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Week of Compassion



Week of Compassion works through a remarkable network of church partner organizations and partnerships that insures that our response to humanitarian needs in the world is efficient, effective and faithful. Through these partnerships, Disciples are able to join a tapestry of caring that brings help and hope to hurting people in every corner of the world.

Your Impact

We rely on your compassion, your gifts and your commitment to help change lives for the better. We do so in the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). To read more stores about the Impact YOUR gifts make go to www.weekofcompassion.org

Our Regional church is committed to high quality partnership with local congregations, providing ministry services not available elsewhere – helping congregations in times of crisis, providing camps for our children and youth, helping congregations call their next pastor, joining in global ministry together. We invite you to support the Annual Fund and join us as partners in life-changing ministry!

One way to show support in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in IL & WI's Mission is through a donation to our Annual Fund. Gifts to the Annual Fund enable us to grow Disciples congregations for healthy vital ministry!

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in IL & WI

Growing Disciples congregations for healthy, vital ministry.

☐ Yes! I believe in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in IL & WI's Mission and I want to help!

☐ Enclosed is my gift to the Annual Fund ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $500 ☐ Other

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Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker

REGIONAL MINISTER'S MOMENT

Rise Up!

This is the theme of our Oct. 19-20, 2018 Regional Assembly at the Chateau Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington. It's based on the new Mission First Priority for the whole church, and the scriptures Matthew 19:14 and 1 Timothy 4:12-14. The blessing of welcome, inclusion and empowerment for ministry---particularly among the young. This is an event planned with all age Disciples in mind.

Our key note speaker for our Friday, Oct. 19 clergy luncheon and evening banquet is the Rev. Terri Hord Owens, our General Minister and President. We will have a series of workshops and mission opportunities on Saturday. Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning, Regional Minister from the Upper Midwest, will be with us Saturday morning to help interpret the Mission Priority and to do a workshop on "Any Size Church Youth Ministry." Rev. Olivia Bryan Updegrove from Disciples Home Mission Children's Ministry, and Rev. Sheila Spencer, Director of Faith Formation Ministry will both lead workshops. CCIW's own Rev. Jeff Zimmerman and Rev. Tom Yang will work with Rev. Rebecca Anderson to share stories of CCIW New Church Ministries. Rev. Mary Runge will offer a workshop on Hospitality Evangelism, and Mark Anderson from the National Benevolent Association will present one on the work of the NBA in carrying out the Mission First Priority. More information about our Assembly is included in this Christian and on our website. Register today. (And for inspiration watch Andra Day's Rise Up music video.)

While you are at it---take a look at our offerings for New Day this year. Rev. Melissa Ebken and Rev. Bryan Burris will lead a Geography of Grace Day in February; Rev. Ruth Fletcher will be back April 21; our third year New Day retreat will happen in the Fall; and Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm will be back in November----these events are open to all CCIW Disciples. Transformation is relational and begins with spiritual deepening. Come join us.

Updates: Our Personnel Committee is currently considering candidates for our new staff positions of Communication, and Children, Youth and Young Adults. Please continue your prayers.

Teresa



You can follow all the news of the region by subscribing to our weekly eNews. Visit our website at cciwdisciples.org to subscribe. Also on Facebook: Teresa CCIW; CCIW Disciples. And, Twitter @cciwdisciples

Prayer Concerns: **Sharon Warren, Rev. Jim Warren's wife; Rev. Ray Culver; Harry Warren; Rev. Gretchen Barron; Glenda Bown; Candy and Norman Stolpe; Bill Deck; Mary Stainton; Patty McClaskey**

Deaths: Martha Smith, Evan and Patty Williams mother; Loraine Anderson Pitman; Robert Litteral; Robert Paddock; Gryfn Shalom McLure Mitchell, Geoff and Marissa McLure Mitchell 's infant son; Rev. Don Coleman, Ann Marie Coleman's husband; Helen Hudspeth, William Hudspeth wife

Pastoral Changes: Kristel Clayville to part-time at Janesville; Rebecca Kirby to Interim at Parkway, Springfield; Paula Comper to Interim at First Christian Church, Centralia; Dave Poeschel concluding at Tallula Christian church, Tallula

Join with us in continual prayers for all

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The following churches and individuals have contributed in 2018 to the mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through contributions to the Annual Fund. These gifts support a variety of ministries—camps for children and youth, leadership development, congregational consultation, ministerial search & call, and shared mission activities in Illinois and Wisconsin. Your gifts make a difference.

