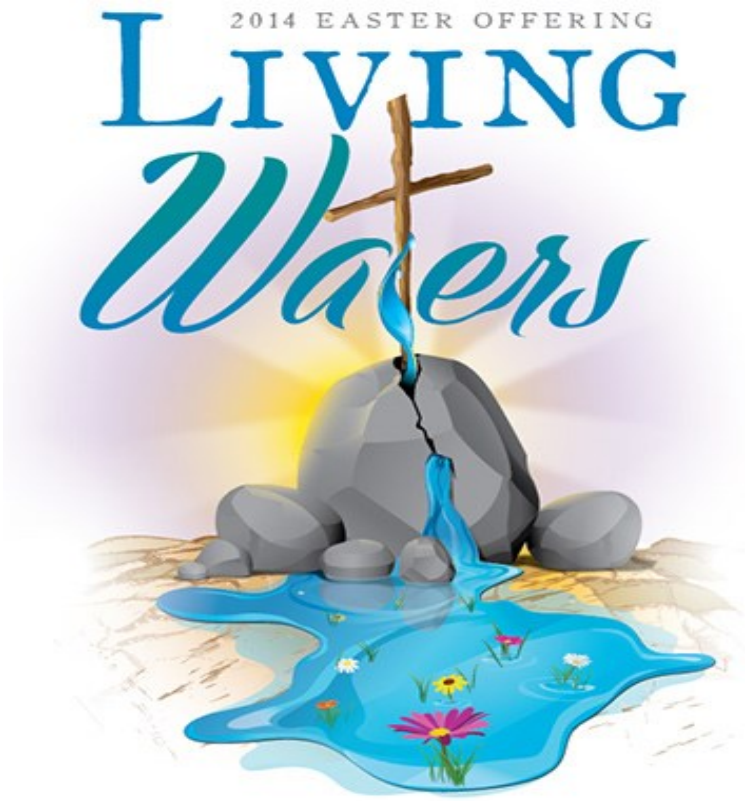
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"Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands which He is to bless us now."

— Saint Teresa of Avila

Jesus gave his life as an offering to the world. He offered living water that would transform the world. The Easter Offering supports the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the countless ways that Disciples can continue to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus.



REGIONAL MINISTER'S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker

Abundant Life To You!

I recently read a book on Adaptive Leadership that more than any other resource makes it clear that what that means is we need leaders who can help us adapt to the changing world around us. Bottom line, we must change. The authors write that "people aren't stupid" we know that change is not bad. "No one returns a winning lottery ticket." It's the grief and loss associated with change that makes us reluctant to enter into change. Adaptive Leadership is about helping us manage the losses on the way to new life.

Our scripture is filled with these kinds of leaders. Think about Moses leading the people of Israel out of Egypt. Giving up slavery was a change that required a leader who could help them think beyond the moment to the possibility of a future, instead of fearing being hungry and thirsty in a desert. Think of Jesus leading his Disciples on a journey that they thought was going one way, while he was opening an incredible new way. Even in the midst of loss, abundant life is waiting.

As a people of faith, we are called to walk, journey, follow. It's not always easy, but it will be with a God we can depend on, and partners in ministry alongside us. Let's walk with Jesus! Happy Easter, Joyous Resurrection, Abundant Living to you all!

OTHER BIG NEWS

"Plant for the Future, Play with a Purpose" is the theme of our Oct. 10-11, 2014 Regional Assembly. It's based on Jeremiah17:5-8. Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas will be our guest preacher. The Assembly will open on Friday with a clergy/friend lunch at Eureka Christian Church. Then we will gather for a banquet and worship at 5 Points Washington, IL. Hotel rooms have been arranged at two nearby hotels. Our young people will stay overnight at 5 Points for a Lock In. The next day we will have workshops and mission opportunities at First Christian Church, Peoria; Glen Oak Christian Church, Peoria; and our Youth will be working in Washington Tornado relief. We will close our day we simulcast worship. See our website to register---more information is in this newsletter, as well.

Cherilyn Williams, Vice President for Communication in the Office of General Minister and President for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be offering a workshop on "Disciple Identity" on Friday, Oct. 10 from 2-5 p.m. at 5 Points.

