

# National Ave-News



National Avenue Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

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Springfield, Missouri

## Mark Your Calendars for these February Events...

Every Monday/Tuesday	5:30 pm	<i>Yoga/Restorative Yoga</i>
Monday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	<i>CWF Executive Meeting</i>
Tuesday, February 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 & 7:00	<i>CWF Meetings</i>
Saturday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am to 12 noon	<i>NACC at Ozark Food Harvest</i>
February 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>		<i>CWF Bake Sale</i>
Sunday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	<i>Deacon and Elder Meeting</i>
Friday, February 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	<i>Spaghetti Dinner &amp; Silent Auction</i>
Sunday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	<i>PFLAG meeting</i>

## Finding Our Way ~ Epiphany Worship

The liturgical year is designed to take us into deep contemplation. It is about immersion in the great mysteries of the faith and it is about the life of Jesus as it intersects with our own. In this time period that falls between the two poles of the life of Jesus – the Incarnation and the Resurrection – we get to pause for awhile...to take it all in...to make the connection between that life, that reality, and our own. So we look forward to the journey that we began as we celebrated the first Sunday of Epiphany...and we look forward to finding our way...together.

February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany 4	We Make the Road by Walking	Matt 5:13-20
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany 5	Where the Road Gets Hard	Matt 5:21-37
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany 6	Living Our Interconnectedness	Matt 5:38-48
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany 7	Attending to Our Footsteps	Matt 6:24-34
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Transfiguration Sunday - My Own Footsteps		Matt 17:1-9

## Second Saturday Ozarks Food Harvest...

Ozarks Food Harvest-The Food Bank-collects food and distributes it to a network of more than 340 agencies such as shelters, soup kitchens, senior centers, pantries and daycares. These hunger relief organizations serve poverty stricken children, working poor, families and seniors. It distributes more than seven million pounds of food annually to 29 southwest Missouri counties – reaching more than 41,000 people every month. In addition to food distribution, Ozarks Food Harvest offers direct relief through its **Kids Cafe®**, **Weekend Backpack Program™**, **Club F.U.N.™** and **Mobile Food Pantry™** programs. Chad Young is very involved in Ozarks Food Harvest and is sharing his passion for helping to *transform hunger into hope* by leading a group of volunteers from NACC the second Saturday of each month. Volunteers are assigned different tasks each time but no matter what the job is, we have a great deal of fun working together for a great cause. Please email Chad if you can help at [cyoung@cameron-insurance.com](mailto:cyoung@cameron-insurance.com) or look for him after worship – he is the guy running sound in the balcony each week!

## Harvest on Wheels: Thank You!

We would like to thank the members of National Avenue Christian Church for all your contributions of fresh produce last year. Members and people in the neighborhoods brought fresh produce to the church for delivery to the Missouri Hotel/The Kitchen and Ozarks Food Harvest. Harvests on Wheels' Volunteers have collected from farmers' markets, produce stands and collection sites throughout the city. Also, we gleaned gardens and orchards. The last collection date for fresh produce was Saturday, December 18. The total pounds collected last year was 29,559.5 pounds which was taken to Ozarks Food Harvest and/or to the MO Hotel/The Kitchen. The Ozark Lakes Area Office has approved the collections of fresh produce at the area churches and Crosslines remains the focus for the collection of nonperishable contributions.

## ***CWF Bake Sale...***

**February 12 & 13, 2010: Saturday 1 to 3 pm and Sunday 8:30 to noon**

We are looking for volunteers and baked goods that you might consider contributing to the bake sale as mentioned above. Profits are used to support the CWF Outreach, CWF Departments and Local CWF Church Concerns. Please bring your items to the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 12 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 week-end!

## ***Have a Heart Silent Auction...***



The 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at National Avenue will host a Silent Auction to benefit Foster Children in Greene County. The Auction will take place from February 6<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> in the Gallery. Auction items will be displayed and ready for your bids by Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Bidding will continue through Friday evening, February 18<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to join the class for a Spaghetti Dinner that evening and cast your final bids. Special thanks to our chefs for coordinating our dinner. Special entertainment that night will be provided by the Chancel Bells. Mark your calendars now for this even and watch for an Evite the first week of February. You may also donate items for the Silent Auction.

Each Sunday morning class is asked to contribute a themed basket of items that will be offered for sale in the auction. Questions? You may contact Debora Biggs 860-4298, Mark Biggs 459-7337, or Chad Young 234-3888.

## ***Request for Donations...***

You may have noticed over the past few months, that many areas of our church have been undergoing some changes. These have not been major structural changes, instead they have been changes that have helped create spaces where we can gather and enjoy conversations together. Diana Butler Bass in her book *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, writes that in the vital congregations she visited, new expressions of beauty were found. As many individuals in our congregation work together to provide beautiful spaces for us to enjoy, they need your help in finding some additional pieces of furniture. If you have fine used furniture that you would be willing to donate, please contact Donna Charles. Donna is working on a master plan for furnishings and will be glad to come and see the pieces to determine if they will fit with the overall vision. Thanks in advance for your help!

## ***Deacons and Elders Meeting...***

Please plan to attend a Deacons and Elders meeting on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> in the Gallery. We will gather around the tables, enjoy some soup and bread and have some conversations about the focus for our work in the next few months. Please let your chair know that you will be attending.

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