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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David & Yanett Hellard joined us on Jan. 3, transferring from Wesley United Methodist Church. They live at 4530 S. Harvard, 65804 (883-6491)



Wednesdays At National Avenue

This class will meet in the parlor on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The class will run from January 13 to February 10. Though all the gospels recast Jesus' story to address their own circumstances and time, the revision is especially clear in the metaphorical scenes and symbolic images of John's gospel. Clearly, for John, Jesus could not be defined merely by historical data of the past. Why? The risen, exalted Christ was too alive and too important for believers to ignore his present, spiritual reality.

We explain how John differs from the first three gospels in the first week. At the same time, the gospel's plot and outline will be reviewed as a basis for class members to divide up its scenes for discussion in the following weeks. As teacher, I will be available as needed to supply relevant information for interpreting the gospel. Since none of the gospels are timid about dramatizing Jesus' story for their churches, they encourage us also to discern Jesus' presence for our day. As one sister denomination says, "God is still speaking." Thus, in the last class we discuss tentatively the message of the risen Christ for National Avenue at our time in history.

John White

Sundays at National Avenue

Come join us in the parlor on Sundays at 9:40 a.m. for the Disciples on the Edge class. The January/February series is created in honor of Epiphany which celebrates the arrival of the wise men from around the ancient world. Each year in January we develop a global theme, this year the theme is world hunger, the series is entitled, "Food, the Bible, and World Hunger." The sessions are listed below:

January 17	Dr. Etta Madden - "The Ethics of Eating"
January 24	Film: "Fresh"
January 31	Bart Brown, Executive Director of Ozarks Food Harvest - "Local Hunger"
February 7	Dr. Peter Browning - "How to Reduce World Hunger"



A million thanks to each of you for making my 90th birthday such a wonderful day. I was speechless (almost) at the turnout. It was a never-to-be-forgotten day. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

God bless, **Jeanne Gamble**

Many grateful thanks to National Avenue Christian Church, Pastor Laura, and Rev. Lines for the prayers, visits, and lovely poinsettia plant during the time of my recent surgery. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this congregation.

Sincerely, **Wanda Huggins**

We reach out with expressions of love and sympathy to **Billy Piland** in the passing of her husband, **Bob**, on January 4, 2010. A memorial service was held for him on January 8.



Sincere prayers for God's comfort are extended to **Mike George** in the death of his mother **Mabel George** on Jan. 5. A service was held for her on January 11.

Please remember the **Woosley** family in the death of their daughter and sister, **Sue Ann Vincent** on January 8.

Need Someone at the Church on Off Hours?

We now have an emergency pager for NACC members to call during the church's off hours. It is 885-8119 and will be carried by either Rev. Fregin, Rev. Lines, or a concerned elder. Please only use this number if it is an emergency.

Report for Sunday, January 3, 2010

Worship Attendance.	131
Church School Attendance.	61
Homebound Served.	0
Weekly Receipts.	\$11,683

Report for Sunday, January 10, 2010

Worship Attendance.	170
Church School Attendance.	76
Homebound Served.	2
Weekly Pledge Receipts.	\$6,185

CWF Bake Sale

February 13 & 14

Sat.: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Sun.: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers and baked goods that you might consider contributing to the bake sale. Profits are used to support the CWF Outreach, CWF Departments, and Local CWF Church Concerns. Please bring your items to Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 13, by 11:00 a.m. or bring them marked for CWF to the parlor prior to that time. Also, if you can help during the sale, please sign up on the sheet tacked to the CWF bulletin board outside the parlor. If you have any questions, please call Linda Bossi at 890-1079. Thank you and we hope to see you at the sale buying your Valentine sweets on this Valentine weekend! **Linda Bossi**

Sunday, January 17 - The Baptism of Jesus

Sermon. Rev. Laura Fregin
Worship Leader. Jamie Genung (8:15)
 David Estes (10:45)
Scriptures. Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 24 - Cana Grace

Sermon. Rev. Laura Fregin
Worship Leader. Etta Madden
Scriptures. John 2:1-11, Isaiah 62:1-5

Sunday, January 31 - A Defining Moment

Sermon. Rev. Laura Fregin
Worship Leader Tom Klein
Scriptures. Nehemiah 8:1-10, Luke 4:14-21



You DO Make A Difference!

A little boy was excitedly looking into the grocery bags his family was taking to their car from Crosslines. Our NACC Crosslines coordinator, **Nancy Davis**, was listening as he exclaimed over the choice of foods in the bags and announced what they would be having for dinner that night. Nancy asked him, *"What did you have for dinner last night?"* The child responded without



hesitation, *"It wasn't my turn to eat last night."* Can you imagine making your children take turns eating one day and not the next? This is why we are involved.

Crosslines is a ministry of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks through whom we give groceries to families in need. Crosslines has provided a wonderful opportunity for all of our community churches to share in one food pantry by taking turns supplying and staffing the distribution center on north Glenstone at Chestnut Expressway. The first Friday of every month (9:00 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.) is National Avenue Christian Church's day at Crosslines. We take food to Crosslines from the church on the Thursday before our distribution day. We provide food for approximately 40 families to have meals for three days.

You can participate in this ministry by bringing food items to donate and leaving them on our Crosslines table in Fellowship Hall. The items we are regularly in need of are listed below. We also need cash donations for the purchase of certain perishable items. The church supports Crosslines through our budgeted giving and through special distributions of our Outreach Foundation. We also are in regular need of volunteers to help transport and distribute the food. We also gratefully acknowledge the volunteer hours given in coordinating this ministry by **Nancy Davis** and **Joan Young** and to all of the volunteers who come to help each month.

Those who helped with Crosslines in December were Kay Haun, Wally Kinzel, Mac McCullah, Kim Zimmerman, Don & Twajana Chasteen, Emogene Cassy, Hubert Lines, Myrna & John White, Craig Hacker, and Joan Young.

Our next time to serve will be February 5 so we will have extra weeks to replenish our pantry with the following items: **saltine crackers, jelly, peanut butter, pudding or gelatin mixes, packaged cookies, bath soap, toilet paper, and canned pork & beans, fruit, tuna, peas, green beans, soup, and tuna.** And we always need paper grocery sacks. Thanks for all of your support of this worthwhile outreach program. We hope that 2010 will be a year in which people and countries realize their potential and make good progress toward achieving it.

Crosslines always needs:

breakfast cereal
saltine crackers
macaroni & cheese
peanut butter
jelly
puddings and gelatin mixes
bar soap
snacks (cookies & candy)

toilet tissue
Canned items:
pork & beans
fruit
juice
meat
tuna
vegetables (peas, corn, and green beans)

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

Worship services at 8:15 a.m. and
10:45 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:30
a.m.

Choir rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. in the music
room.

There will be **NO YOUTH GROUPS**.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY -
The church office will be closed.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Chancel Bells rehearse in Room 207 at
6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir meets in the Music Room at 7:00
p.m. to rehearse.

Dr. White's class begins at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

There will be **NO YOUTH GROUPS**.