Around the Campfire

News from Outdoor Ministries - Summer Camping Program

Summer Camp 2014

One of the greatest blessings about being our Summer Camp Program Director is that I get to be on my own personal retreat for the entire summer. Yes, I do have duties as Program Director, but I also am able to spend time in the chapel, around the campfire, or around the table for meals with friends from across the CCIW Region. This is a big change of pace from my August to June job with Chicago Public Schools.

I know most of us try to find time for our own personal retreat throughout the entire year, but our busy-ness tends to get in the way. I hope that I get to see you this summer at Camp Walter Scott or Pilgrim Park. There are many opportunities for you to be either a part of the camping program or for you to take advantage of what Camp Walter Scott has to offer as a place to "Find Friends, Find God, Find Peace." One way to start is joining me at our two family weekend retreats at Camp Walter (Memorial Day and Labor Day). Registration ends two weeks prior to the weekend.

If you can't be with us this summer, please be on the journey with us. On the next page, you will find our scriptures and daily themes. I ask that you pray with us and study with us. You can also encourage our Campers, Counselors, CITs, and Directors by sending them notes or letters. Camp addresses are located below. Take this time to "Get Real" and Find Your True Self in Jesus this summer.

Camper, Camp Name
Pilgrim Park UCC Outdoor Ministries
26449 1340 N Avenue
Princeton, IL 61365

Camper, Camp Name
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15290 E 300th AVE
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God Bless,

