National Avenue Christian Church

5 May 2011 Springfield, Missouri

Ozark Food Harvest May 14th…

We will work our usual day at Ozark Food Harvest this month which is this Saturday, May 14th. As part of their Faith Formation Class, some of the youth who will be making a commitment to Christ on June 5th are helping at Ozark Food Harvest this month. Come join them as we work to help people in need. Contact Chad Young at cyoung@cameron-insurance.com if you can help this month or if you need additional information.

Building and Grounds Work Day…

Several times a year, the Property Team hosts a work day for our church building and grounds. The spring work day is now scheduled for Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 am to 12 noon. All skill levels are needed – we will find something for everyone to do! This is a great time to get to know people in our community. Please call the church office and let us know you will be coming so that we can be sure to have enough coffee and bagels.

The Rainbow Network is a faith-based organization working to end extreme poverty in Nicaragua through housing, health care, education, micro finance, and sustainable agriculture. Nicaragua is one of our hemisphere's poorest nations. Unsafe dirt-floor houses, lack of access to education, lack of food and water, little to no economic opportunity, and nearly nonexistent healthcare kill more people every year than violence. We are working to change that.

National Avenue has been investing in a village called Hilapo Dos for several years and we are thrilled to be at an exciting new stage in our partnership with Rainbow Network and the village. We have learned in the past few weeks that a plot of land is available for purchase – this is land that will allow the village to build 30 new homes for families that desperately need this help. We need to immediately raise $10,000 to secure the land and then raise additional funds over the next few months to begin building the houses. You are invited to invest in the lives of the people in Hilapo Dos by giving a gift above and beyond your regular pledges and donations. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to NACC and note in the memo that it is for the Hilapo Dos project.

A Special Sunday – June 5th…

On June 5th, we will observe Pentecost [a week early!] by having Baptism during our 10:00 am Worship. If you are considering making a decision about becoming a Christ follower or reaffirming a decision you have made previously, please contact Pastor Laura. On June 5th, we will also recognize our Seniors who are graduating.

Mark Your Calendars… ***Art for Haiti*** returns on Friday, June 10th in the Gallery at National Avenue. Several artists have already responded to the call that went out a few weeks ago and our curator, Holly Elkin, is busy working with our Gallery Team members on planning another exquisite evening that will invite you to enjoy some wonderful art, hear some great music, and sample some delicious food. The event this year will benefit ***Community Coalition for Haiti***, an organization that has local ties. To help with the event please contact Anna Squires.

Working to Create Community… Last Sunday morning, we enjoyed seeing some of the new furnishings in our Gallery/Fellowship Hall. The Membership Team asked Donna Charles, a few months ago, to work with them on using the money given by the Unitrust Memorial Fund to create a gathering space in our church. The first delivery of furniture came last Friday and Donna, with the help of Charrie Dixon and our custodian Ben, began the renovation of the space. It is of course, absolutely beautiful but perhaps more importantly it is a place for us to gather and work on creating even more community within our church. So this week, after worship, grab your latte, find a seat, and enjoy some old and new friends.

Save Your Stuff… NACC's Boy Scout Troop 24 is having their annual Garage Sale on Saturday, June 25th beginning at 7:00am in the church parking lot. They would appreciate any and all donations. You may call Rick Fay, the troop leader at 818-0302 to arrange pick ups.

Our Sympathies are Extended to… the family of Allen Routt. Allen died on the 30th of April and his graveside service was held on Thursday, May 5th. James Allen Routt lived a full life – born in Springfield in 1919 to James and Nettie Routt, he graduated from high school in Springfield and went on to receive a degree in business from SMS. He even edited the college yearbook his senior year. In 1946 he married the love of his life, Anne Squires and became a member of her sprawling family.

Allen served in World War II and after the war worked for the Arthur Anderson Accounting Firm in Kansas City. He returned to his hometown of Springfield in 1949 to open his own firm here and sold the firm when he retired thirty years later. He was active in the community and became an avid golfer, playing his favorite game for over 50 years.

Allen loved National Avenue: he and his wife Anne were charter members; Allen served as secretary and treasurer for many years; he was honored by being made a Lifetime Elder; and through the years, Allen invested not only his money, but his time and his many gifts and talents in service to the church. He cared deeply for this church through the years, even right up to the time of his death, and so his family has chosen to honor him by asking individuals to make contributions to the Outreach Foundation at National Avenue Christian Church.

Allen is survived by his loving wife, Anne, his daughter Katy Anne and her husband Sid, his grandchildren, Melissa and her husband Chad, and Allen and his wife Beverly and his great-grandchildren, Rebekah and Joshua.

May Meetings…

Every Monday	5:30 pm	Yoga in the Gallery
Sunday, May 8th	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 10th	9:30 am	CWF Mary Martha
	7:00 pm	CWF Abigail
Wednesday, May 11th	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday, May 14th		Habitat for Humanity Run – NACC
	9am-12noon	Ozark Food Harvest
	9am – 12noon	Church Workday
Sunday, May 15th	3:00 pm	PFLAG
Sunday, May 22nd	After Worship	Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 29th	11:30 am	Prayer Shawl Team
Monday, May 30th	Memorial Day	Church Office Closed