

July 8, 2009

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INSTALLATION OF THE NEW 2009 GENERAL BOARD & BOARD PLANNING RETREAT THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, July 12, the new 2009 General Board members will be installed at each worship service. Then, beginning at 3:00 p.m., the board will meet in Fellowship Hall to hold their planning retreat. **All** current deacons and elders are urged to attend. There will be a dinner for the board at 6:00 p.m. and the retreat will end with the General Board business meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

C.W.F. CIRCLE NEWS

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet in the parlor on Tuesday, July 14, at 9:30 a.m. Lee Longman will serve as hostess and Wanda Huggins will lead the study ("Praying Backwards and Forward") and worship. This circle will not meet in August.



ABIGAIL CIRCLE will NOT meet in July or August.

There will be no General Meeting in July.



Save the Date: July 24

Friday, July 24, is a date you can help support children who are victims of abuse and neglect through Ambassadors for Children and Old Missouri Bank. The Smiles for Saving Celebration & Fundraiser will be held at Old Missouri Bank, 3570 S. National and 1535 W. Sunshine from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Old Missouri Bank will donate \$1.00 for each person that attends and it's absolutely free to you! There will be food, bounce houses for the kids, face painting, drawings every hour (including a grand prize weekend trip to either Florida or Las Vegas), and a 2010 Camaro will be raffled off.

The New "Power of Together 40,000 Challenge" Is Now In Effect

Your gift to the Council of Churches of the Ozarks will be MATCHED dollar-for-dollar up to \$40,000. This is made possible by a generous group of Ozarks area individuals, businesses and foundations that have come together with the Council of Churches board of directors. Challenge gifts will be used to help meet the increased demand of providing services to some of the most vulnerable people in the Ozarks through the nine agencies operated by the Council of Churches. The Council's agencies specialize in delivering basic human services to more than 100,000 people in the Ozarks each year. The Power of Together \$40,000 Challenge coincides with the 40th Anniversary of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks. For more information about the Power of Together \$40,000 Challenge or the work and support services of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks, please contact Mark Struckhoff at 417-862-3586.

Along the Avenue



NACC Softball Team Schedule:

July 9 at 6:20 p.m. at E4
 July 16 at 8:20 p.m. at KST

Alzheimer's Association Offers Early Stage Education & Support Classes

1500 S. Glenstone

July 14 Workplace

July 21 Medicaid

There is no charge for these classes. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Phyllis or Rob at 886-2199.

"Disciples Night" at Hammons Field

Disciples churches in our area will be recognized at the Springfield Cardinals baseball game on **Saturday, August 22, at 6:10**

p.m. The congregations will sit together, so it will be a great time to get acquainted with others in our denomination. Tickets are \$10 per person. If you would like to get your reservations in, call the church office at 869-9176.



Disciples Mission Fund

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, \$1,090.48 went to the Office of the General Minister and President which provides pastoral guidance for the denomination, coordinates ministry planning for the future of the denomination, oversees the work and planning for the General Assembly, and administers the decision-making process of the General Board. In 2008, OGMP assumed responsibility for DMF, Treasury Services and Stewardship Education.

Thank you so much, one and all, for your warm reception of A Bag of Gold. It is quite an accomplishment for me and I am pleased that you shared the celebration.



David Estes



Second Quarter giving statements are available to pick up in the church hallway outside the sanctuary.

Report for Sunday, June 28, 2009

Worship Attendance	152
Church School Attendance	61
Homebound Served	5
Weekly Receipts	\$3,026

Report for Sunday, July 5, 2009

Worship Attendance	113
Church School Attendance	47
Homebound Served	3
Weekly Pledge Receipts	\$10,064
"KFC" Buckets (for new church ministry) ..	\$126

This Sunday, July 12

Sermon

"When All the Plans Come Together"
 Dr. Herb Knudsen

Scriptures:

First Lesson

Gospel

Worship Leader Etta Madden

Sunday, July 19

Sermon

"Our Spiritual Journeys"
 Dr. Herb Knudsen

Scriptures:

First Lesson

Gospel

Worship Leader Leslie Forrester

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.

To learn more about the schedule, speakers, guidelines for greening, and the sights of Indianapolis, visit www.disciples.org. NACC will be represented by Peter Browning, Howard Cavner, Don & Wanda Hedenberg, Herb & Duff Knudsen, and Bill & Lee Longman.

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SUNDAY, JULY 12

Worship services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. **INSTALLATION OF THE NEW BOARD** will be held at both worship services.

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

The **BOARD PLANNING RETREAT** will begin at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A dinner will be held for the board at 6:00 p.m.

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

The **GENERAL BOARD MEETING** will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



TUESDAY, JULY 14

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

NACC Softball Game at 8:20 p.m. at KST.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

LESLIE FORRESTER'S LAST DAY

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

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