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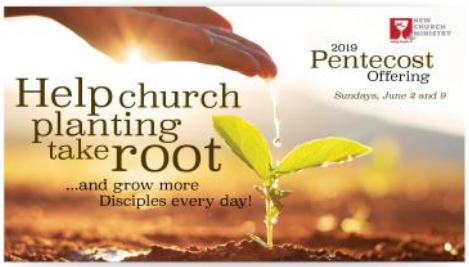
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Pentecost Offering - June 2nd - 9th

From tiny seeds grow mighty trees.

It's a miracle, really . . . a small seed, sown on the wind, tentatively puts down roots. With proper nurturing, it grows, branching out in all directions, blossoming in time, providing sustenance, shelter and shade. A place of harvest and home. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is like that. Little wonder that this year's General Assembly theme is "Abide in me" from the scriptural passage of John 15:5 (NRSV):



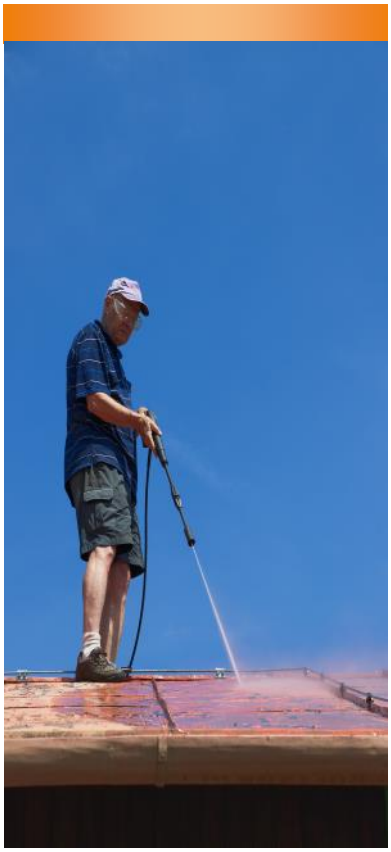
"***Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.***"

Through the 2020 Vision, the new church movement has already helped our Disciples family grow by nearly 1,000 new and affiliated faith communities. These communities, in turn, bear the fruit of God's work: caring for the needy, welcoming the homeless, feeding the hungry, teaching the young, and taking part in their neighborhoods' revitalization through transformational mission and ministry. Such is the sustenance, shelter and shade that blooms when the new church movement takes root. Our church planters remain committed to answering God's call . . . to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel and make Disciples. They are supported in these efforts by New Church Ministry. Won't you help nurture them . . . and take part in this miracle? Your gift to the 2019 Pentecost Offering on Sunday, June 2 and 9 will help fund the new church movement and the bounty it yields. **Each year, half of this offering stays in your local Region or Area to start and uphold new churches.** The other half is used across the United States and Canada to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy. Thank you in advance for helping our new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit and grow more Disciples every day.

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Camp Walter Scott Spring Work Day—May 18th

We are looking for volunteers to support our Spring Cleaning at Camp Walter Scott. The team will be working on the following:

- ◊ 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
- ◊ Deep clean cabins and Retreat House
- ◊ 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

If you are interested in volunteering, please call us at 217-739-2332 or email camp@cciwdisciples.org

"At the retreat, I gained spiritual renewal – became more aware of God's presence, felt uplifted and returned to my congregation with excitement."

- New Day Attendee

New Day Is Changing Lives!

We are called to grow and change — as individuals, as congregations, as communities. New Day is helping in every area.

New Day is offering:

- ◊ Personal spiritual retreats— October 11-12 near Carlinville - retreat version 2.0 for those who've been to a retreat before.
- ◊ Geography of Grace/Circles of Trust for spiritual discernment—November 2—location to be announced.
- ◊ Thrive (with Ruth Fletcher) —for congregational transformation—spiritual foundations, focusing on mission, being active in the community.
- ◊ A workshop on Personality and Spirituality led by Dick Hamm and others—how do we best connect with God and one another based our personality?
- ◊ Transforming our communities (community development) in partnership with our New Church/Ministries Committee and our Pro-Reconciling/Anti-Racism Team.
- ◊ Spiritual retreats for children and their families—how we connect with God and one another—watch our website for upcoming announcements.