Individuals

Eron Dupree
Scott and Vicky Woolridge
Joe Culpepper
Patricia Tucker
Neil and Katherine Deupree
Larry and Kathleen Pepper
Amy Sue and Marc Johnson
Robert and Maxine Rixman
David and Jeanne O'Meilia
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Lincolnshire Community Christian Church
Lomax Christian Church
Niantic Christian Church
Normal Covenant Community
Petersburg First Christian Church
Pontiac First Christian Church
Prairie Ave Christian Church Disciples Women's
Rock Island Fifteenth Ave Christian Church
Sullivan First Christian Church
Villa Park Christian Church
Winchester First Christian Church
Western Springs First Congregational Church

New Church Ministry
Gilead Church and Root and Branch

We Support Two New Churches

The New Church Ministry Team (NCMT) is proud to financially support two new church starts this year. We support Root and Branch in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago. Pastors Tim and Neil continue doing groundbreaking work creating a community of faith exploration and worship in the context of sitting together for a meal. We are also pleased to partner with and financially support Gilead Church in the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago. Pastors Rebecca and Vince focus on the on the life-giving importance of sharing stories. Like Root and Branch, they prefer to meet outside of the typical church building. Currently Gilead meets in a bar early in the evening on Sunday. Teresa Dulyea-Parker, Jeff Zimmerman and Jack Sturgeon, another NCMT member, were honored to be present at Gilead's recent one year anniversary worship and celebration.

During 2017 NCMT met two times with Pastors Tim and Neil of Root and Branch and Pastors Rebecca and Vince of Gilead. We also met two times with three additional pastor developers who have an interest in starting new congregations where church would be done a different way and/or reach under-served constituencies in our region. We will be adding at least two additional pastor developers to this list in 2018. The Team also met a third time to receive outstanding training from Pastor Terrell McTyer, Minister for New Church Strategies of Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation with the Disciples Church Extension Fund. Otherwise we meet monthly by a conference call.

The New Church Ministry Team is energized and excited with the enthusiasm of the pastor developers and our new congregations . We experience and are enlivened by the movement of the Divine within our Region. If you are interested in this ministry and would like to learn more please contact Jeff Zimmerman, Minister for New Church/Ministries with the CCIW at jeffz@cciwdisciples.org. You can also find Jeff on Facebook searching **"cciwnew" and/or "jeffz cciw."**

Celebrate our two new church successful pledge campaigns!

Root and Branch Church set and achieved an audacious goal of $50,000 for 2018 pledges. Last year Root and Branch received nearly $35,000 in regular/pledged giving. This year they raised over $60,000 in pledges. While the number of supporting households is roughly the same (30/31) there was a significant number of new pledging households stepping up to the challenge.

Gilead Church did its first pledge drive ever, remember they just celebrated their first anniversary of regular worship in January. So there were no pledges last year, but roughly 31 households gave regularly in 2017. Gilead Church set a goal of raising $20,000 in pledges for 2018. For 2018, 27 households pledged nearly $21,000 and seven more households who will give regularly.

Demonstrate your encouragement and support of these two fledgling congregations with a small or large gift of your own by clicking on their logo to access their on-line giving sites. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers and do a happy dance.







Pro Reconciliation Anti-Racism

In the fall of each year, congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) receive the Reconciliation Offering. This offering is divided into two parts with one half going back to the Region from which it was received and one half going to the General Reconciliation Ministry administered by the Reconciliation Ministry Commission made up of volunteers from around the church body. 100% of the offering is spent on the Reconciliation Ministry as it cares out the work of faithfulness in eliminating the sin of racism in all manifestations to the church and to work toward racial reconciliation.

The Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism ministry of CCIW began in 1998 with the first team being formed in 1999. The Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism Committee administers the Reconciliation offering that is returned to the Region. Each year a portion of this offering is given to the CCIW Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism Team to engage in the work of dismantling racism and working for racial reconciliation within our region. This past year, the Team hosted an event in April 2017 which brought Jim Wallis, President and Found of Sojourners, best selling author of twelve books and international commentator on ethics and public life. They provided training for the region's clergy and Regional Church Council. They focused on the School to Prison Pipeline and the Doctrine of Discovery. They invited congregations into conversations regarding the sin of racism as it exists in current systems and structures of the church and of our society. In addition, to funding the work of the Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism Team, the Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Team administers grants that are awarded each year to congregations and ministries throughout the region.