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Memorial Day Family Weekend

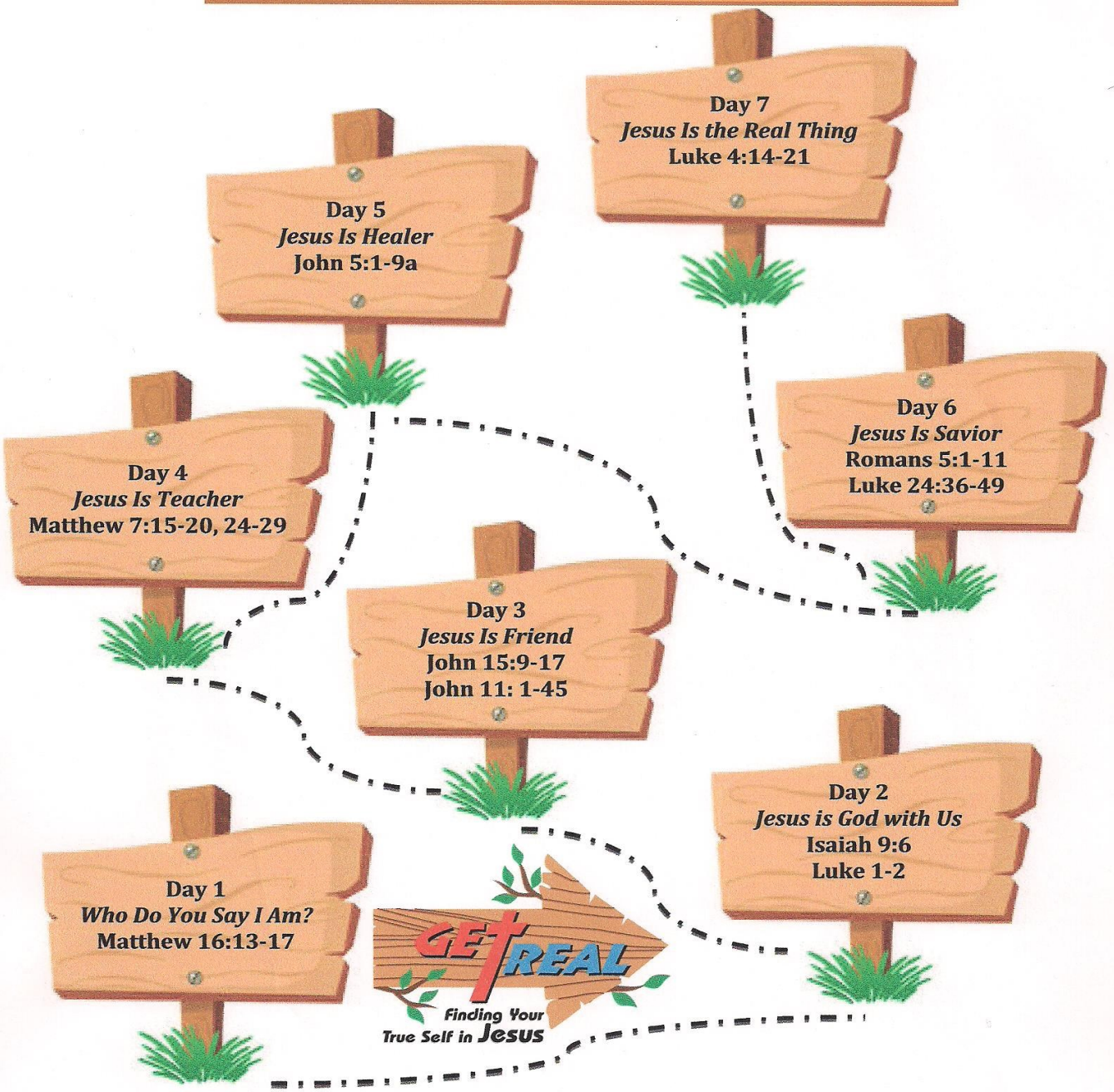


Labor Day Family Weekend

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2014 Summer Camp Scriptures and Daily Themes





Frank A. Thomas currently serves as Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics and Director of the Academy of Preaching and Celebration at Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis, Indiana. His newest book is the revised and updated version of They Like to Never Quit Praisin' God: The Role of Celebration In Preaching, considered by many to be a classic. American Dream 2.0: A Christian Way Out of the Great Recession, was released by Abingdon Press in August, 2012.Preaching With Sacred Fire: An Anthology of African American Sermons, 1750 to the Present, co-edited by Martha Simmons, offers a rare view of the unheralded role of the African American preacher in American history. He is the CEO of Hope For Life International, Inc. which formerly published The African American Pulpit.

Thomas holds a Ph.D. in Communications (Rhetoric) from the University of Memphis, D.Min. degrees from Chicago Theological Seminary and United Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary and a Master of Arts degree in African-Caribbean Studies from Northeastern Illinois University. Thomas also serves as a member of the International Board of Societas Homiletica, an international society of homiletic professors.

"PLANT FOR THE FUTURE, PLAY WITH A PURPOSE

Thomas and his wife, Rev. Dr. Joyce Scott Thomas, earned their Certified Professional Coaching Certificates (CPC) from the Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching. While they are equipped to coach corporate, executive, business, life, personal, or group, their most passionate areas are pastors, pastor's spouses, and coaching in the area of preaching.

October 10-11

2014 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON

360 N. Wilmor Road
Washington, IL 61571

What originally started as an idea for a 3 million dollar fitness center in the city of Washington, Illinois blossomed into a large multi-purpose facility with a partnership among the City of Washington, the Washington Park District, Washington Community High School, Washington District Library, and the Washington Area Community Center Board. Five Points Washington is a nonprofit, 136,000 square foot facility that houses a fitness center complete with indoor walking/running track, aquatics center featuring an 8 lane competition, therapy and leisure pool, 2 court gymnasium, 1000+ seat performing arts center, four banquet/meeting rooms that seat up to 125 each, a senior room, a concession stand and the Washington District Library

2014 Schedule

Friday, Oct 10

EUREKA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

11:30 Gathering with Child Care
12:00 Clergy and Friend Luncheon
Revs. Glenn and Nina Merkle Nestlerode/Wenois and New Hope Cluster will host.
12:45 Presentation by Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas

FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON

12 noon set up begins for worship, display areas
1 p.m. Registration Opens and Displays Open

2:00-5:00 p.m. Workshops

Disciple Identity with Cherilyn Williams, VP for Communications Office of GMP
PRAR "One Region, One Book" discussion.

