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CWF CIRCLE NEWS



MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, in the NACC parking lot to carpool to Cook's Kettle (200 W. Commercial) for a lunch meeting at 11:30 a.m.

ABIGAIL CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, June 9 at a time and restaurant to be announced.

The CWF Executive Board Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2, in Room 107.

The CWF General Meeting will be held at Mr. Yen's Chinese Restaurant (4117 S. National) at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23. Please RSVP to Linda Bossi at 890-1079 no later than June 18.



C.W.F. 31st Annual Spring Salad Supper * Tues., June 2, 6:00 p.m. **Republic First Christian Church, 443 N. Main St., Republic, Mo.**

Speaker: Their Youth Pastor Rev. Julie Pappenfort: "Who Packs Your Parachute?"

Bring a salad & RSVP by May 29 to Linda Bossi (890-1079).



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 31

**After Each Worship Service
In the Sanctuary**

To elect new elders, deacons
& officers

Vacation Bible School

Mon. - Fri., June 15-19

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**All Church Picnic & Game Night
on June 19 at 6:00 p.m.**



The theme this year is "Studio Go Game Show"
There is a sign-up area in Fellowship Hall.

C.R.Y. 2009 PIECES

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America Christian Regional Youth
July 20-23, 2009
Culver-Stockton College

For youth who have completed 8th-12th grade.

A place where youth will find Christian belonging, spiritual growth, laughter, acceptance, a closer relationship with God, and the opportunity to make new friends in the shadow of God's love. Forms are available in the church office, from your youth group sponsor, or download them from the web site: mid-america-disciples.org/youthcry.htm. **Early registration has been extended to May 31, 2009.** Cost is \$200 **if you register before May 31** and \$225 after that date.



**Calling All
TEENS!**

Along the Avenue

CONGRATULATIONS!

Elaina Whitson is graduating from MSU with a Masters in Education Administration.

Hillary Clark was voted Prom Queen at Parkview High School, graduated, and will be attending Truman State University in the fall.

Emily Morgan graduated from Drury on May 15 and will be attending Princeton Seminary.

Angela Ricketts received her master's degree in Social Work at MSU on May 15.

Benny & Beverly Ellis' granddaughter, **Kristen Ellis**, was married on May 15 to **Chris Fenderson**. They will be living at 319 Chestnut Street, LeClaire, Iowa.

Ken & Amy Reese and **Brad & Kristy Parker** have gone into business together and bought the Gold Minds Toy Store.

Howard Cavner's daughter, **Maral Cavner**, graduated from Greenwood Academy and will be attending Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in the fall.

Disciples Mission Fund Report

Thank you for your gifts through Disciples Mission Fund. In 2008, Disciples congregations contributed a total of \$16, 611, 858 through DMF. NACC contributed \$19,210.50 through regular giving, special offerings, CWF, youth groups, and church schools.

Of those gifts, \$2,064.77 went to Disciples-related colleges and universities and seven seminaries and divinity houses that offer quality Christian education and ministerial training. Your gifts sponsor pastors pursuing a Master of Divinity. Your gifts provide for campus ministries that support young adults as they transition to college.

Thank you for your contributions to Karen's School of Nursing in Haiti! We deeply appreciate your compassion for others.
Linda Bossi, CWF President



Thank you so much for letting us host our sale and our dinner at your church. Your support means a lot to our group. **United Students for Fair Trade**

Thank you to the **Ron & Donna Kinney** family for their generous donations of a Brunswick pool table and a Foosball table for the youth room.



A Book Signing by David Estes

NACC member David Estes has written a book, *A Bag of Gold*, and he will be signing books (also available for purchase at \$21) in the parlor on **Sunday, June 7**, during the coffee fellowship hour and also after the second worship service.

