizes 4,5,6)**  
**Baby Wipes**

**Shampoo**  
**Conditioner**

**Cleaning Supplies: All Purpose**  
**Cleaner**

**SOS Pads**  
**Sponges**

*You are invited to bring any of these items to place in the  
ISAIAH 58 Offering Basket in the sanctuary on Sundays.*

## What’s Up with Compton UpLift?

**Wow!** The work on the new downstairs restrooms is really coming along! The Lift is in town and that part of the work will begin soon! We have chosen the floor finishes for both downstairs and upstairs! Our target is to be finished with the Lift and Restrooms by the end of November!

The work to refurbish the Fellowship Hall floor will hopefully begin at the end of December!

THANK YOU so much for the faithfulness with which your Capital Campaign Commitments are coming in!

Due to the construction, our Ministry Group leaders made the decision that we will not have a Thanksgiving Dinner downstairs this year. HOWEVER, we will have a Celebration and Feast in the fellowship hall when the construction is completed! It will truly be a great celebration of Thanks!



## BUY-A-Bird XXVI & JIFFY MIX

**26 years of Buy-A-Bird – WOW!** Buy-A-Bird provides the opportunity for each of us to help families in need to have turkeys, chickens, (or hams (“When Pigs Fly!”) for Thanksgiving. A \$20 contribution makes it possible

for Isaiah 58 Ministries to give a family a \$20 Schucks gift card to purchase a turkey, ham, or other item for their holiday meal. Then they are invited to shop at the Isaiah 58 for other holiday food.

In the past our congregation has provided a variety of different foods for thanksgiving meals. **THIS YEAR** we are asked to take a different approach. We are asked to provide **200 small boxes of Jiffy (or other brand) Cornbread Mix by Sunday, November 17 (or at the latest, by Wednesday, the 20.** This gives time for Isaiah 58 to get ready for the Thanksgiving Food distribution on Monday, November 25. **GIVE WITH THANKSGIVING!!**

Join us for STORY CIRCLE - the last Sunday of the month



Next Story Circles are **October 27 and November 24**

**LIGHT LUNCH at 12:20 (ish) pm Circle from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

Our Story Circles were so very powerful as we shared our first experience of hearing each others stories in response to a simple question! In September there were 14 of us and so we divided into 2 groups! Each group had it's own unique experience.

We hope you will plan to join us on the last Sundays of October and November!

A Story Circle is a group of people sitting in a circle telling personal stories of their experience on a particular topic or theme. The purpose of our Story Circles is to build relationships and deepen community. In Story Circles we can share stories that have shaped us, stories of surprise, stories of discovery, stories of challenge, stories of hope, stories of change, stories that make us laugh, stories that make us cry. We can share stories about our own spiritual challenges, and stories about our faith.

Story Circle is especially appropriate in the life of a church community because the church is all about Story! We gather around stories of God's people. The story of the church is grounded in the stories of Hebrew Scripture, the stories about Jesus, and the stories (parables) that Jesus told. We are constantly telling, retelling, and unpacking stories. Stories have been used destructive ways and in life-affirming ways. We come face to face with stories that have hurt God's people and stories that have renewed God's people.

In this day and time, it is vital that we share and hear our stories. Story Circle is not a place of debate or argument; it is, rather, a sacred and safe place of story. One does not need to commit to participate in every Story Circle in order to take part. Each one will stand on its own with a particular question. However, after our first experience at the end of September, our sense that many will not want to miss the next story told!

## COMPTON HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH WEEK at PLOWSHARING CRAFTS!

**Plowsharing Crafts Fundraiser for Compton UpLift!      NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>**

A number of us shop at **Plowsharing Crafts** on Delmar in the Loop (especially as we prepare for Christmas!)

This year, we hope you will do your Plowsharing Crafts shopping **from Nov. 24 to 30**. On these days, **if you Mention Compton Heights Christian Church**, we will receive 15% of the amount of your purchase for our Compton UpLift Project!!

**SAVE THE DATES, and PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS! We would like as many people as possible to shop At Plowsharing Crafts on behalf of CHCC on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>**

## ORGAN MUSIC RETURNS TO WORSHIP!

We are thrilled that our Rodgers Organ has been repaired and once again we will have Morgan at the organ! Morgan had spent months nursing the failing keyboards to keep them going on Sunday mornings. You may have noticed him quietly moving the keys up and down as other things were going on in worship. He was keeping them moving so that they would play for the next hymn! Then the day came when there were just too many "stuck" keys!

Two weeks ago, Bruce Conley, our wonderful organ repairer, and Darrell Hughes removed the keyboards and Bruce has now rebuilt them. Morgan dashed over to the church the evening they were re-installed just to test it out! What joy!

## Witnessing Whiteness

Are you ready to challenge the way you view race?

