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Lent at National Avenue Christian Church



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

New Sunday and Wednesday Evening Classes to Begin Soon

There will be a new two-part class on Sundays (5:30) and Wednesdays (6:00 pm). Church members have expressed interest in a class on the beliefs and practices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Thus, a class called "Disciples 101" may be taken for three evenings in May – either Sunday (May 9, 16 & 23) or Wednesday (May 12, 19 & 26). To focus better on the kind of authority, beliefs and practices of Disciples, three preparatory sessions on other denominations (called "Inter-Christian Dialogue") will be given in March: Sunday (March 7, 14 & 28) and Wednesday (March 10, 17 & 31). The sessions both in March and May involve participation. In March, class members will explain what it meant formerly to be Catholic, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, etc. In May, long-time Disciples will explain what it has meant to be members of one or another branch of the Christian Church. Facilitators on Sundays will be Stephanie Young and Ryan Owen and the facilitator on Wednesdays will be John White.



Want to Take a CPR Class?

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).

NACC Work Day: You Can 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.



NACC Gifting Instructions: If you plan to give a gift of stock or money to the church, we can provide gifting instructions. Stock shares or cash can be transferred to the account of "National Avenue Christian Church" by DTC (for shares) or wire (for cash). The NACC gifting information should be referenced to ensure the shares or cash are credited to the NACC account in a timely manner. If you would like this information, please call June in the church office at 869-9176.



Save the Date

Vacation Bible School June 21-24 with an all-church celebration on June 25

CFW Sigma House Project for the Month of March

We will be taking donated items to the Sigma House located at 800 South Park for the month of March. The Sigma House will appreciate anything we can take to them. The following items are favorite suggestions: fresh fruit, vegetables, popcorn, chips, cheese, crackers, peanuts, peanut butter, cake mixes, brownie mix, personal items and good reading materials (books, catalogues, magazines). It has been requested that no home made items or mouth wash be contributed.

We will place a box in the fellowship hall in the northwest corner for our delivery on each Monday. Monday was suggested as the best time to deliver items. The following dates have been set aside for our CWF Circles and interested contributors: February 28-March 6, March 7-13, March 14-20 and March 21-27. We will pick up the items weekly to deliver to the Sigma House.

If you are interested in purchasing the snacks from Ozarks Food Harvest, a new orientation is necessary. Please call Lucy at 865-3411 at extension 116 to arrange this meeting which can be scheduled 15 minutes prior to your shopping. Please be ready to use the new Church Women United Account #110. You cannot pay with a personal check or cash and you must have a check or credit card from your church.

The Sigma House was founded by the Council of Churches of the Ozarks and it is a separate corporation today. Sigma House, Inc. is a non-profit, full spectrum drug and alcohol treatment center. Sigma House of Springfield is their primary facility. Their secondary facility is the Tri-Lakes Recovery Center which is in the heart of the Ozark Mountains and was established in 1991.

It is the philosophy of the Sigma House that chemical dependency is a primary, progressive and chronic disease and with intervention and the appropriate treatment settings, individuals and their families can recover and become productive members of their community. Sigma House does not promote any particular religion or organization, but does promote personal spiritual growth. Thank you for your continued support to help those in

It's Softball Time!

Time for the NACC Attack to strut their stuff on the softball field. To register for the team, please contact Mike Hagerman at 693-0143. This may be our year! Practice, yes practice, will begin the last week of March so register early. All men and women are welcome to participate . . . no skills required!



Congratulations to **Sylvia & Joe Clark Jr.** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Alessia James Kalember**, on March 1. The parents are Ryan & Deborah (Clark) Kalember.

"I want to keep my soul fertile for changes, so things keep getting born in me, so things keep dying when it's time for them to die. I want to keep walking away from the person I was a moment ago, because a mind was made to figure things out, not read the same page recurrently."

Donald Miller, from his book, Through Painted Deserts

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Worship services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Chancel Choir rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. in the Music Room.

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

The "InterChristian Dialogue" Class will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

The **SAFE CHURCH TASK COMMITTEE MEETING** will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 107.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

Yoga will be held in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet in the parlor at 9:30 a.m.

The **SENIOR LUNCHEON** will be held at noon in Fellowship Hall.



TUESDAY, MARCH 9 (Continued)

The **FINANCE COMMITTEE** will meet in Room 107 at 2:45 p.m.

ABIGAIL CIRCLE will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

The worship meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. in Rev. Fregin's office.

Restorative yoga will be held in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.

The "InterChristian Dialogue" class will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor.

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

The Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room.

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Linda Bossi & Wanda Hedenberg