Report for Sunday, May 17, 2009

Worship Attendance	173
Church School Attendance	72
Homebound Served	5
Weekly Receipts	\$4,693

Report for Sunday, May 24, 2009

Worship Attendance	136
Church School Attendance	67
Homebound Served	4
Weekly Pledge Receipts	\$2,938

This Sunday, May 31

Sermon

"As I Live and Breathe"
Dr. Herb Knudsen

Scriptures:

First Lesson

Gospel

Worship Leader

Sunday, June 7

Sermon

Rev. Howard Cavner

Scriptures:

First Lesson

Gospel

Worship Leader

Outreach Foundation 2009 Disbursements Report . . .

It was forty-nine years ago at an Outreach Committee meeting a formative decision was made. The three households present [Arlie and Norma Bonar, Mark and Dorothy Randle, and Ruth Carter] each wrote out a check for \$20 and the National Avenue Christian Church Outreach Foundation began. The vision was, and is, for annual earnings from the Foundation to expand NACC's commitment to mission by supporting special projects and work over-and-above the annual budget. That truth is truly more than just a "story." The Foundation has grown from the \$60 to more than \$587,600 (*a significant number even in this "down" market*). Members and friends through memorials, estates, and gifts have helped the endowment fund grow over those years as well as provide significant support for a wide range of mission work. Annual earnings have recently been in the \$34,500 range, but with the market down, the distribution for 2009 is \$26,737. Seventeen grant requests were considered by the Outreach Committee (Brad Wadle, Chair), ten of which were recommended to the General Board and approved. At least three grant requests had to be divided over a two-three period in order to achieve the desired goal.

The NACC Outreach Foundation gifts for 2009 are:

- \$10,000 **Rainbow Network** to continue our village sponsorship of Hilapo Dos, Nicaragua; in particular, the feeding center and the medical center. The micro-loan program, we earlier sponsored, is now a complete success and no longer needing funds. The education scholarships continue and later may also need some individual sponsorships.
- \$ 4,000 **Fedice**, a Disciples Global Ministries program to support the indigenous people of Ecuador in education, health, and cottage industries. Since 1999, our biennial mission trips here have most particularly worked on health issues and the need for "safe water" systems. This grant will help build another one.
- \$ 3,000 **Heartbeats of Faith**, a church-wide capital campaign to establish a \$5 million Health Care Benefit Reserve Fund, to help stabilize our denomination's employee healthcare plan. Our congregation's assigned goal is \$8,852.
- \$ 3,000 **Christian Church in Mid-America** Regional Minister's Discretionary Fund to assist with current and future counseling needs of clergy and/or individuals harmed in times of crisis, as well as support for preventative therapeutic opportunities.
- \$ 2,500 **Drury University School of Religion** will be celebrating its centennial year beginning next Fall. This gift will help in the establishment of a named Legacy Fund to provide support for the DSOR work with students in the Disciples on Campus (DoC) program.
- \$1,284 each Seed funds and support grants for the important local ministries of **Crosslines**, **The Kitchen**, and **Springfield Habitat for Humanity**.
- \$250 each Membership/Sponsorships for the Ozarks Pride Festival and for the Disciples of Christ Historical Society (of which Wanda Hedenberg was recently elected a Board of Trustees member).



***....extending Christ's ministry and love
from our doorsteps, to the ends of the earth!***

– Acts 1:8



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SUNDAY, MAY 31 - PENTECOST

Worship services at 8:15 a.m. and
10:45 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:30

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

will take place after each service to elect
new elders, deacons and board officers.

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

The **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE** will
meet in the parlor at 5:30 p.m.

The **"ETHICS" CLASS** will begin at 5:30 p.m.
in Room 103.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

The **CFW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**
will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 107.

The **BOARD BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING** will begin at 5:45 p.m. in Room 107.



TUESDAY, JUNE 2 (Continued)

The **CABINET MEETING** will begin at
7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

REV. HOWARD CAVNER will be preaching.

David Estes will be having a **BOOK SIGNING**
(books will also be available to purchase) in the
parlor during the coffee fellowship and after the
second worship service.

The **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE** will meet
in Room 213 at 5:30 p.m.

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