

# National Avenue Christian Church

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Springfield, Missouri

## HELPING IN OUR GLOBAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES...



### *Art for Haiti...*

The Gallery at National Avenue, just beginning its second year, hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art for Haiti on June 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

If you did not have a chance to attend the opening, you still have an opportunity to view the show and purchase pieces of art. The Gallery is open daily from 9 am to 3pm and also on Sunday mornings.

The show features work from artists that live in Jacmel, Haiti as well as 19 regional artists - regional artists that have work this year include Holly Elkins, the Gallery's curator, Allen St. Onge, Ann Marie Rausch, Barbara Kennedy, Brenda Beck Fisher, Bruce Docker, Chad Thomas, Dianne Baum, Elizabeth Chapman, Gabriel Bloodworth, Gary Rupar, Jacob Burmood, Jennifer Pierson, Joe Ray Kelly, John Payne, Penny Gordon Chumbley, and Terry Bloodworth.

Remember that twenty-five percent of each sale goes 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 in putting this show together.

### *Joplin Relief and Help...*

*From a letter written by Rev. Jill Cameron Michael – Pastor of South Joplin CC:* Although the crowds have died down and some agencies which respond immediately to disasters have gone home, there is still much going on in Joplin. There are still many agencies, both local and otherwise, who are working hard to help with the recovery.

First Christian and South Joplin Christian Church are also working in their own ways to reach out to our community. As many of you have heard, we have opened a Distribution Center at First Christian in the Family Life Center. People who have been impacted by the tornado are able to select food, paper goods, toiletries, cleaning supplies, clothing and other miscellaneous items to fit their needs. The Distribution Center is open regularly on Saturday (9 am to 5 pm), Sunday (1-5pm) and Monday (9 am to 5 pm). You will see regular updates about what items are needed. It is helpful to keep donations to the requested items as space is limited. Volunteers who are willing to sort, fold, organize and assist shoppers are always needed. Contact Mary Lin Carter (417-499-9727) if you are interested in helping. At this time there are no specific items that are needed but as that changes we will let you know.



**AND**



**CONVOY  
OF HOPE®**

***Joplin Relief Fundraiser – June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at all 3 Springfield Locations***

***50% of net sales will be donated to Convoy of Hope and at the 900 Battlefield Location (under the tent) there will be:***

***Live music  
Raffle Prizes  
and a Burrito Eating Contest***

***Join our Youth in helping to make this event a great success – come to worship on Sunday and then head over to Qdoba and lend your support.***

***Crosslines Report:***

The new Client Choice program recently instituted at Crosslines at the beginning of May has been very well received, both by the clients and by the volunteers from the pantry churches. If you would like to learn more about the program, chat with our volunteers. They are Frances Pitts, Kay Haun, Don & Twajana Chasteen, Mac McCullah, Emogene Cassy, Norene Rinker, Myrna & John White, and Joan Young.

Each volunteer works one on one with a representative(s) of a family (the client) as they push a grocery cart and choose from available items on the shelves. We have an opportunity to touch the lives of those people in need, perhaps hear about what is going on with them in their world and become more than faceless providers. We receive many words of appreciation and hugs.

In early spring the pantry churches received a request from Tom Faulkner (now in charge of Crosslines) to pledge a sum of money each month to supply the needs of the pantry with the supplies coming from Ozarks Food Harvest and supplanting the necessity of each church shopping for the supplies for its service day. NACC pledged \$600 per month, the approximate amount we were spending when we did our own shopping. Tom is still finessing the details of the program, but the current situation is that it is necessary for Crosslines to draw money from their own funds in order to stock the shelves adequately to serve the 50 to 75 families who are now coming for food. The donations are down at Ozarks Food Harvest for one reason or another, such as the need to help at Joplin.

Because we have committed our Crosslines budgeted amount and there are still unfulfilled needs that we would like to address, we are asking that you, our members, continue to donate items that are in short supply. These items include:

- crackers of any kind,
- whole grain cereals,
- dish washing soap and
- hygiene products such as shampoo, bath soap, tooth paste,
- and toilet tissue.

Our next service day will be Friday, July 1. We always have the first Friday of each month. Thanks to those of you who donate money, time, and/or needed to supplies for this worthy cause.

*From Joan Young*

## ***Harvest on Wheels: Thank You!***

We would like to thank the members of National Avenue Christian Church for all your contributions of fresh produce last year. Members and people in the neighborhoods brought fresh produce to the church for this program. Harvest on Wheels' Volunteers collected from farmers' markets, produce stands and collection sites throughout the city and we gleaned gardens and orchards. The total pounds collected last year was 29,559.5 pounds which was taken to the Ozarks Food Harvest and/or to the MO Hotel/The Kitchen.

The Ozark Lakes Area Office has approved the collections of fresh produce at the area churches and Crosslines remains the focus for the collection of nonperishable contributions. We look forward to continuing this important help for those in need and have collection areas in the Gallery/Fellowship Hall and the hallway by the accessible door coming into the church. If you would like to volunteer to help collect produce from the farmers' market, staff the booth at the Battlefield Mall, glean gardens and/or orchards or volunteer for Ozarks Food Harvest Fund Raisers, please contact Linda Bossi at 890-1079.

***Boy Scout Garage Sale Cancelled...***NACC's Boy Scout Troop 24 has been unable to obtain enough donations to have their garage sale this Saturday. They will be rescheduling for sometime in October and will welcome your donations closer to that time.

## ***IN AND AROUND NACC...***

### ***Summer Sunday Schedule for Kids...***

Our Summer Sunday School schedule through July 31<sup>st</sup> will be as follows:

Children 4 years old and under will be in the Nursery

Children 5 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>            General Meeting            6:00pm  
                         Installation of Officers and Social at Mister Yen's Restaurant

### ***Notes of Thanks...***

Thank you so much for allowing our P.E.O. group to use your facilities for our luncheon on June 16. With Katie Squires as our contact person, every detail was taken care of by your staff. After our first visit to the Art Museum we were able to enjoy a wonderful lunch and time of fellowship in your beautiful facility. Thank you again for your wonderful hospitality.  
*Judy Paul, Corresponding Secretary, Chapter ES P.E.O.*

Dear NACC, I think it is great that everyone took the time and effort to recognize each of the congregation's graduates and offer them each a little something. I had no idea I'd be getting that particular piece of mail! I think it's safe for me to speak for all the graduates when I say that I was pleasantly surprised at how gracious NACC truly is. Thank you all again.

*Sincerely, Charley Denton*