Join us on this journey of growth and change. Visit our Transformation page – cciwdisciples.org/transformation



Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea Parker

Regional Minister's Moment

Our mission; *To connect and empower Disciples congregations for life-changing and life-giving ministries in our evolving world.*

As I write, it is Holy Week 2019. Yesterday was Palm Sunday and it snowed. I drove to First Christian Church, Henry, to Commission and Install their new Pastor Larry Larson. I traveled along the edge of La Salle County in near white out conditions. An unbelievable 5 inches of snow driven by strong winds on April 14. Yes, I know it is the Midwest and we should expect snow in April and, occasionally, May---but this was unreasonable even by this Midwesterner's standards.

Last evening my husband and I watched "Our Planet" on Netflix. The episode was about the loss of polar ice and the effects not only on those regions, but on the entire planet. Forty percent of the Arctic Ice cap has disappeared. We watched as over 100,000 Walrus' piled onto a small island to rest. The ice no longer is available for them as a resting place. They are climbing up cliffs to find space; only to fall and die as they try to come back down to the sea to feed. (Netflix had complaints for showing this and responded: "if you want this to stop, then do something about climate change.")

The ice provides habitat. It also provides a shield against the suns heat, reflecting it back out and away from the planet. With the loss of ice not only the walrus suffer, so does the planet we call home. The consequences for creatures and for peoples close to the seas is enormous. And, already being lived.

There are some who read the Genesis accounts and claim that humans are given permission to dominate and exploit our creation. A closer reading of Genesis tells us that God's plan for creation was wholeness and blessing. Humans (made from the humus of the earth) were to live in harmony with creation and in the role of good stewards of creation. That we do not, is not the intent of God, but of our own sinfulness---hubris and greed.

Our scriptural story begins in a garden and it ends in a garden---where the leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations. This is our original blessing, a creation billions of years in the making that made the way for us to even emerge. We have been here so little time in the length of this planet's life---could we not be more grateful and do something about climate change?

The time has come,' the Walrus said,
To talk of many things:
Of shoes — and ships — and sealing-wax —
Of cabbages — and kings —
And why the sea is boiling hot —
And whether pigs have wings.'
Lewis Carroll, The Walrus and the Carpenter

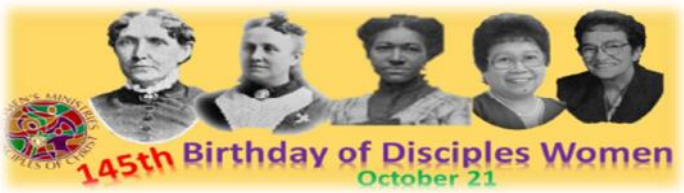
Teresa

We do this, because we want to *be a radically welcoming Region of connected Disciples congregations, radiating the Creator's love, continuing Christ's mission, and following the Spirit's call.*

Third Tuesdays at Two with Teresa

Third Tuesdays with Teresa will be back on Tuesday, Sept. 17. We use Zoom technology to facilitate the conversation. Please send an email to teresa@cciwdisciples.org if you would like to receive the Zoom link.

The Disciples Women's Ministry Celebrates 145 Years!



Disciples Women is celebrating our 145th birthday in 2019. This is a celebration marking October 21, 1874, as the day that Caroline Neville Pearre organized the women to address the mission and ministry that was then lacking in the church. Convicted during her prayer time in April of that year, she recognized her call to initiate the Christian Women's Board of Missions (CWBM) that would be organized and managed exclusively by women. One supporter described CWBM as knowing no distinction between home and foreign missions –its field was the world.

Since then Disciples Women have been organizing and advocating to serve the needs of God's people across time, culture and geography.

The CWBM provided training programs that equipped thousands of young people and established four Bible Chairs at state universities.

In 1886, a group of women in St. Louis, recognizing a need to assist poor and orphaned children, and led by Mattie Younkin, began what is now the National Benevolent Association, the social services ministry of the church.

In 1895, Nancy E Atkinson, a founding member of the CWBM, and her husband received news of the death of a pastor who left behind a nearly blind widow and several children with no means of support. Establishing a fund to provide support for this family was the beginning of the Pension Fund.

Sarah Lue Bostick was a field worker for the Christian Women's Board of Missions and the National Christian Missionary Society and became one of the first African American women to be ordained to Christian Ministry in the late 19th century.

During the 1890s, Hispanic women in Texas began to organize within congregations and later began networking across congregations and regions. In the 1970s, with preparation of materials in Spanish and a growing desire to connect throughout the diversity of the church, the relationship has grown. Hispanic women have always had representation on the IDWM Cabinet.