5:30 p.m. Gathering Time
6:00 p.m. Banquet, State of the Region
7:30 p.m. Worship in the Performing Arts Center
9:00 p.m. Moth Hour---Rebecca Anderson

YOUTH LOCK IN

Registration at 8:30 p.m. for late arrivals
9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. at 5 Points

Saturday, Oct. 11

Youth leave Five Points by 8 a.m.

TWO SITES FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND GLEN OAK, PEORIA

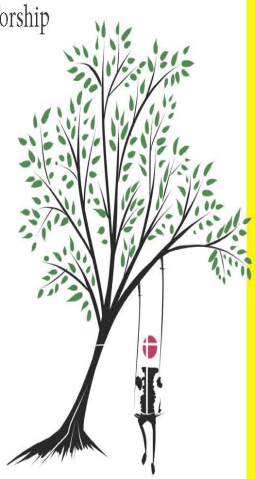
9:00 a.m. Biblical Story tellers
9:30 a.m. Break
9:45-11:45 a.m. Workshops and Mission

12 NOON LUNCHEONS

Social Concerns Lunch at Glen Oak
Other lunches

1:15-2:45 p.m. Workshops and Mission

3:00 p.m. Closing Worship



Nursery Care is available to all preschoolers registered at each site.

Children and Youth are welcome at the Friday banquet, worship and fellowship.

Children (Kindergarten through 5th grades) will enjoy their own special activities beginning Saturday morning.

Youth (grades 6-12) A Lock In is planned at Five Points for Friday night. Mission Opportunities and workshops will also be available on Saturday.

The Assembly is open to all CCIW Disciples. Each congregation is entitled to five delegates, and Pastors with standing.

More information will be posted at www.cciwdisciples.org as it becomes available.

Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1 and Colossians 1:1-15

Hotels

You must make your own Hotel Reservation.
Cut off date for Discounted Rate Sept. 19th.

Hampton Inn East Peoria
11 Winners Way, East Peoria, IL 61611
309.694.0711
Rooms at $109.00 per night
Free Shuttle Service to Five Points

Sleep Inn and Suites
1101 N Cummings Lane, Washington, IL 61571
309.481.0450
Rooms at $72.00 per night

Display Tables

Here is the call for church related organizations, businesses serving church life, colleges, and General Ministries to reserve a display table located surrounding the convention hall. Cost is $25 per skirted table. Contact the CCIW Regional Office to reserve your table by September 12, 2014. There are limited spaces, so respond early! 309-828-6293

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Eureka Christian Church
302 S Main St | Eureka, IL 61530
309.467.2369

First Christian Church
6400 N. University | Peoria, IL 61614
309.692.1420

Glen Oak Christian Church
1115 East Republic St | Peoria, Illinois 61603
309.688.3464

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN

North American Pacific Asian Disciples

The 18th NAPAD Convocation at University of **C**hicago

Wednesday August 6th - Saturday August 9th

Theme: "Singing the Lord's Song in the New Land" (Psalm 137:4)

Dates: August 6 (Wed) 5pm – 9 (Sat) 11:30am

Locations: Hyde Park Church, University Church,

and Disciples Divinity House in the University of Chicago

Early Registration fee: $200 (includes lodging, meals, and Cultural Night Dinner)

Keynote Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins (General Minister and President of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ)

http://www.disciples.org/Home/WhoWeAre/OfficeoftheGeneralMinisterandPresident/DrWatkinsBiography/tabid/259/Default.aspx

Prayer Concerns

Family of Rev. Pearle Lange who recently passed away.

Rev. Lange had served our Walnut congregation for many years.

Rev. Tracy and Jeff Armstrong and sons, on the death of

Tracy's father Ron Dobson. Tracy serves as Associate at

First Christian (Disciples) in Springfield, Il.

Rev. Cheryl Jackson's family on the death of her father.

Pastor Changes

Laura Jennison Reed to Christian Church of Villa Park, IL

Marty Nagel-interim at Girard, Chaplain at Springfield Hospital

The Pentecost Offering **supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregation is part of the Disciples' vision.**

This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs – with gifts for this offering divided between each. Fifty percent of gifts received by a region remain in that region, the balance supports the work of general, new church efforts.

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