This year, two congregations received PR/AR Grants. These congregations include: Fifteenth Avenue Christian Church in Rock Island and Parkway Gardens Christian Church. Below are the reports of the programs funded as reported by the congregations.

Rise Up - Fifteenth Avenue Christian Church in Rock Island

I am very excited to share with you a recap of the 2017 Rise Up Project program.

For those of you unfamiliar with this program, I am providing a brief summary. The Rise Up Project is a workforce development and life skills training program for juvenile court involved at-risk youth. Urban gardening and community tours were utilized to introduce the youth to healthy employment skills and opportunities in the community for higher education / career development. The program is based out of 15th Avenue Christian Church in Rock Island, IL. The youth are exposed to spiritual and emotional support from the Pastor and members of the congregation. The program provides a weekly stipend to the youth as a financial incentive. The youth are exposed to an interview process where they are taught how to correctly fill out an application, how to appropriately dress for an interview and how to positively present themselves during an interview. We had 24 youth apply for a position in the program in April of 2017. Of those youth, we selected 11 of them following the interview process. The youth were introduced to an employment contract that detailed healthy work habits (i.e. attending as scheduled, being on time, being respectful to others, completing assigned tasks, etc.) and were advised that their weekly stipend would be tied to job performance. The program also offered several opportunities to earn bonuses and awards (leadership, team player, attendance).



The youth maintained two garden plots over an 8 week period. They prepared the land for planting, planted a variety of vegetables, tended to the garden and harvested over 1200 lbs. of produce. Produce was donated to a meal site for homeless persons, to a local summer youth program for elementary aged kids and to the families of the youth in the program. A local Nutritionist met with the youth on a weekly basis to discuss healthy eating habits. Once a week, the youth participated in a community tour. They were exposed to several local colleges / technical schools, a large private business and a non-profit volunteering site.

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CCIW Mid Winer Retreat 2018









CCIW Regional Assembly is Coming!
October 19-20, 2018
Chateau Hotel and Conference Center
1621 Jumer Dr., Bloomington, IL 61704

Join us as we "Rise Up"

Guest Speaker
Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens

The theme is based upon scriptures: Matthew 19:14 and 1 Timothy 4: 12-14
This is also our General Church Mission Priority.
On-line registration and promotional material will be coming soon!

Regional Assembly will kick off with a clergy luncheon at noon on Oct. 19th. That will follow with PARA holding a workshop from 2:00-4:00 pm on Micro-Aggressions. Gathering time at 5:00 pm in the lobby of the hotel followed by a 6:00 Banquet. Worship will being at 7:30 and the evening will conclude with Moth Hour and Youth Rock the DoC at 9:30 pm. Childcare will be provided from 6:30 –9:30 pm.

Saturday will begin at 8:30 am with Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker and company giving the keynote on Mission First. From 9:00 am until 2:00 pm,; Mini Events, Linus Project and Learning Tracks will be available for all registrants. Closing Worship and Installation of Officers will begin at 2:15 pm on Oct. 20th. Childcare will be provided from 8:45am-12 noon and from 1:00 pm-3:30 pm.

Saturday Workshops

- Youth Ministry for Any Size Congregation led by Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning, Regional Minister Upper Midwest.
- New Church Ministries led by Rev. Jeff Zimmerman, Rev. Tom Yang, and Rev. Rebecca Anderson, from CCIW new church ministries and NAPAD
- Spiritual Formation through the Generations by Sheila Spencer, Disciples Home Missions
- NBA XPLOR by Mark Anderson, NBA President
- Children's Ministry by Olivia Bryan Updegrove, Disciples Home Missions
- Hospitality Evangelism by Rev. Mary Runge

Voting Delegates and Regional Business
Voting Delegates:

- Each congregation is also entitled to 5 voting delegates. In addition, every Pastor with standing in the Region has voting privileges.

Regional Business:

- We know of one item of business. Our Regional Constitution will need to be amended in small ways.
- Other business items must be submitted to the Regional Church Council and circulated to our congregations 35 days in advance of the Assembly.

