



NATIONAL AVE-NEWS

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(Disciples of Christ)

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Lent 2010 at National Avenue

Lent has historically been a season of introspection - a time to reflect on the life of Jesus, and on our own lives. This year, we will journey together in a process that will engage our minds as well as our hearts and, help us to see the stories of Jesus from the ancient writings and traditions, as mirrors of what may be happening in the world around us, and in our lives.

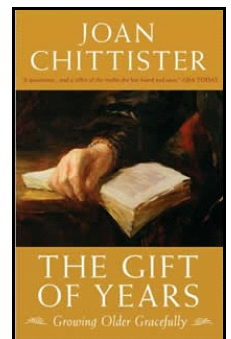
• February 17 th	Ash Wednesday Service	Where Your Heart Is	7:00 pm
• February 21 st	First Sunday of Lent	Meeting the Temptation	8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
• February 28 th	Second Sunday of Lent	Challenged	8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
• March 7 th	Third Sunday of Lent	Free to Rejoice	8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
• March 14 th	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Welcome Home	8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
• March 21 st	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Jesus or the Poor?	8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
• March 28 th	Palm Sunday	Hosanna	8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
• April 1 st	Maundy Thursday	Dinner and Communion	6:30 pm
• April 2 nd	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	12 noon to 12 midnight

But before Lent begins...

Make plans to come and eat your fill of pancakes on the day before Lent begins. Our Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. and pancakes, sausage, and fruit are on the menu. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per adult and children 12 and under eat free. Any and all profits from this supper will go to the Week of Compassion Offering.

The Gift of Years

Over the next four months, you are invited to attend a luncheon specifically for individuals who are now retired and/or over 65. Each month, on the second Tuesday, we will gather in the parlor for lunch and conversation using Joan Chittister's book, "The Gift of Years" as our guide. Chittister believes it is important to understand that as we age, we have the opportunity to view this stage of our lives as the capstone years, the time in which a whole new life is in the making again. She says, "The gift of these years is not merely being alive, it is the gift of becoming more fully alive." Lunch will begin at 12:00 noon and a donation of \$3.00 is suggested to cover the cost of the meal. These luncheons are also an opportunity for you to spend some time with Pastor Laura and get to know her better, as well as spend time fellowshiping with other members at National Avenue. Please call the church office to register for our first luncheon on **February 9th**.



A Note for Our Infant and Toddler Parents

The Infant and Toddlers Subcommittee have been hard at work making the nursery at NACC a safe, clean, and fun place for our younger children. We have created procedures that will help to ensure this. These procedures will bring substantial changes in such things as how children are dropped off and picket up, how parents are notified of issues, etc.

On February 14th at 6:00pm we will have a meeting for parents and childcare workers in the parlor so that we can all learn about these exciting new changes we've made on behalf of your children. We will not be able to provide childcare that evening as it is very important that our childcare workers and parents are all in the same room to help ensure that a consistent message is conveyed. Just a reminder – children ages 3 and up are invited to attend Mustard Seeds beginning at 5:30 that evening.

Adult Spiritual Formation The Gospel of John

Dr. John White is teaching a study on the Gospel of John over the next few weeks and there is still time to join in the conversation. 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. By looking at the Gospel of John and how it differs from the other three gospels and through examining the gospel's plot and outline, you will become more acquainted with who Jesus was for John. Wednesdays evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor.

Remember in Prayer:

NACC Members: Duane Cook, Lois Atteberry, Jamie Genung

At Home: Jean Atwill, Audra Brown, Janis Cantwell, Denton Cook, Larry & Mae Etta Correll, Pauline Dutton, Jane Fatzinger, Mary Ferrell, Hazel Gibbs, Faye Moon, Juanita Pamplin, Allen & Anne Routt, George & Harriet Shirley, Sue Simmons, Ruby Smith, Myles & Hortense Sullivan, Jim Tate

Family & Friends:

Linda Cassetta (Nancy Hainline's cousin), Rick Ailling (Rodney Jones' friend), Ann McFate (McFates' daughter), Chester & Alan (Hawleys' brothers), Ruth Jones (Rodney Jones' mother), Brian Owen (Jamie Genung's friend), April (Evelyn Honea's co-worker), Blake Brockmeyer and family (Marsha Hatfield's friends), Susan (Karen Lance's co-worker), Vera Stillwell (Mark Stillwell's mother), John Bohannon (Gene & Roberta Smith's brother-in-law), Jim Troye family (friends of Zimmermans and Kleins), Mary Deweese (friend of Debbie Radford)

Sincere prayers for God's comfort are extended to **Jamie Genung** and his family in the recent death of his brother, **Terry**.

