

July 24 - You Can Help!

Friday, July 24, is a date you can help support children who are victims of abuse and neglect through the Ozarks Council of Churches' Ambassadors for Children program and the Old Missouri Bank. The Smiles for Saving Celebration & Fund-Raiser 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. Come out, have a fun day with your family and help children in need at the same time!



Dinner & Ice Cream Social Reception for the Knudsens

**Sunday, August 16
6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall**

It's almost time to say good-bye to Herb and Duff. There will be an all church dinner and ice cream social in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 16, to wish the Knudsens God speed. Meat, bread and ice cream will be furnished. Bring a salad, vegetable or cake to share. Please make reservations by calling the church office (869-9176) or noting your plans on the pew attendance cards. Let's give Herb and Duff a rousing send-off!

"Fan the Flame"

**Ozark Lakes
Area CCMA
Assembly**



Sunday, November 7, 2009

Clinton Christian Church
1201 E. Ohio St., Clinton, MO
Keynote Speakers:
Roger & Michelle Jenks

Everyone Must Pre-register.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. Events (including worship, Area Board of Directors meeting, and workshops) will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will last until 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth (includes lunch). You can register any time at www.olaccma.org or by filling out a registration form and turning it in to the Area Office. Forms can be picked up in the church office.



Mark Your Calendars:

What: Ozark Lakes Area Youth Leaders Conference

Where: South Street Christian Church Springfield

When: Sept. 19, 2009

Why: Provide leadership and training for area youth leaders

More information coming soon to an email near you! Other inquiries, contact the Area Office at 865-0850.

Along the Avenue



“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 Area office at 865-0850.

Worship Leader, Anyone?

Would you like to serve the congregation by reading scripture during worship? If so, please contact one of the worship committee co-chairs, Craig Hacker (arch369@mac.com) or Etta Madden (ettamadden@mchsi.com). They will gladly answer any questions you have and put you into the schedule for the coming year.



Help Buy School Supplies for Nicaragua Online

You can buy school supplies for Nicaragua online this year. The link is www.npowishlist.com/?mid=459. Each item shows how many are needed and how many have been purchased – school supplies for 8,000 elementary students. Your opportunity to help is just a click away.



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

Disciples Mission Fund

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

Of those gifts, \$959.50 went to Treasury Services, the Office of Promotion, and the Office of Stewardship Ministries. In 2008, Church Finance Council merged into OGMP to eliminate administrative duplication and free up financial resources to provide more congregational resources for stewardship and promotion of DMF. Your gifts are supporting congregational education for stewardship, training events, and new resources for promotion.

Report for Sunday, July 12, 2009

Worship Attendance	186
Church School Attendance	87
Homebound Served	4
Weekly Receipts	\$8,199

Report for Sunday, July 19, 2009

Worship Attendance	173
Church School Attendance	71
Homebound Served	4
Weekly Pledge Receipts	\$7,252

This Sunday, July 26

Sermon

“Be Strengthened”
Dr. Herb Knudsen

Scriptures:

First Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel John 6:1-21

Worship Leader Bill Longman

Sunday, August 2

Sermon

“The Ultimate Soul Food”
Dr. Herb Knudsen

Scriptures:

First Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16
Gospel John 6:24-35

Worship Leader TBA

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 26

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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 - AUGUST 2
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**, Indianapolis, Indiana



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

The **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING** will
begin at 6:30 p.m. in Room 107.

