

CWF CIRCLE NEWS

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet in the parlor on Tuesday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m. Duff Knudsen will serve as hostess.

ABIGAIL CIRCLE will meet in the parlor on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. Jeanne Gamble and Suzanne Rohman will serve as hostesses and Ellie Harris will lead the worship and study.

The **CWF Executive Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 107.

The General Meeting will be a Salad Supper at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, in Fellowship Hall.

Costs for General Assembly Elders Conference Reduced All Are Invited

Church elders will want to take advantage of the Elders Conference pre-assembly event that takes place 8:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 29 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. "Tending to God's Flock" will be the theme for the conference which will feature Martha Grace Reese, author of "Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism." Reese and Russ White, president of Christian Board of Publication, will facilitate a plenary session on Spiritual Leadership that offers elders methods for "tending" to their own internal preparation as leaders in their faith communities. Workshops also will be held. The price has been reduced for this year's conference from \$65 to \$35. So don't miss out. Sign up today by going to: <http://www.disciples.org/ga>. General Assembly early bird registration discounts end March 31!

Pastoral Search Committee Report - 3/15/09

If you have looked at the Search Committee poster recently (on the wall outside the church office), you will have noticed that we have checked off another box. Our congregational profile was approved at this past board meeting and has been forwarded to Mike Weinman at the Ozark Lake Area office. This profile represented a lot of work by different groups at our church. The personnel committee and finance committee had to work together on the job package. The steering committee provided our goals and our vision statement. The search committee had to gather information from many areas of the church and we had to work together to determine the attributes this church is looking for in its next pastor. And, if you remember the survey you completed about a month ago, that information is included as well.

The exciting thing about getting all of that work done is that we are prepared to start receiving profiles. Mike Weinman will be attending the first search committee meeting in April and, according to him, bringing us a large stack of profiles at which we can begin to look. And we have plenty to keep us busy until then. We have been spending a lot of time developing a sermon evaluation tool and, in fact, search committee members have been evaluating Herb's sermons for the past couple of weeks. We've also been developing our first round of interview questions. If we feel that a profile gives us reason to pursue a candidate, the next step will always be a phone interview. During this short interview, we must ask the questions that will help us determine whether or not we want to continue conversation with this candidate. So these have to be well-chosen and carefully worded questions.

This next Sunday we will be conducting a phone interview with Herb in the name of practice and preparation. This will help us hone our questions and our interview technique. We don't want to figure it out on our first candidate. We will have another practice round on March 29 with a local Disciples pastor who has just recently been through the search and call process. We're confident after these practice interviews and some more time spent processing what we've learned that we'll be ready to start interviewing candidates in April and May. It's very exciting to be at this point of the search process and to realize we'll have bigger news to report before you know it. As always, feel free to contact me, Jennifer Klein, or Herb if you have questions about our process.

Jennifer Klein

NACC Choir to Participate In A Community Hymn Sing To Benefit Crosslines

(A ministry of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks)

More than 100 voices from a dozen different church choirs will join together for a Community Hymn Sing at **3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at King's Way United Methodist Church, 2401 S. Lone Pine**. The program features anthems by a combined choir and a congregational sing-along. Nursery care is provided for children birth to pre-K. An offering will be received to benefit the work of Crosslines, where daily requests for emergency food assistance have increased by more than 24%.

Sign Up Now for the Next Mission Trip

The next mission trip to Pearlinton, Miss. is being planned for **May 17-24**. Anyone can participate, you only need a willing attitude and a desire to help. If interested, call Scott Zimmerman at 576-0071.

The Team Needs You!

Join the team for a summer of fun and fellowship. The season is **April 6 - July 24**. If you are interested, please contact Elaina Whitson at 234-2744 or erwhitson@spsmail.org.

All youth K-5th grade are invited to participate in this year's **Easter egg hunt**, on **Sunday, April 5**, during regularly scheduled youth group. Join us for dinner in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. and the hunt will begin at 6:30 p.m. We will meet rain or shine to enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship. Hope to see you there!

NACC WORK DAY Sat., April 4 From 9:00a.m To Noon

Everyone is invited to bring their cleaning supplies and tools and help spruce up our lovely grounds and building. Doughnuts and snacks will be provided.

It's Almost Time for the 2009 NEOLA Camps

It's time to start thinking about summer church camps! Camps start as early as June 7 and some run through September 6. Registration forms will be coming in to the church office soon, but if you want to get a jump on registering, you can download the information at www.olaccma.org.

Way to go youth group! You practiced cooperation and packed four big boxes of items to send to troops in Afghanistan. The letters you included showed you cared. Thanks to everyone who donated items. The youth will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Easter from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come join us!

Stewardship Work-shop: "Giving to God: from Principles to Practice" Sunday, April 26 from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. In Our Fellowship Hall

This Ozarks Lakes Area work-shop will build on the principles from the first work-shop that was held in the spring of 2008, which sought to present "The Big Picture of Stewardship" which laid a foundation of core biblical principles. The keynote speaker will be **Ed Varnum**. "Ed believes that the present economy makes it more important than ever for the church to teach biblical stewardship with both clarity and conviction. It is vital that we cast a vision greater than any current crisis, with guidance on how to live out God's call to faithful stewardship." There is no cost to attend, just notify church office (869-9176) if you plan to attend.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Worship services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The **LENTEN GROUP** will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 215.

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

A **COMMUNITY HYMN SING TO BENEFIT CROSSLINES** will begin at 3:00 p.m. at King's Way United Methodist Church, 2401 S. Lone Pine.

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

The **SEARCH COMMITTEE** will meet from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Room 213.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

The **LENTEN GROUP** will meet in Room 107 at 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

The **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** will meet in Room 217 at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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

The **LENTEN GROUP** will meet in the parlor at 6:00 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

The **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Room 107.

The **LENTEN GROUP** will meet in the parlor at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

WORK DAY AT NACC will be held from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Everyone is invited to participate!