The CWBM joined with interdenominational churches to provide the first college for women in Central China. Ginling College in Nanjing became one of the most influential schools for higher learning among women in China. A Disciples woman, Minnie Vautrin, became a legendary heroine for her efforts to save the women at the school during the Japanese invasion.

Joining provinces of Canada and the organized states of the United States in cooperative work, the women formed the International Christian Women's Fellowship in 1953.

Late in the 20th century, Asian women began to network and organize. Even prior to this organizing work, Asian women, like Maureen Osuga, served on the IDWM cabinet.

The work of many has been celebrated across the last 145 years and Disciples Women in the United States and Canada continue to find their voices and live out their call today.

In recognition of this history of service and worship, we celebrate our 145th birthday. **To observe this milestone and to participate in the ministry ahead, Disciples Women invites you to give a gift of $145. Our goal for 2019 is to have at least 1,450 individuals or groups offer gifts of $145. We appreciate and celebrate all gifts and hope you will celebrate our birthday with us throughout the year.**

Please make all checks payable to Disciples Women with a notation in the memo line of "145th birthday" and mail to
Disciples Women
P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Upcoming 2019 Events

CCIW Southern Women's Retreat
Sept. 27-29
Camp Walter Scott

Pray & Play Days

August 3
First Christian Church
Macomb, Il
1:00—5:00 pm

September 14
Park Manor Christian Church
Chicago, IL
1:00—5:00 pm

Cost $20.00

2019 Clergy Ethics Training Dates



Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism: Monday, Monday, Aug. 12 at Camp Walter Scott. 15290 E 300th Ave., Dieterich, Il PRAR Team representatives will lead. Host Laura Williams

Healthy Boundaries 201: Saturday, Sept. 21st at First Christian Rock Falls, 506 Fifth Ave., Rock Falls, Il
Rev. Rebecca Kirby presenting on Conflict Transformation Skills for congregational leaders---Lombard Mennonite Peace Center model. Host Rev. Jeanette Larson

All clergy are required to have attend an Ethics Training class every three years
REGISTER ON LINE: www.cciwdisciples.org Cost : $35.00 per class / includes lunch
Sessions are from 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 pm

Spring 2019 New Church/Ministries Updates

Global Community Fellowship is the newest church plant in the region and is lead by Pastor Sunil Gaikwad. Pastor Sunil will be establishing a congregation which is missional at heart, multicultural and from the beginning will provide support and discipleship encouraging folks to go and make disciples by starting their own congregations.

The Rev. Dr. Franshonn Salter of ANEW Church is working on a masters degree in counseling. She was accepted to study for two weeks at the Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, to study how engaging one's spirituality can provide insight and support in cases of addiction. Also, she was invited to lead a workshop in May at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, entitled: "Gun Violence and Prevention in Marginalized Communities."

Both Root and Branch Church and Gilead Church Chicago applied for and were awarded a grant to develop and implement a program to address loneliness in young adults through peer to peer relationships. This is part of a project of Garrett Evangelical Seminary called Holy Yearnings, Holy Listening, Holy Partnerships.

The CCIW, through the New Church/ Ministries Team has awarded four twelve month CCIW NCMT Grants in the last six months. The 12 month grant period does not necessarily follow the calendar year. The funds are provided by individuals and congregations in the CCIW. You make this possible.

Our region is supporting Root and Branch Church in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood, Gilead Church Chicago in the far northeast of Chicago, ANEW Church in the Chicago's Chatham and surrounding neighborhoods, and Global Community Fellowship in Vernon Hills, a suburb in Lake County.

The New Church/Ministries Team (NCMT) meets monthly by video conference call and three times a year in person to meet and build relationships with the church planters and leaders in the congregations. This year the NCMT is reading and discussing the book, Holy Currencies by Eric Law. It provides a useful model to re-frame the issue of sustainability.

