

National Avenue Christian Church

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HELPING IN OUR GLOBAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES...



2nd Annual Art for Haiti...

The Gallery at National Avenue, just beginning its second year, will host the 2nd Annual Art for Haiti on Friday night, June 10th from 7:00 to 9:30pm. The Gallery, which has over the last year made its vision of becoming a gallery committed to social justice and community outreach a reality, is pleased this year to sponsor the show as a benefit for the Community Coalition for Haiti. This group has been transforming lives through education, economic development, clean water, and agricultural and medical programs for over 20 years.

This show will feature work from artists that live in Jacmel, Haiti as well as 19 regional artists. The Gallery's curator, Holly Elkins, has been to Haiti twice since The Gallery at National Avenue's first Art for Haiti exhibit in June of 2010 and has traveled both times with Community Coalition for Haiti. Her first trip was to Pignon, a small town in the north. It was the end of October 2010 and the beginning of the cholera outbreak in the region. The second trip in May 2011 was to Jacmel on the southern coast, a city still with open wounds from the earthquake of January 2010. In Jacmel, Holly was able to get to know several of the local artists and was able to bring back some of their work which will be part of the show this year.

Regional artists that will exhibit their work include Holly Elkins, the Gallery's curator and Allen St. Onge, Ann Marie Rausch, Barbara Kennedy, Brenda Beck Fisher, Bruce Docker, Chad Thomas, Dianne Baum, Elizabeth Chapman, Gabriel Bloodworth, Gary Rugar, Jacob Burmood, Jennifer Pierson, Joe Ray Kelly, John Payne, Penny Gordon Chumbley, and Terry Bloodworth.

Make plans to join us for this wonderful evening. Twenty-five percent of each sale will go directly to the relief work in Haiti through the Community Coalition. Many thanks to Holly Elkins, Anna Squires, Susan Mihalevich, Anissa Barber, Gloria Galanes, and Ruthie Russell for all their work – it will be the perfect beginning to summer as we enjoy some wonderful art, hear some great music, sample some delicious food and help the people of Haiti. As always, we encourage you to bring friends!

Joplin Relief and Help...

In consultation with the Ozark Lakes Area office of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ, National Avenue has made a commitment to be part of the second wave of responders to the tragedy in Joplin. We will be working with First Christian Church Joplin as well as South Joplin Christian Church in coordinating our efforts. South Joplin was heavily damaged in the tornado.



On Tuesday night, children and adults gathered to prepare snack bags. We had hoped to be able to put together 100 of the bags but we certainly topped that with a total of 381. These bags are being distributed by various individuals and groups. Thanks to all who donated the “goodies” and to everyone who helped stuff the bags. Also, thanks to Jeff Barber for answering the call to help South Joplin Christian Church with some architectural issues as well as advice on green building materials for the repair of their sanctuary.

Rev. Jill Michaels from South Joplin Church, has asked for help with gathering these items that are needed right now:

Detergent Toilet Paper
Power strips Body Soap
Extension Cords [all sizes, indoor and outside]

You may bring these items to National Avenue and we will see that they are delivered.

Please remember that *Ozark Food Harvest* will continue to need volunteers and that we are still collecting money. All funds will be forwarded to *Week of Compassion* and sent directly to our churches in Joplin so that they may give the money to those most in need. Just make checks payable to NACC

and mark *Joplin Relief* in the memo. Also, you may donate money towards restaurant gift cards or purchase cards for Applebee's, Outback Steak House, Buffalo Wild Wings, or McDonalds – these are all restaurants that are operational in Joplin at this time.

Later in the summer, Scott Zimmerman will be putting together groups of people that can do construction work – if you can put a roof on a building, put up drywall, paint, or just be a day laborer, please contact Scott at: ScottZimmerman@MissouriState.edu. These groups will be going to Joplin as they are needed.

Hilapo Dos Fundraising Continues...



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. The total amount NACC needs to raise is \$40,000 - \$10,000 for the land purchase and \$30,000 to build the first ten homes. 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. If you prefer donating by credit card, go to our website at www.natlave.com and make your contribution through our *PayPal account*. For additional information contact Brad and Lucinda Wadle at: bmllwadle@mchsi.com.

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.

IN AND AROUND NACC...

Departments and Cabinet Meetings June 5th...

This Sunday evening at 5:30pm we will hold an All Department Dinner and Meetings. Jaime and Barb will be making some delicious chicken salad and we will gather around the tables to eat and meet in this last meeting of NACC's church year. At 7:00pm the Cabinet will begin a short meeting to discuss plans for the summer. Child care will be provided.

Summer Sunday Schedule for Kids...

Our Summer Sunday School schedule through July 31st will be as follows:

Children 4 years old and under will be in the Nursery

Children 5 years old through 5th grade will go to Sunday School at the top of the steps in the children's area and will meet together for some fun activities and teaching.

As is our tradition, we will give all our teachers a break during the month of August and our normal Sunday morning schedule will resume in September. If you would like to help with the children on Sunday mornings this summer, either in Sunday School or in Kid's Chapel, please contact Robyn Hagerman or Rebecca Hampton.

Please note that we will not be having Kid's Chapel on Sunday, June 5th since we will be having baptism but children four years old and younger may go to the Nursery for the entire service.

Disciples Women's Ministries/CWF...

Please note any changes in the time and/or date of the June scheduled events.

June 6 th	Executive Meeting:	10:00am in the Parlor
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June 14 th	Mary Martha	10:00am
	Planning Meeting for Next Year in the Parlor;	
	Brunch Hostesses:	Linda Bossi and Jean White
June 28 th	General Meeting	6:00pm
	Installation of Officers and Social at Mister Yen's Restaurant	

Worship in June...

On June 12th Peter Browning will be preaching on, *Why Theology Matters* and on June 19th, Matt Gallion will be preaching on the other side of the coin – *Why Theology Doesn't Matter*. Then, on Sunday morning June 26th, at 9:00 am Peter and Matt will continue the discussion during the class time for Disciples on the Edge. There is absolutely no telling what these two will do with these subjects and since we do not podcast – you really need to be here for all three Sundays! Even though Dr. Fred will be away the 12th and the 19th arrangements have been made for the lattes to continue – please plan on staying for wonderful community time immediately following each week's service.

Ave-News Summer Break...

We will be printing the June Ave-News the week of June 5th and then the weekly Eblasts will take a short break, resuming the last week of June.