We had 10 of the youth graduate from the program – a 91% success rate. We have seem improvements in a number of areas for these youth: 7 of them have improved grades and attendance at school during this current semester, 1 who was not enrolled in school last year signed up for GED classes, 2 graduated from high school and enrolled in college courses, 6 obtained part time jobs, 9 have been compliant with court orders and 1 received an early discharge from probation due to his compliance with all court requirements. None of the youth have re-offended since the program ended.
Your continued support of this program is greatly appreciated!!! We look forward to another successful year in 2018!



God's blessings to all!!
Jana C. Haskins
Program Coordinator



MOMS – Parkway Gardens Christian Church in Chicago

Parkway Garden Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been blessed to facilitate a summer camp entitled "MOMs" – Mothers on a Mission. MOM is an initiative to partner with mothers of the community to provide fun, meals and a safe-haven for the children of the community thru the summer months. The daily attendance range between 40-50 children. The 2017 calendar year included June 26th thru August 11th. The program took place from 3 -6 PM daily. The timing was chosen because there are not many locations of safe-haven this time of day. Many camps are from 9AM to 3PM but parents work until 5-6PM daily leaving the children without guidance.

The camp includes boys and girls, ages 5 to 14. Majority of the children are from the Parkway Garden Apartment Complex and attend an elementary school within the community. There is no cost for attendance. Lunch & snack are provided daily thru the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

One Parkway Garden Christian Church (PGCC) partnership this summer was with the *Stand for Children* Organization. The partnership consisted of a reading program entitled "Beat the Odds" (BTO). The purpose of BTO was to engage children in a reading program that would help to keep their reading levels on the upward academic level. PGCC's volunteer staff worked alongside STAND staff to assist as reading coaches. BTO loaned iPads with software to the children within the program. The iPad software recommended books suited to each child's interest and literacy level. Results: some of the children's reading levels have improved.

Reading started the daily schedule. The remainder of hours were filled with indoor and outdoor activities. This included such activities as arts and crafts. Projects were created that expressed individual creativity but also presented opportunity for the children to learn to work together as community and accomplish team goals. The children not only worked together during arts and crafts but during activities such as Olympic Day whereas there were individual sports but also team sports. Everyone walked away with a medal or award. The compromising of finding movies on Movie Day to accommodate all ages as well as team efforts in the kitchen to bake cupcakes or cookies were other means of exercising community. Continue on next page







The program has a great community support base involving persons from the church, court personnel, private industry, public entities and individual volunteers.
Such activities as tennis lessons were incorporated into the summer program to introduce our children to new interest. Field trips to nearby neighborhood block club events encouraged children to join with other neighborhood communities in having fun and healthy play for themselves and their families. PGCC partnered with the local police department (CAPS – Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy – the goal of CAPS: partnership between police and community) to provide fishing outings as another means of fun and new interest. Such events as fishing with CAPS, BTO and family day ceremonies included invitations promoting parent and family involvement. Together we make community.



It is with sincere appreciation that we the Pastor, church and MOMs ministry wish to thank the Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Committee for your generous grant. The grant helped to obtain needed supplies such as sports and outdoor equipment, art and craft supplies, tennis instruction, plants for Creation Day and even snacks and awards for special celebrations. May God continue to bless you as your efforts bless others.



Humbly Submitted,
Rev. June E. Shorter, Assistant Pastor
Rev. Dr. Edward J. Morris Sr, Senior Pastor

2018 Clergy Ethics Training Dates

Register: www.cciwdisciples.org
Cost : $35.00 per class which includes lunch.
Sessions are from 8:30-3:30 pm

Healthy Boundaries 101: Wednesday, Feb. 7 at First Christian Sterling., 3400 Sixth Ave, Sterling, Il Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker will present Faith Trust Institute training. Host Rev. Tanya Tyler and Rock River/Blackhawk North

Clergy Self-Care: Tuesday, April 10 at First Christian Benton., 302 S Main St, Benton, Il Rev. Canon Al Keeney and Rev. Scott Woolridge will lead. Host Rev. Kurt Sanders and the Southern Cluster

Healthy Boundaries 201: Saturday, Sept. 15 at First Christian Paris, 201 S Main St., Paris, Il Rev. Rebecca Kirby presenting on Conflict Transformation Skills for congregational leaders---Lombard Mennonite Peace Center model. Host Rev. Michael Dixon and Lakeland Cluster

Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism: Monday, Nov. 5 at First Christian Pekin., 1201 Chestnut St., Pekin, Il RAR Team representatives will lead. Host Rev. Hank Anderson and the Illinois Valley Cluster

It's Time – Your Spiritual Transformation in 2018

God is inviting us to a deeper relationship. God is singing us a love song and welcoming us back.