Please keep all of us in your prayers. If you have a passion, a call, for this ministry, whether it is a desire to begin a new church/ministry, or to support a new congregation/pastor, or to assist the NCMT in some specific or non-specific way please contact Jeff Zimmerman, Minister for New Church/Ministries





Design Your Own Dinner Church Gathering

Is your community interested in exploring dinner church gatherings? Tim Kim, co-founder of Root and Branch Church, will be starting an interactive workshop series to help other churches launch their own meal-based worship gatherings. Tim has started his own dinner church gathering from the ground up, learning many lessons along the way, and has helped consult other churches all around the country. If you're interested in learning everything from the theology behind this movement to the practical considerations involved, let us know!
Contact Tim Kim at tim@rootandbranchchurch.org







Camp Acts 20:35—June 2-8 at CWS

Camp Acts 20:35 is a mission opportunity for your adults and youth to give back to the campground, that gives so much to our camps, conferences, and retreats. Spend the day, a couple of days, or the whole week to get our camp ready for the busiest time of the year. Your work will include maintaining the dining hall, cabins, retreat house, chapels, trails, lake, beach, and other camp areas.

Special Projects for 2019:

Put together and install bunk beds for the new yurts!
Power wash exterior of the retreat house
Cut down trees and cut into firewood
Stain fence surrounding the southside sewage lagoon
Clear out brush from the northside sewage lagoon
Repair benches and steps throughout the camp

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35 ESV

Register online or contact camp host Laura Williams at 217-739-2332 or laura@cciwdisciples.org

General Assembly Des Moines, IA: Young Adults We Need You



General Assembly provides an opportunity for Disciples across the United States, Canada, and beyond to connect with one another in a spirit of worship, learning, and fellowship. This year, General Assembly will take place in Des Moines, IA from July 20th to 24th. The Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin will be present, as will be many of our local congregations. CCIW is committed to nurturing young adults in our region and providing them with opportunities for to connect with all expressions of our denomination. We're looking for four young adults to join us this summer in Des Moines.

If you are a young adult, or if you know of one, who could benefit from this opportunity, please complete a nomination form before May 15, 2019. Nomination forms can be found at www.cciwdisicples.org/youngadults

CCIW is looking for young adults who are:

- 18 to 36 years old, members of a Disciples congregation in our region, committed to the life
- of our church and desiring to connect with other Disciples beyond local and regional settings

CCIW will provide:

- General Assembly Registration, Hotel Accommodations during GA (shared with one roommate), Dinner Ticket for *Young Adult Leadership Development: Intersections and Intersectionality* hosted by CPOHM, HELM and NBA, Assistance in arranging ground transportation to and from Des Moines, IA

What we're asking

- Full availability from Friday July 19 to Wednesday July 24, 2019, Full presence at General Assembly, Post-Assembly engagement with our region to share about your experiences at GA, Cost of covering your own meals (except for those specified above)

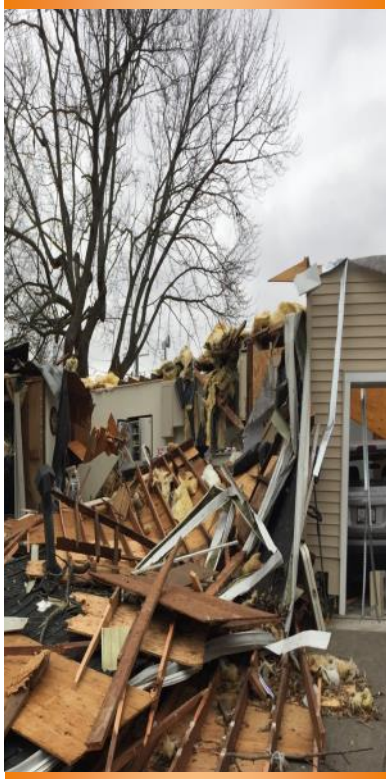


Image Courtesy of Dean Olsen on Twitter

SLAM—Service, Mission and Leaning

A new region-wide ministry has started. It is called SLAM (Service, Mission and Learning). Our first official project is to help folks who suffered from the Taylorville tornado disaster.

Anyone in invited to a **regional workday to help with the Taylorville recovery on June 22, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m.**, at Davis Memorial Christian Church, Taylorville. Specialized skills are not required. All that is needed is a willing heart to help. We will make certain that your skill set is matched to the proper site.

Children and youth are welcome. Middle School and younger are required to have parental/adult/guardian supervision.

There will be an opening devotion and a brief communion service at the end of the work day. Lunch will be provided. A donation is suggested, not required, to cover the expenses for the workday.

Contact Bill Kerns at 217-824-8181, Facebook or dmccbill@ctitech.com. if you are interested or if you have questions.



