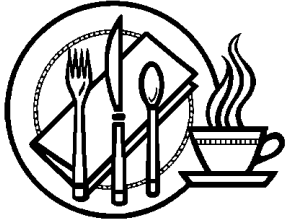


August 12, 2009



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. this 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) before noon on Friday, Aug. 14. Let's give Herb and Duff a rousing send-off!

Crosslines Update School Supplies Needed

Crosslines will be delivering school supplies to 53 elementary schools on **August 17 & 18**. Supplies have been ordered in bulk and Office Depot has given them a great deal. Now they need your financial support. Send your check (make sure you note on the memo line on the check that it is for "School Supplies"). Send the check to Council of Churches of the Ozarks, P. O. Box 3947, Springfield, Mo. 65808 (**not to the church**).

Donations of supplies are also **accepted at Crosslines** (1710 E. Chestnut Expressway). Most needed are: pocket folders, pencils, notebook paper (wide and college ruled), glue sticks, marker sets, colored pencils, pink erasers, yellow highlighters, sharp and blunt tip scissors, black and red ink pens, and spiral notebooks.

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Ozark Lakes Area Disciples Women's Fall Assembly



Monday, September 28

**Community Christian Church,
1064 N. State Hwy. 5,
Camdenton, Missouri**

Registration: 9:30 a.m. &

Program: 10:00 a.m.

\$8.00 fee includes lunch

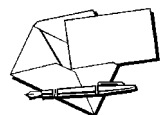
Keynote Speaker: Sarah Mason
from *Stop Traffic Now*

**You must pre-register and
pre-pay. Deadline to
register is September 11.**

Mail your registration form and fees to: Ozark Lakes Area Office, 500 South Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65806. Forms can be picked up from NACC CWF President, Linda Bossi or call her at 890-1079.

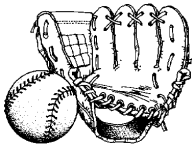
Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the very generous gift and all of your love and support. It was such a true blessing to work with all of you! I wish you all the best in the coming year! Our new address is 1264 N. Cedar Blvd., Apt. B301, Cedar City, Utah 84721. **Leslie Forrester**



Thank you to **Cary & Jacque White** for spending a day last week trimming and pruning the shrubbery on the church grounds and then hauling it off. And thank you to **Kieth & Susan Wheeler** for their days this week washing all the new dinner ware and packing up the old.

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 Leaders Needed

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 (886-9373 or arch369@mac.com) or Etta Madden (864-0521 or ettamadden@mchsi.com). They will gladly answer any questions you have and put you into the schedule for the coming year.

“Back to School Night” at National Avenue

The Education Department is presenting a “Back to School” event for the youth and their parents on **Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7:00 p.m.** Youth will meet in Fellowship Hall for games, crafts, and activities. Parents will meet in the upstairs fellowship hall for fellowship and an opportunity to participate in the “Love and Logic” presentation by Stephanie Young. Refreshments and childcare will be provided and we will be collecting school supplies to donate to Crosslines if you would like to bring a donation.



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, \$439.77 went to Ethnic Ministries. National Convocation, North American Pacific Asian Disciples, and the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries provides congregational support, nurture, and care that are vital to the future growth of the church.

NACC Blood Drive

Sun., August 23
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



CONDOLENCES . . . to Larry Jones and his family in the recent passing of his father, **Stanley Jones.**

Report for Sunday, August 2, 2009

Worship Attendance.	145
Church School Attendance.	70
Homebound Served.	4
Weekly Receipts.	\$8,396
“KFC” Buckets.	\$107

Report for Sunday, August 9, 2009

Worship Attendance.	142
Church School Attendance.	65
Homebound Served.	5
Weekly Pledge Receipts.	\$5,297

This Sunday, August 16

Sermon

“Walk Wisely and Walk Together”
Dr. Herb Knudsen

Scriptures:

First Lesson. Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel. John 6:51-58

Worship Leader. Jean White

Sunday, August 23

Sermon. Rev. Sarah Stephenson

Scriptures:

First Lesson. Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel. John 6:56-69

Worship Leader. Stephanie Young

Pastoral Search Committee Report

First of all, I apologize for a lack of communication over these summer months. The search committee has remained very active amongst vacations and summer schedules, but July slipped by without a Search Committee report and I know that as Herb winds down his interim ministry with us, everyone is anxious for news about the search for our next pastor.



I will be honest and tell you the committee has had its ups and downs this summer. The process of searching for a new pastor is slippery, circular, and sometimes downright maddening. But, when Herb was getting us ready for this search, he taught us the five "P's": Prayer, Patience, Preparation, Privacy, and Perseverance. We are really getting schooled on these, especially prayer and perseverance.

We have had some definite leads. Some of those leads have chosen other churches and some of those leads didn't make it through our committee's process. When we have a candidate in our sights, we do extensive work to try and determine what we are getting. The best indicator of future performance is past performance. We look into their past in every way we can and if we aren't confident in a candidate's ability to be the pastor of this church, we must move on.

We had a phone interview at our last meeting; it was a good example of how the process works because at the end of the interview, we asked questions about issues of inclusion and this candidate was definitely not on the same page as NACC. As Mark Biggs put it, being radically inclusive is not just a big rock for us, it is a boulder. So now we know not to move ahead with that candidate. However, we ended the meeting by looking at a profile of a candidate that contacted Mike Weinman during the General Assembly. It is a wonderful profile and we are moving ahead as quickly as possible with it.

In the meantime, plans are in place to fill the pulpit these next couple of months and there is even a possibility of having a supply preacher installed which would give us a bit more consistency from the pulpit. As the summer winds down and the school year looms before us, we are as anxious as you to have a result. Be with us as we pray and persevere and continue on our search. **Jennifer Klein**

Welcome New Member



We welcome new member **Michael Hagerman** (husband of member Robyn Hagerman). They live at 3815 W. Morningside, 65807 (823-0720). Mike works for H & H Automotive.

Good-Bye Old Friend - Hello New Stove!

With funds from the Maggie Ellis memorial gifts to CWF, our kitchen is getting a make-over.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

DR. KNUDSEN'S LAST SUNDAY

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

The **DINNER/ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR THE
KNUDSENS** will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Fellow-
ship Hall. (See front page for more
information.)

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

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



TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

The **FINANCE COMMITTEE** will meet in Room
107 at 2:30 p.m.

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

The **OUTREACH DEPARTMENT MEETING** will
start at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

The **"BACK TO SCHOOL" NIGHT** will begin at
7:00 p.m. (See 2nd page for more information.)