More than flowery expressions, these words speak truth – the closer we are to God's love, the more we can be God's loving presence – spiritually transformed!

In the Regional church, we put strong emphasis on ministries of transformation – faithful change for individuals and congregations. We have many offerings coming your way.

All Disciple members and friends are invited to all of these events. Attend one event, attend all. There are many facets to our growth in God. How will you connect?

Spiritual transformation – it's for you! And, here's the invitation you've been seeking.

Watch for these life-changing events – Geography of Grace – spiritual small groups - **February 24** at Illiopolis Christian Church – led by Melissa Ebken, Bryan Burris and Allie Lundblad.

Thrive! Congregational Spiritual Transformation on **April 21** at Parkway Christian Church in Springfield**—**a return visit from **Ruth Fletcher,** author of Thrive!

A New Day retreat, for personal spiritual transformation—**September 14-15.**

Personality and Spirituality, led by Dick Hamm and others on **November 3.**

Want to talk about where you are on your journey and how we can help? Contact Scott Woolridge - scott@cciwdisciples.org

What's one thing you would do if you knew you couldn't fail?

Life can be better – here's an invitation

Partners to share in my spiritual journey

Spiritual practices - drawing close to God and one another

Spiritual Retreat September 14-15, 2018

Passionate about God's future for us!



"My congregation isn't ready to become Open & Affirming yet…"
Great! This workshop is for you!
"I would love to help my congregation become Open & Affirming…"
Yes, this is the right workshop for you too!
"I want to bring more welcome and affirmation to my region…"

Building an Inclusive Church Toolkit

Using the *Building an Inclusive Church Toolkit,*
this workshop will provide the tools that empower congregations to create a grace filled, respectful process towards becoming Open & Affirming, a process uniquely designed for each congregation's specific needs.

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.

The *Toolkit* is an ecumenical tool useful in *congregations of all denominations* - you are certainly welcome here!

For more information about the *Toolkit* and to download for free, go to https://goo.gl/wuj559

Time
Saturday April 28, 2018
Registration begins 8:30am
Workshop 9am-5pm

A light breakfast and lunch will be Provided

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Cost & Registration
$30 includes materials and lunch
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Called with a purpose
The Gathering
Saturday May 5, 2018

10 AM – 3 PM
Deadline: April 15, 2018

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

Our Keynoter
Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker



In a world of political unrest, injustice, suffering, and natural disasters the people of God are called, we have a purpose. How do we reclaim a holiness that sets us apart for God's work and will in our lives and community.

Dietra Wise Baker was born in Nyack, New York. She has a
Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University in Washington DC and a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. and her Doctorate of Ministry Degree in Preaching from Aquinas Institute Theology, St. Louis, MO. Dietra works full time as Chaplain and Program Development Manager for Episcopal City Mission, a non-profit providing chaplaincy services to incarcerated children in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. In addition she serves as an organizing specialist for the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In this role she convenes activists and organizers across her denomination. Currently she the organizer of Metropolitan Congregations United's Break The Pipeline Campaign. She has been a church planter and youth pastor. Pastor Dietra loves to dance, sing, and teach and is married to Cornell R. Baker and they have a beautiful daughter Alexis Baker.

Hosted by
Disciples Women's Ministry Leadership Team of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin

Location
Chiara Center
4875 LaVerna Road
Springfield, IL 62707 phone (217) 523 – 0901

Registration Cost: $45.00

For more information and to register go on line to:
cciwdisciples.org
Registration will begin at 9:00 am and conclude with Worship and Blessing Boxes at 2:30 pm

Afternoon Breakout Sessions
Listening for God
Leaders
Rev. Jennie Church—
Senior Minister Eureka Christian Church (DoC)
Workshop: Rev. Churchman will share of experience of pilgrimage as walked on the Camino-de-Francesco. She will explore how pilgrimage can play a role in identifying one's call and finding one's purpose.

Ginger Harris—First Christian Church (DoC) in Pontiac DWMLT Secretary and participant in CCIW's New Day Workshop: Lecito Divina is a listening to God through scripture. It provides us the opportunity to dwell in God's word as God continues to talk to us.