School for Ministry

First Annual Sea of Tiberias Summer Retreat

The School for Ministry will hold its first "2019 Sea of Tiberias Summer Retreat" at Eureka College from Monday, June 24, 2019 to Friday, June 28, 2019. This year's class will be "Biblical Storytelling" taught by Dr. Marti Steussy, Ph.D., the MacAllister-Petticrew Professor of Biblical Interpretation, *emerita,* at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. This week-long, intensive summer course comprises in-depth hearing, probing, and telling of the Bible's stories in the Bible's own words. Most of the Bible is story, and its overall shape is that of a story. Not only that; its writers expected that their work would be told aloud, not read silently. How can we better hear the biblical storytellers, catch their tones of voice, interpret their winks and nudges? How does the experience of Bible change when we hear and tell it live, rather than scrutinizing it on a page? The course will explore these questions and more.

The retreat includes daily worship, morning and afternoon classes, nightly accommodations and all meals, opportunities for fellowship and solitude. All are welcome! Online registration is available at:
https://cciwdisciples.org/product-tag/s4m-retreat/

For more information contact lorrie@cciwdisciples.org

Pentecost Special Offering

As your congregation prepares for Pentecost, please remember this offering which supports new church efforts here in CCIW and at New Church Ministries in Indianapolis at the denominational level. The new church plants, their pastors, and the New Church/ Ministry Team is thankful for your generous support last year. A video, flyer inserts, and moments for mission are available at the Disciples Mission Fund website at https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost/

If, I, or someone on the New Church/Ministries Team can help your congregation in some way please reach out and let me know.
jeff zimmerman, Minister for New Church/Ministries,
at jeffz@cciwdisciples.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're Looking for Pottery Throwers

The New Church/Ministry Team is looking for someone in the region who throws pots: from the wheel, to the glaze, to the kiln. We have a special project we are considering. Contact Jeff Zimmerman at jeffz@cciwdisciples.org for more information.

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A WRITING WORKSHOP FOR THE SPIRITUALLY CURIOUS
Everyone has a sacred story to tell. What's yours?
TUESDAYS. MAY 7-28
(FOUR SESSIONS)
VOICE OF THE CITY
3429 W. DIVERSEY AVE
More info at www.writingissacred.org

Don't Miss Summer Camp- Register Today!

Visit **cciwdisciples.org/ camp-program/** to access full schedule and complete the online registration form for all Camp Walter Scott Summer Camps. Instructions and other important information are also available on the site above.

Register by May 15,2019

Registrations completed after this date will incur an additional $25 per camper.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns: Sharon Warren, Rev. Jim Warren's wife; Gretchen Barron; Kip Hayden's brother in law; Ruben Cruz; Rob Rixman

Deaths: Evangeline Owensby, sister of Rev. Maxine Rixman; mother of Rev. Tommy Hennegar; Mack Edwards, godfather of Rev. Angee Byrd; Jim Snodgrass, husband of Joyce Snodgrass; George Keeney, brother of Rev. Canon Albert Keeney; Steve Brown, brother of Rev. Karla Brown Smith; Melissa Williams father, Melissa is the wife of Rev. Rick Willams

Pastoral Changes: Greg Hill to First, Carthage; Jacqueline Morgan completed service at First, Casey; Terry Brace has completed service at First, DuQuoin; Larry Larson to First, Henry; Heather Godsey, Interim, to Centennial Christian Church, Bloomington; William Brown, to First, Abingdon; Max Bowen to First, Gibson City; Kelly Youngblood to Young Adult Ministry, Central, Bourbonnais; Mark Parkinson, Interim to First, Paris

New Affiliated and Chartered Congregations: Happy Christian Church, Pastor Paul Yoo, chartered congregation; ANEW, Pastor Franshonn Salter, affiliated community; Global Community Fellowship, Pastor Sunil Gaikwad, affiliated community

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The following churches and individuals have contributed to the 2018-19 mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the Annual Fund, Gifts to the Camping Scholarship Fund, and to the Designated Camping Fund.

The Region gives thanks for the incredible support through prayers, hours of volunteering and the financial support that allows ministry for children and youth, leadership development, congregation consultation, ministerial search & call, and shared mission activities to occur. You do make a difference.



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Michael Buckley
Eron Dupree
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The Annual Fund

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 con-

Your support is appreciated



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☐ 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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