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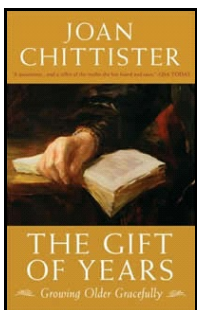
## Week of Compassion

“We have responded generously to the Week of Compassion’s relief efforts in Haiti, and we are glad to know that our church is involved in providing life-saving assistance to those suffering people. From bitter experience, we know that there will be more natural disasters and human conflicts that create more suffering and we want to be there so we can extend the compassion of Jesus Christ. We will be there through Week of Compassion. Every year in February the Christian Church receives a special offering that creates a rapid response fund so when disaster strikes, whenever and wherever people hurt, we are there. That’s why we give to the Week of Compassion.” Steve Cranford, Retired Disciples Minister

## Meet Carla Giger - March 4

Carla Giger will be at National Avenue Christian Church on **Thursday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m.** in our Fellowship Hall with a presentation about her service as program coordinator for an HIV/AIDS prevention program in South Africa. She is presently in her hometown of Slater, Missouri. The program in Soweto is jointly sponsored by the Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ. She has been working in Soweto under Global Ministries, the joint mission work of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ.

Carla Giger has served three years as a global mission intern and Program Coordinator for an HIV/AIDS prevention program called GASA, or Girls Against the Spread of AIDS. She also works as the assistant director of Bridgman Centre, where she assists the director with the day to day functions of the center as well as programming ideas for the after school program. This has been a joint appointment by the Common Global Ministries Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. Her ministry was made possible because of funds provided by Week of Compassion of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



## The Gift of Years Luncheons Continues on March 9

You are invited to attend a luncheon specifically for individuals who are now retired and/or over 65. Each month through May, 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 second luncheon on **March 9**.

## Volunteers Needed Now for Good Friday!

NACC will host a Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday, April 2**, from noon through midnight. We will need lots of volunteers to ensure this contemplative exercise is available to the congregation and to the public for the entire twelve hour period. There are many different roles that can be filled. If you can help either on or before April 2, please put your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church parlor. For more info, contact Etta Madden ([ettamadden@mchsi.com](mailto:ettamadden@mchsi.com)) or Dee Telting ([dtelting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dtelting@sbcglobal.net)).



## Remember in Prayer:

**NACC Members:** Duane Cook, Skyler Hatfield

**At Home:** Jean Atwill, Audra Brown, Janis Cantwell, 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), Chestar & 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), John Bohannon (Gene & Roberta Smith's brother-in-law), Jim Troye family (friends of Zimmermans and Kleins), Nyle Wiggins (Uncle of the Barbers), Helen Hamilton (Anissa Barber's grandmother) Mary Deweese (friend of Debbie Radford)

### Condolences:

. . . to **Frances Pitts** and her family in the passing of her sister, **Zola Kinworthy**, on February 20.

. . . to the family of **Denton Cook**, 93, who passed away February 21 in St. John's Hospital after a short illness. His wife and NACC member Wilma proceeded him in death in 2008. They had two children and were married for 71 years. Denton was a WWII veteran and worked in the lumber business as a purchasing agent. He was also a founding member of NACC when services were held in Phelps School and worked to help build our current structure. Denton was an Honorary Life Deacon. A service will be held for him **Friday, Feb. 26, at 11:00 a.m. in our sanctuary.**

## **Lent at National Avenue Christian Church**

- Feb. 28 Second Sunday of Lent - Challenged  
8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
- Mar. 7 Third Sunday of Lent - Free to Rejoice  
8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
- Mar. 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent - Welcome Home  
8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
- Mar. 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent - Jesus or the Poor?  
8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
- Mar. 28 Palm Sunday - Hosanna  
8:15 & 10:45 am Worship
- Apr. 1 Maundy Thursday Dinner and Communion  
6:30 pm
- Apr. 2 Good Friday - Stations of the Cross  
12 noon to 12 midnight

### ***What we are reading this Lent...***

"An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith"  
by Barbara Brown Taylor

"The Return of the Prodigal Son:  
A Story of Homecoming" by Henri Nouwen

"Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion" by Sara Miles

"The Faces of Jesus: A Life Story"  
by Frederick Buechner

"The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully"  
by Joan Chittister

### Report for Sunday, February 14, 2010

Worship Attendance. . . . .	185
Church School Attendance. . . . .	79
Homebound Served. . . . .	3
Weekly Receipts. . . . .	\$6,221

### Report for Sunday, February 21, 2010

Worship Attendance. . . . .	166
Church School Attendance. . . . .	88
Homebound Served. . . . .	3
Weekly Pledge Receipts. . . . .	\$3,785