2018-19 CCIW Prayer Calendar

You are invited to participate in the CCIW Prayer Calendar by offering a prayer each day for the listed congregations and ministries.

Jan. 21-27	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Concejo Ecumenico Cristiano de Guatemala, Youth Midwinter
Jan. 28-Feb. 3	Week of the Laity

February

Feb. 4-10	Union Ave. Litchfield, Long Point CC, Flanagan CC
Feb. 11-17	Church of Christ Uniting Lexington, FCC Marion, FCC Macomb
Feb. 18-24	Week of Compassion
Feb. 25-March 3	FCC Metropolis, Barneys Prairie CC, FCC Mt Carmel

March

Mar. 4-10	FCC Mt Sterling, New Bedford CC, Oreana CC
Mar. 11-17	Central CC Bourbonnais, FCC Keithsburg, FCC Knoxville
Mar. 18-24	FCC Paris, FCC Pekin, FCC Peoria
Mar. 25-31	Pine Creek CC Polo, FCC Pontiac, FCC Princeton

April

Apr. 1-7	Easter! General Church Ministry and Rev. Terri Hord Owens
Apr. 8-14	FCC Springfield, FCC Sterling, FCC Sullivan
Apr. 15-21	15th Ave CC Rock Island, Memorial CC Moline, FCC Rushville
Apr. 22-28	FCC Rock Falls, Second CC Rockford, Washington Park CC Rockford
Apr. 29-May 5	CCIW Disciple Women's Ministry

May

May 6-12	Prairie Ave. CC Decatur, Community CC Lincolnshire, FCC Olney
May 13-19	Old State Rd. CC Charleston, FCC Watseka
May 20-26	Pentecost! New Church Ministries, Gilead Chicago, Rogers Park; Root and Branch CC, Logan's Square;
May 27-June 2	CC Villa Park, FCC Walnut, Sunnyland CC Washington

June

June 3-9	Parkway CC Springfield, Ursa CC, FCC Vandalia
June 10-16	CCIW Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors, Big Life CC, Carlock CC
June 17-23	CCIW Summer Camps---Campers, Directors, Counselors
June 24-30	Tallula CC, Davis Memorial Taylorville, Timewell CC

July

July 1-7	FCC Rockford, CC of Abingdon, FCC Albion
July 8-14	FCC Arcola, CC of Arlington Heights, Central CC Danville
July 15-21	Vine Street CC in Arthur, Atwater CC, FCC Barry
July 22-28	Bellflower CC, FCC Bement, FCC Benton

New This Year
@ Camp Walter Scott
Adult Week: June 17-23
Scripture Study: Leviticus 6:13

Deadline Date May 15, 2018

"Leviticus 6:13"[1]

A week long C.W.S. adult summer camp community to explore *how to stop, look, and listen to life for personal transformation* led by Rev. Arvil Bass.

CURRICULUM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

The Remarkable Ordinary, Frederick Buechner ***(to participants in time to be read before camp).***
Praying With Mandalas, Seyfarth Garner ***(to participants at camp)*** combines the practice of coloring mandalas with four ancient prayer practices – Lectio Divina, Intercessory Prayer, Centering Prayer, Ignatian Examen.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO BE INVOLVED DURING THE WEEK

Power of Pause, Terry Hershey; The Art of Pausing, edited by Judith Valente; Can You Drink the Cup, Henri J.M. Nouwen; Come Follow Me (DVD) – 6 responses to the call of Jesus: *Benedictines, Cistercians, Carmelites, Dominicans, Franciscans, and Jesuits.*

BOOK TABLE AVAILABLE DURING THE WEEK

A Pocket Guide to Prayer (Upper Room Books); The Rule of Saint Benedict; The Practice of the Presence of God; Athanasius/The Life of Antony of Egypt; Prayers of a Young Poet; Open Mind, Open Heart; Finding Grace at the Center; Joy Together/Spiritual Practices for Your Congregation; Finding Yourself in the Psalms; Henri Nouwen – Life of the Beloved/Spiritual Living in a Secular World & Here and Now/Living in the Spirit;
Frederick Buechner – The Hungering Dark & The Magnificent Defeat; Various Reflection & Prayer Handouts.





Chi Rho Campers Reunite
By Rev. Bruce D. Ervin

We picked-up right where we left off. That was my sense as I looked around the table in a Chicago restaurant as a group of former Chi Rho campers gathered for dinner; 50 years after we'd last been together at church camp. Folks were huddled in groups of 2 and 3, engaged in spirited conversation, enjoying each other's company. It was like we'd never been apart.