Both Kathy Mead and Dave Boger of our congregation have taken part in the YWCA's Witnessing Whiteness Small Group experience. They have both found it very powerful and life-enriching!

Kirkwood United Methodist Church is hosting a Spring 2020 series on Sunday evenings 6 – 8 pm, Jan 19 & 26, Feb 9 & 23, March 8, 22, & 29, April 5 & 19, and May 3. Email Jess Horsley to sign up: His email is: [jess@kirkwoodumc.org](mailto:jess@kirkwoodumc.org)

Space for local residents is limited to 18 participants! Registration closes Friday, Nov. 15!

## Looking Ahead to ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT COMPTON HEIGHTS CC

### ADVENT EVENING STORY CIRCLES - Thursdays, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Some of those who have experienced our Story Circle, suggested that our ADVENT EVENING Gatherings this year be ADVENT STORY CIRCLES. What a wonderful idea! Our stories of Advent and Christmas are such powerful part of our lives! We will build three Advent Evenings around these stories.

Mark your calendar to set aside three evenings of Advent for reflection on our stories of expectation and the coming of Christ!

### The Weeks of Advent

**Sunday, December 1 -- The First Sunday of Advent - Lighting the Candle of HOPE**

**The Hanging of the Greens in worship**

**The Tree of Warmth** begins - We decorate the Tree of Warmth with warm socks, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, long underwear for those who are cold and without warmth in winter. These will be distributed through Isaiah 58 Ministries.

**Thursday, Dec 5** Advent Story Circle 7 pm

**Sunday, December 8 – The Second Sunday of Advent – Lighting the Candle of PEACE**

**Thursday, Dec 12** Advent Story Circle 7 pm

**Sunday, December 15 -- The Third Sunday of Advent – Lighting the Candle of JOY**

**Pastor's Christmas Open House** 6 – 9 pm at Jacque and Dave's

**Thursday, Dec 19** Advent Story Circle 7 pm

**Sunday, December 22 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Sunday – Lighting the Candle of LOVE**

**Tuesday, December 24** Christmas Eve Worship 6:00 pm - Lighting the CHRIST CANDLE

**Christmas Caroling in the Neighborhood** 7:15 pm

Join in our **70 year tradition of Caroling for the St. Louis Christmas Caroling Assoc.** to benefit Children's services in the St. Louis area. We carol and then return to the church for warm drinks and treats

**Wednesday, December 25** CHRISTMAS Day

**2019 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL:** Once again this year, we will have copies of the Advent Devotional created by Phillips Theological Seminary for our congregation!







## Weekly Fall Schedule

**Sundays** 9:15 Choir Prep.  
10:00 Classes  
11:00 Worship  
12:10 Refreshments  
12:30 Choir Practice  
**Each Tues. & Thurs.** 7 pm  
Exercise Group  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** Compassionate  
Listening 7:15 - 8:30 p  
**1<sup>st</sup> Wed.** Board or Min. Grp  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.** Elders Circle 7 pm  
**1<sup>st</sup> Thurs.** Prayer Shawl Grp  
**Each Friday** -Happy Fri. 7 - 8 a  
**Saturdays** Exercise 11:30 am

## What's

**Sunday, October 27**  
Tues, Thurs Exercise 7p  
Wed. Oct 30 Cabinet 7p  
Happy Fri, Nov 1 - 7 am  
Sat. Nov 2 Exer 11:30 a

**Sunday, November 3**  
**ALL Saints Sunday**  
Tues. , Thurs Exercise 7p  
Wed. Nov. 6 Board 7p  
Happy Friday Nov. 8 7a  
Sat. Nov 9 Exer. 11:30a

**Sunday, November 10**  
Tues, Thurs Exercise 7p  
Happy Friday Nov. 15 - 7a  
Sat. Nov 16 Exer. 11:30

**Sunday, November 17**  
**Thanksgiving Offering**

## Happening

Tues., Thurs Exercise 7pm  
Tues Nov. 19 Compassionate  
Listening 7:15 pm  
Wed., Nov. 20 Elders 7p  
Happy Fri, Nov. 22 7am  
Sat. Nov. 23 Exer. 11:30

**Sunday, November 24**  
**Story Circle - Lunch 12:20**  
**Circle 1:00p**  
**Nov. 24 thru Nov. 30 -**  
**CHCC Week at Plowsharing**  
**Crafts (see article)**

Tues., Thurs. Exercise 7p  
Happy Fri, Nov. 29 7 am  
Sat. Nov. 30 Exer. 11:30a

**Sunday, December 1**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Hanging of the Greens**

## Here

Tues.,Thurs. Exercise 7 pm  
Wed. Dec. 4 Ministry Grp 7p  
Thurs. Dec. 5 Advent  
Evening Story Circle 7pm  
Happy Friday Dec 6 7am  
Sat, Dec 7 Exer. 11:30 am