### Sunday, February 28

<b>Sermon.</b> . . . . .	Rev. Laura Fregin
<b>Worship Leader</b> . . . . .	Suzanne Rohman
<b>Scriptures.</b> . . . . .	Luke 13:31-45

### Sunday, March 7

<b>Sermon.</b> . . . . .	Rev. Laura Fregin
<b>Worship Leader.</b> . . . . .	Mark Biggs
<b>Scriptures.</b> . . . . .	Luke 13:1-9, 10-17

### Sunday, March 14

<b>Sermon.</b> . . . . .	Rev. Laura Fregin
<b>Worship Leader.</b> . . . . .	Brad Wadle
<b>Scriptures.</b> . . . . .	Luke 15:1-32



**Church Women United: World Day of Prayer**  
**Friday, March 5, at 9:30 a.m.**  
**At Schweitzer United Methodist Church, 2747 E. Sunshine St.**  
**Speaker: Sharon Rone of "Newborns in Need"**  
***"Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God"***

**CWF CIRCLE NEWS**

**MARY MARTHA CIRCLE** will meet in the parlor on Tuesday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m. Wanda Huggins will serve as hostess and Chris Fox will lead the study and worship.

**ABIGAIL CIRCLE** will meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. Suzanne Richmond will serve as hostess and Susan Wheeler will lead the study and worship.



There is no General Meeting in March.



**NACC Work Day**

**We Need Your Help!**

**Saturday, April 3,** will be the next NACC work day. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and work until 12:00 noon. There will be bagels in the morning for volunteers. Please

RSVP to the church office if you plan to help which will in turn help with our planning the different tasks that will need to be performed.

**Do You Want to Learn CPR?**

If you didn't get in on the February CPR class being taught by our own Jean White, you have another chance.

Jean said she would be willing to hold another CPR class for those wishing to learn for the first time or those who need a refresher course if there were enough people interested. She would like to limit the class to six people and hold it some time in March. If you are interested in taking this class, contact the church office (869-9176).



**Haiti Earthquake Response**

Thank you for your response to the Haiti Crisis which initially has totaled \$2,154.00 for the value of the kits and \$2,251.72 for the cash contributions with a total giving of \$4,405.72 by the initial deadline date of February 1 to get the kits to Brentwood Christian Church. This generosity has continued with Scott Zimmerman working with the youth to put together kits. Also, the National Avenue News announced that more kits may be brought to the church at any time with the inclusion of a \$2.00 fee per kit for shipping. The newsletter specified that cash gifts to the Week of Compassion that are designated for Haiti earthquake relief are used 100% for that purpose.  
**Linda Bossi**



**CWF Bake Sale Thank You**

Thank you to the members of National Avenue Christian Church for your support. We have taken in the amount of \$1,212.65 at this bake sale. We had another successful bake sale with your help of sending baked goods, volunteering your time during the bake sale and being there to provide funds that will go to the worthy projects for outreach and local church concerns. **Linda Bossi**

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## *The Lenten Journey...*

I am finding Lent a little difficult this year and I am not really sure why. Perhaps it is that I feel I am still settling into my role as your pastor, perhaps it is because everything is still so new, perhaps it is that I just really don't want to be very disciplined right now! Thankfully this week, I found a quote from Larry Smith, who is an Episcopal priest, and it has managed to push me out of my comfortable noncompliance mode.

Smith says, "Lent is the time for a restoration project that will reveal the beauty of God's original design for us, showing once again the scale and proportion and priorities intended by our Maker. We are invited to pull down that tacky siding job, to get rid of that cheap addition that never really fit the house, to strip the woodwork of a dozen dishonest coats of paint, and that old wallpaper – we once thought so fashionable – to steam it off."

Now, while I am not sure I want to compare myself to an old house, a restoration project is something I can relate to! Smith perfectly describes the project we have undertaken on our home. From the moment I saw the house, I knew there was something wonderful hidden beneath the surface. Others were not so sure, including Fred, but it has been magical to see the innate beauty of this old house emerge as we peeled back the layers that were added over the years.

There is something deeply satisfying in bringing an old house back to new life – and perhaps there is something equally as satisfying about bringing the essence of who we are to new life. Perhaps after we have stripped off the layers of life, we need to throw open the doors and the windows and allow the Spirit of God to blow in and through our lives.

There is of course, another Buechner question for you to ponder this week: *"Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you happiest to remember?"*

Hope *your* renovations go well this week,  
Pastor Laura

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

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.

Youth Groups meet from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

### **MONDAY, MARCH 1**

Yoga in Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.



### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**

The Worship Meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. in Rev. Fregin's office.

Restorative Yoga in Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

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.

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 4**

The reception for **MISSIONARY CARLA GIGER** will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.