Chi Rho Camp is the traditional name for junior high church camps in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The name derives from the first two letters in the Greek spelling of Christ. In August of 1967, about 80 youth gathered at the Chicago-area Chi Rho Camp held at Campbell Conference Center near Waukegan, Illinois. We were an eclectic group: White and Black, inner-city and suburban, mostly middle class but with some economic diversity. Our staff was similarly diverse: African-American, Caucasian and Puerto-Rican, clergy and lay, male and female. For some of us, it was the first time that we'd been in an inter-racial community. For others, it was an eye-opening realization that we could become friends with folks whom we'd labeled as "the other." In my case, being a city kid, I'd never spent much time with young people from the suburbs. Stereotypes fell like scales from my eyes as I found myself forming warm friendships that lasted long after camp ended. Little did I know at the time that some of those friendships would become bonds of such warmth that they are sure to last for the rest of our lives.

For all of us who gathered in Chicago on the last weekend of August, 2017, Chi Rho Camp was a life-changing experience. Through the singing and the talent-show skits, the Bible talks and the deep discussions in study groups, the late-night conversations and the baseball and tetherball games, we experienced the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. Back then few, if any of us, would have used such language, but there is no doubt in my mind that the Spirit has been at work in all of our lives from the first night of Chi Rho Camp to this very day.

And so we gathered, 50 years to the month after that amazing week; nine of us (including two spouses). Some of us had stayed in touch, while others hadn't seen each other for decades. We met at Disciples Divinity House in Chicago, where some of our counselors had been students. Dean Kristine Culp had graciously made the House's Common Room available to us, for which we were deeply grateful. We reminisced about our camp experiences in 1967 and other years. We reflected on the challenging cultural and political events of those summers long ago. We shared with one another about how camp and those events shaped us. We laughed and we listened and we shed a few tears. Some of us remembered how we'd arrived at camp feeling like misfits, and left knowing that we were accepted. Others remembered the singing and the learning. All of us remembered the fun of being young and naïve and having a great time together.

But we spoke as well about our journeys since Chi Rho Camp, and about current events and challenges. We reflected about how camp helped to make us who we are today. We toured parts of the South Side of Chicago and saw how the building of the Obama Presidential Center will not be good news for working families who will see their neighborhoods changed in unwelcomed ways by the influx of money and tourism. We enjoyed the hospitality of the Sanctuary Café at University Church on Saturday night. We prayed and we sang and we embraced each other.

Saying good-bye was the hard part. It felt like the last day of camp all over again. We formed a circle and held hands and sang *Bless Be the Tie that Binds*. At least, those of us who weren't crying were singing. But then, for me at least, an amazing thing happened. I found myself no longer pining for the clock to be turned back and for those long ago camp days to be somehow relived. Now I have a new relationship with these Christian brothers and sisters; one that lives in the present and can be enjoyed both now and in the future. We may or may not ever get together again as a group. But we are bound together always by the Spirit. Because, you see, the bonds of Christian love transcend both the miles and the years.

August

Aug. 5--11	FCC White Hall, FCC Winchester, Iglesia Cristana de Milwaukee
Aug. 12-18	FCC Bloomington, Cameron CC, Coldbrook CC
Aug. 19-25	Faith Alive Peoria, Grace CC Aurora, Bethany Park Rantoul
Aug. 26-Sept. 1	FCC Bethany & Marshall Ave. Mattoon, Centennial Bloomington, FCC Blue Mound

September

Sept. 2-8	NAPAD Ministry (2 weeks): Korean Christian, Springfield; Living Stone CC, Evanston; Chicago Christian Church, Des Plaines
Sept. 9-15	Affiliating congregations: Grace Myanmar CC, Moline; Happy Christian Church, North Brook; Heavenly Gate CC, Skokie; Victory Church, Wheeling.
Sept. 16-22	Chapin CC, Hometown CC Chicago, Jackson Blvd. CC Chicago
Sept. 23-29	FCC Canton, FCC Carbondale, FCC Virden
Sept. 30-Oct. 6	Reconciliation Offering and Ministry, Worldwide Communion Sunday

