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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday - Friday, June 15-19

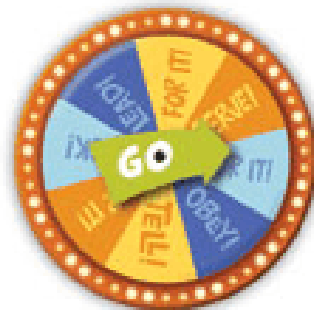
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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 for registration & volunteers in the church hallway.

Bring a dish or dessert to share and a game to play.



C.R.Y. 2009 PIECES

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America Christian Regional Youth

July 20-23, 2009 at 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-american-disciples.org/youthcry.htm. Cost is \$225.00.



Report from the Pastoral Search Committee

I was excited to share the news with the congregation this past Sunday about a pastoral candidate that came to Springfield for a visit. I cautioned that by looking ahead at the potential schedule, I could be getting ahead of myself . . . and I was. When we called to speak with the candidate Sunday evening, we learned that he had entered negotiations with another church, which means he must cease conversation with us. We experienced the very real dynamics of the search and call process and we must trust that this was not the right pastor for us at this time. Part of discernment is being open to God's voice, and trusting even when we don't understand. Although we were excited about this candidate, he was one of many good candidates. Conversation with these candidates will resume. We are also still open to receiving more profiles from the area office. We will continue to study, discern, and pray. We will listen for God's voice. Please continue to keep us and all of our candidates in your prayers. **Jennifer Klein**

Along the Avenue

CONDOLENCES . . . to Jim Joiner



and his family in the recent passing of his step-mother.

NACC SOFTBALL TEAM SCHEDULE:

June 11 at 8:20 p.m. at E4
 June 18 at 9:20 p.m. at K2
 June 25 at 6:20 p.m. at E2
 July 2 at 8:20 p.m. at K4
 July 9 at 6:20 p.m. at E4
 July 16 at 8:20 p.m. at KST



Estate Planning

If you die without a will, the laws of the state will determine the distribution of your property. Without a will (or a trust), **NOT ONE PENNY** of your assets will be left to your church. If you have not yet done so, make your will, without delay! If you have a will, review and update it every two or three years. Even if you think you don't own much property, you should still have a will. Get an attorney to draft a valid will for you. As you make your estate plans, don't forget the work of Christ. Plan for the ongoing support of our church's many ministries and institutions.

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 Disciples Mission Fund. NACC contributed \$19,210.50 through regular giving, special offerings, CWF, youth groups, and church schools.

Of those gifts, \$2,343.17 went to the Division of Overseas Ministries for the support of more than 190 missionaries, short-term workers, and volunteers. DOM works in partnership with Global ministries of the United Church of Christ, and our ecumenical partners in more than 90 countries worldwide. Through our global partners, hands were held of the dying in Africa, pastors were educated in Honduras, young adults discovered Christ and deepened their awareness of God through camps in Chile, and children had safe places to study after school in Laos. Your gifts transformed lives!



CONGRATULATIONS . . . to Morgan & Henny Honea on the birth of their son, **Andrew Lin**, on June 5. The proud grandparents are **Richard & Evelyn Honea**.

Report for Sunday, May 31, 2009

Worship Attendance	151
Church School Attendance	60
Homebound Served	5
Weekly Receipts	\$5,219

Report for Sunday, June 7, 2009

Worship Attendance	158
Church School Attendance	73
Homebound Served	5
Weekly Pledge Receipts	\$11,820
"KFC" Buckets	\$114

This Sunday, June 14

Sermon *"The Mustard Seeds"*
 Judith Rowland

Scriptures:
 First Lesson . . II Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
 Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Worship Leader Linda Bossi

Sunday, June 21

Sermon *"Back On Your Feet, Again!"*
 Dr. Herb Knudsen

Scriptures:
 First Lesson II Corinthians 6:1-13
 Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Worship Leader Suzanne Rohman

2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL EXPLORE WHOLENESS FOR ALL



Disciples from across the U.S. and Canada and from around the world will gather **in Indianapolis from July 29 - August 2** for the church's biennial assembly to worship, learn, fellowship and discuss the future of our Church. The 2009 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will center its work around

Revelation 22:2 - *And the leaves of the trees shall be for the healing of the nations.*" In choosing this verse as the centerpiece and guiding scriptural reference, organizers seek to complement the Disciples' new identity statement (*We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world*) with a theme of relevance, energy, conviction – and healing. The theme and logo for the assembly select several key words from the Revelation text, which is expressed simply as . . . *For the healing of the nations* . . . The logo depicts dozens of hands representing the many leaves of the tree. Organizers stress the hands are intentional, to represent hands raised in prayer, hands poised for work, and hands used for healing.

Assembly participants are invited to examine what it means to strive to be whole and to bring healing – for ourselves and for all God's creation. The theme of healing will be explored through worship, resource groups, and mission work. Well informed theologians, clergy, scholars and lay leaders will share their insights on the theme and its implications for our work, our witness and our future. In addition, people of all ages will engage in discussions on the church's future and what it means to be a mission-driven and priority focused church in the 21st century.

The theme also underscores the desire to create church-wide events that are "green" and ecologically responsible. The emphasis on "greening" means the event will serve as a model for ways Disciples can create meetings and moments of worship that minimize negative impacts on the environment. Practices learned and shared will assist congregations and individuals in becoming better stewards of the earth. The thousands who will gather will seek to affirm and declare the gospel with faith, energy, and commitment. Attendees will learn spiritual and practical skills that allow each of us to become part of the movement for wholeness in the world.

Hotel space will be in ample supply and attendees will be able to pick from a variety of quality, yet affordable downtown hotel properties, all within easy walking distance of the Indiana Convention Center. The presence of children, youth and young adults will be well-integrated into all aspects of the assembly, with a host of activities and learning options for people of all ages. To register and learn more about the schedule, speakers, guidelines for greening, and the sights of Indianapolis, visit www.disciples.org.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Worship services at 8:15 a.m. and
10:45 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:30
a.m. **JUDITH ROWLAND** will be preaching.

Choir rehearsal will be held in the music room
at 10:00 a.m.

The **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE** will
meet in **Room 103** at 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place
from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

The **PROPERTY DEPARTMENT MEETING**
will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Room 107.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place
from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take
place from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The **INTERIM STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING** will start at 6:00 p.m. in Room 213.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place from
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

A **VBS ALL CHURCH PICNIC & GAME NIGHT**
will take place at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 - FATHER'S DAY

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

Choir rehearsal will be held in the music room
at 10:00 a.m.

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