CWF Bake Sale

Feb. 13, Saturday

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Feb. 14, Sunday 8:00

a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



We are looking for volunteers and baked goods contributions for 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!

Calendar Change:

Bart Brown, the Executive Director of the Ozark Food Harvest, will be here to speak to the **Disciples On the Edge Class** at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 7 instead of Jan. 31.

Report for Sunday, January 17, 2010

Worship Attendance.	182
Church School Attendance.	56
Homebound Served.	4
Weekly Receipts.	\$10,618

Report for Sunday, January 24, 2010

Worship Attendance.	176
Church School Attendance.	81
Homebound Served.	3
Weekly Pledge Receipts.	\$4,722

Sunday, January 31 - A Defining Moment

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

Sunday, February 7 - Accept or Reject

Sermon.	Rev. Laura Fregin
Worship Leader.	Olivia Harrell
Scriptures.	Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, February 14 - No Strings Attached

Sermon.	Rev. Laura Fregin
Worship Leader.	Dixie Seibel
Scriptures.	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 & Luke 6:27-38

Nicaragua Trip in March

A trip to Nicaragua is being planned for the last full week in March. Our team will be reconnecting with Hilapo Dos, the village which we sponsor through the Rainbow Network. The details of the trip are being worked out with Ryan Owen, who will be joining the team as both a member of NACC and a dedicated member of the Rainbow Network staff. Louise Jackson will also be on the trip, researching a children's book she is writing for the Rainbow Network. We have high expectations for our venture and are dedicated to sharing our congregation's concern for the well-being and continual growth of our partner village in Nicaragua.



You can be part of this trip in two ways: First of all, pray for the team that is going. We know from previous trips that this experience benefits our congregation as much as it does the people in Hilapo Dos. Secondly, you can help sponsor one of the individuals who is going on the trip. The cost this year is \$1,500 which will primarily cover airfare and hotel expenses. You may send checks made payable to NACC with "Nicaragua 2010" in the memo line, to the attention of our Office Administrator, June McLean. We appreciate your support and look forward to sharing this journey with you when we return. Need more information? Please contact Brad Wadle.

Our Response for Haiti

Since the earthquake in Haiti our congregation has been working with the Week of Compassion and the Festival of Sharing to collect money and prepare hygiene kits and baby kits for those in need in Haiti. Last Sunday several individuals stayed after the second worship service to put the kits together with items that had been donated. It is not too late to help. We still need items for the kits as well as money for shipping the supplies, and we will be putting kits together again this Sunday, January 31, in the Fellowship Hall after the worship services. If you would like to learn more about these ongoing efforts through the Week of Compassion and Church World Service you may go online to churchworldservice.org and weekofcompassion.org. Thanks for your response to this great need!



Week of Compassion Special Offering ~ February 21-28, 2010

Week of Compassion is how we, united with Christians throughout North America, reach out in God's love to help change bleak futures into much different stories. By giving to this offering, we help create futures of health, education, ample food and clean water, jobs, and hope. Jesus gave his disciples the mandate: Feed my sheep. Our love for Jesus fuels the passion, the determination, and the sacrifice that caring for Jesus' flock takes. Not only are our lives and futures profoundly changed because of Jesus' love; we also help shape a new future for people who receive help through Week of Compassion. Additional information will be available each Sunday in February.

Year End Giving Statements

Thanks to all of you, our giving this year generously supported these Outreach Ministries as well as provided the operating budget for our congregation:

Disciple Missions (CFC)

United Ministries in Higher Education

Crosslines

Mid-America Regional DOC

Rainbow Network

Ozark Lakes Area

Week of Compassion

The Kitchen

Habitat for Humanity

Council of Churches

Ozark Food Harvest

Drury Campus Ministry

NACC Mission Trips

Summaries of financial contributions are now available on the table in the hall outside the offices. If you have any questions about your giving statement, please contact our Office Administrator, June McLean at the church office.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

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**.

The **PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE** will meet in Rev. Fregin's office at 4:30 p.m.

The **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** will meet in Room 107 at 5:30 p.m.

The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will meet in Room 107 at 7:00 p.m.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

The **CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 107.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The **ALL DEPARTMENTS DINNER** will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (meetings at tables).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

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

Chancel Choir will meet in the music room at 7:00 p.m. to rehearse.