October

Oct. 7-13	All Ordained and Commissioned Ministers
Oct 14-20	FCC Hillsboro, FCC Hoopeston, Central CC Jacksonville
Oct 21-27	United CC Country Club Hills, FCC Dixon, FCC DuQuoin
Oct 28-Nov.3	FCC Creve Coeur, Cuba CC, Central CC Decatur,

November

Nov. 4-10	Crestview CC Decatur, FCC Downers Grove, FCC Robinson
Nov. 11-17	Parkway Gardens CC Chicago, Spanish CC Chicago, University CC Chicago
Nov. 18-24	Thanksgiving Offering, Eureka College & Disciple Divinity House
Nov. 25-Dec. 1	Park Manor CC Chicago, Clayton CC, FCC Janesville,

December

Dec. 2-8	FCC Centralia, UniPlace Champaign, Chandlerville CC
Dec. 9-15	FCC Galesburg, Gerlaw CC, FCC Gibson City
Dec. 16 -22	Christmas! Regional Church Ministry.
Dec. 23 -29	CC of Illiopolis & Niantic CC, Lynnville CC
Dec. 30 -Jan. 5	FCC Girard, Sherburnville CC Grant Park

January

Jan. 6-12	Central CC Havana, FCC Henry, FCC Washburn
Jan.13-19	FCC E. Moline, Eureka CC, Frederick CC
Jan.20-26	Glen Oak CC Peoria, Memorial CC Peoria, FCC Petersburg
Jan.27-Feb.2	Illinois St Lewiston, Ipava CC, Barnett CC Litchfield

February

Feb. 3-9	FCC Maywood, Mechanicsburg CC, FCC Quincy
Feb. 10-16	Colfax CC, Arrowsmith CC, New Covenant CC Normal
Feb. 17-23	FCC Lawrenceville, Lomax CC, Mackinaw CC

Work Projects at Camp Walter Scott
Spring 2018

2018 Work Days
Camp Walter Scott
March 3- indoors
April 28
May 19

Call us at 217-739-2332

Wash, wax, and transport paddle boats

Hang tarps in hogans

Turn on water to shower houses and clean shower houses

Repair benches at the fire ring

Deep clean kitchen

Organize/ clean basement

Cabins, #1 and #2 - insulation, weather stripping, sealing cracks, etc

Check/clear all trails - add wood chips to trails

Trim tree branches

Cut trees and split firewood – several trees are down that need to be cut for firewood

Assemble bench for frog pond

Clean the beach

Kill weeds around lagoons + duckweed

Power wash all metal roofs

Repair or discard trailers at shop

Install metal roof - north side – small shelter

Install metal roof on the shop

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2018 Camp Schedule: CWS & PP

CAMP NAME	GRADES	LOCATION	DATES	EARLY BIRD / FULL RATE
Family Camp	All	Camp Walter Scott	May 25-28	See Family Camp Form
CYF	9th – 12th	Camp Walter Scott	June 10-16	$330.00 / $355.00
Adult Week "Leviticus 6:13"	Adults	Camp Walter Scott	June 17-23	$300.00 / $325.00
JYF	3rd-5th	Pilgrim Park	June 24-30	$350.00 / $375.00
Senior Camp "Awakening to Grace"	55+	Camp Walter Scott	June 27-29	$150.00 / $175.00
Beginners	K-2nd	Pilgrim Park	July 1-4	$205.00 / $230.00
Chi-Rho	6th-8th	Pilgrim Park	July 1-7	$365.00 / $390.00
CYF	9th-12th	Pilgrim Park	July 1-7	$365.00 / $390.00
Grand Parents and Me	K- 5th	Camp Walter Scott	July 8-11	Adult- $165.00 Child- $130.00
Beginners	K-2nd	Camp Walter Scott	July 11-14	$185.00 / $210.00
Chi-Rho	6th-8th	Camp Walter Scott	July 15-21st	$330.00 / $355.00
Chi-Rho	6-8th	Camp Walter Scott	July 22nd-28th	$330.00 / $355.00
JYF	3rd-5th	Camp Walter Scott	July 22nd-28th	$330.00 / $355.00
Post-High	18-28 yrs.	Camp Walter Scott	August 3rd-5th	$105
Family Camp	All	Camp Walter Scott	Aug 31st- Sept 3rd	See Family Camp Form

New Deadline Dates
Early Bird Discount (save $25.00)
March 16, 2018
Registration Deadline
April 20, 2018
Register @
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