**Sunday, December 8**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Tues., Thurs Exercise 7p  
Wed., Dec 11 Elders 7 pm  
Thurs. Dec 12 Advent  
Evening Story Circle 7pm  
Fri Nov 13 Happy Fri 7am  
Sat Nov 14 Exer. 11:30 am

**Sunday, December 15**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Pastor's Christmas Open**  
**House 6:00 - 9:00 pm**

## SERVING SCHEDULE

**Communion Bread: Nov** – Matthew Creed

**Sanctuary Greeter: Nov** – Carolyn Harry

**Home Communion: Nov – Elder:** Carolyn Harry

**Dec - Elder:** Madeline Haraway

**Dec** Marty Hughes

**Dec** Dennis James

**Alt.** Steve Randolph

**Alt.** Darrell Hughes

**Deacon:** Mike Hubbard

**Deacon:** Howard Miller

**Oct 27 Liturgist** Meredith Jackson  
**Elders:** Carolyn Harry (Communion)  
Charlsi Lewis Lee (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Matthew C., Howard Miller  
James Pettis, Penny Miller  
**Nursery:** Madeline Haraway  
**Coffee Hosts:** Leslie Latham and the Tardes

**Nov 3 Liturgist:** Marilyn Koncen  
**Elders:** Becky Klemme Eliceiri (Communion)  
Darrell Hughes (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Monte Abbott, Tom Litton  
Marcia Hendrix, Mike Hubbard  
**Nursery:** Brenda Booth  
**Coffee Hosts:** Madeline H., Kathy B, and Tina O.

**Nov 10 Liturgist** Katherine Kinnamon  
**Elders:** Karen Pitt (Communion)  
Madeline Haraway (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Kim Litton, Marty Hughes  
Joan James, \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nursery:** Matthew Creed  
**Coffee Hosts:** Bud and Nancy Obermiller

**Nov 17 Liturgist** Madeline Haraway  
**Elders:** Steve Randolph (Communion)  
DebE Martin (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Ron Hutcherson, Penny Miller  
Howard Miller, Matthew Creed  
**Nursery:** Marty Hughes  
**Coffee Time:** Joan and Dennis James

**Nov 24 Liturgist:** James Pettis  
**Elders:** Charlsi Lewis Lee (Communion)  
Carolyn Harry (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** James Pettis, Lisa Pettis  
Monte Abbott, Tom Litton  
**Nursery:** Carolyn Harry  
**Coffee Time:** Judi Linville, Carolyn Harry

**Dec 1 Liturgist** Dave Boger  
**Elders:** Darrell Hughes (Communion)  
Becky Klemme Eliceiri (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Marcia Hendrix, Mike Hubbard  
Kim Litton, Marty Hughes  
**Nursery:** Marsha McGuire  
**Coffee Time:** Cathy and Ron H., Becky K-E

**Dec 8 Liturgist:** Penny Miller  
**Elders:** Madeline Haraway (Communion)  
Millie Slack (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Joan James, \_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Hutcherson, Penny Miller  
**Nursery:** Darrell Hughes  
**Coffee Time:** Marsha McGuire, Millie Slack

**Dec 15 Liturgist** Matthew Creed  
**Elders:** DebE Martin (Communion)  
Steve Randolph (Stewardship)  
**Deacons:** Howard Miller, Matthew Creed  
Monte Abbott, Tom Litton  
**Nursery** Madeline Haraway  
**Coffee Time:** Darrell and Marty Hughes

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## Ministry Leaders

Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Foster  
Pastor

Ms. Madison Peterson  
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Ms. Madeline Haraway  
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Mr. Monte Abbott  
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## FINANCIAL REPORT - Per October 20, 2019

Oct.. income	\$8,364.34	Oct. expenses	\$9,272.75
YTD total income	\$123,557.86	YTD expenses	\$121,372.30
			\$130,539.27 (accrued)
YTD Budget	\$140,673.00	Deficit/Surplus	\$2,185.56
			-\$6,981.41 (accrued)
YTD total Income details		YTD Budget	
Regular giving	\$103,180.00		107,783.00
Loose offering	773.27		1,615.00
Gift	2,100.00		1,212.00
CCF Interest	50.42		121.00
Rent	5,525.00		9,692.00
Fund Raising	46.77		2,827.00
India Tuition	133.55		
Equal Exchange	438.15		
Expense offsets	7,196.72		2,181.00
Faith Shar & Teaching	30.00		
Outreach	4,113.98*		7,146.00

Capital Fund (2019) 10/20 \$380.00 2019 \$31,545.00  
Reconciliation 2019 \$787.00

Financial Secretaries, Marty Renner-Hughes and Tom Litton

