

Welcome Our New Senior Minister!

At the congregational meetings on September 20, it was approved to call Laura Fregin as the sixth senior minister of National Avenue Christian Church. Laura is originally from Pasco, Washington. She is a graduate of George Mason University with a degree in Religion and Social Work and of Brite Divinity School with a Pastoral Care and Theology emphasis. She was ordained in 2004, but was involved in ministry long before that. Laura is married to Fred, a retired equine cardiologist. They have a blended family consisting of five grown children, their spouses, and eight grandchildren. Her first Sunday in our pulpit will be October 18 with formal installation on October 25 at 3:00 p.m. We wish them both a big welcome!



IN RECOGNITION

On behalf of the congregation of National Avenue, I would like to express the appreciation of all of us for the time and effort invested by our Pastoral Search Committee and its successful work which has resulted in the selection of Rev. Laura Fregin at the September 13 board meeting as our new senior minister. This committee has been active for over a year with basically the requirement of 100 percent attendance at every meeting. The group met multiple times a month and worked through a variety of phases in the process, including reviewing candidates, gathering reference material, and then reaching the contact and interview phase. It was tiring work with a lot at stake and this loyal group of members stayed with the process throughout and all of us are grateful for what they accomplished. Let's say a special thanks to Nancy Allen, Mark Biggs, Craig Hacker, Olivia Harrell, Chairperson Jennifer Klein, Tom Luellen, Suzanne Rohman, Lucinda Wadle, Area Minister Mike Weinman, Susan Wheeler, Cary White, Board Moderator Jean White and David Whitson, plus involvement in the early stages of the process from Rev. Herb Knudsen. We have a bright future at National Avenue and an exciting new era is about to begin and we all need to acknowledge the great job done by our Pastoral Search Committee during the past year. **Mark Stillwell, Vice Moderator**

CROSSLINES REPORT

Our Crosslines volunteers were busy on September 4th serving 129 people (43 families). Those helping in distribution were Emogene Cassy, Don & Twajana Chasteen, Myrna White, Norene Rinker, and Katie Squires. Helping with shopping and/or transporting and shelving our donations were Kay Haun, Kim Zimmerman, Mac McCullah, Wally Kinzel, Hubert Lines, Nancy Davis, and Joan Young. Our next distribution day will be Friday, October 2. To replenish our pantry, we need the following: saltine crackers, packaged cookies, peanut butter, bath soap, macaroni & cheese, dry pudding and gelatin mix, and canned fruit, meat, tuna, soup, pork & beans, green beans, peas, and corn, and brown paper grocery sacks. Thanks to those of you who contribute money or food items to our pantry. You are helping people who need our help. **Joan Young**



Along the Avenue



Joan Clopton has a new address:
1350 N. Sandy Creek #3, Nixa
65714.

Wednesday Night Class 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor "Bible 101: Basic Information about the Bible" Taught by John White

- Sept. 30 How the Reformation changed the Bible's interpretation
- Oct. 7 Historical study of the Bible in mainline churches

C.R.O.P. WALK CHALLENGE

The 2009 CROP Walk will be **Sun., Oct. 4, at 2:00 p.m. at Phelps Grove Park**. Make plans to begin collecting for CROP! This is a fund-raiser for Church World Services, one of the most effective and lowest overhead mission agencies. For more information, contact Myrna White or Wanda Hedenberg. Donation envelopes for walkers will be available in the church office soon. Please sign up with Myrna or Wanda before or after church the next four Sundays. Let's make this the best CROP Walk ever for National Avenue. The walk is one and a half miles long. There are rocking chairs available for people who would like to raise money by rocking.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Those who joined Sept. 13



Geovonday Jones lives at 631 E. Madison #206, Springfield, MO 65806 (314/397-0546).



Ashley Ann Hendrix lives at 631 E. Madison #203 Springfield, MO 65806 314/316-6729



Mildred Munyon, member of Community Christian Church in Camdenton and former NACC member passed away September 16. Mildred was the wife of Rev. Leroy Munyon, former minister of

Community Christian and mother of Area Moderator, Sara Reiter. A memorial service was held on September 19 at the Community Christian Church in Camdenton. Sara's information is: Sara Reiter, 93 Cedar Court, Camdenton, MO. 65020, sg931d@gmail.com.

Report for Sunday, 13, 2009

Worship Attendance.	169
Church School Attendance.	84
Homebound Served.	6
Weekly Receipts.	\$6,132

Report for Sunday, September 20, 2009

Worship Attendance.	138
Church School Attendance.	79
Homebound Served.	3
Weekly Pledge Receipts.	\$3,522

Youth Sunday, September 27

Sermons. Olivia Harrell & J.B. Long

Scriptures:

First Lesson. TBA
Gospel. TBA

Sunday, October 4

Sermon. Ryan Owen

Scriptures:

First Lesson. TBA
Gospel. TBA

Worship Leader. Louise Jackson

Thank You From Herb & Duff

With heartfelt gratitude, Duff and I want to thank all of you for the privilege of sharing life and our spiritual journeys these past two years. I was honored to be your pastor during your time of transition, shepherding you through the five developmental tasks of an interim. Indeed, we intentionally worked hard on “coming to terms with history; discerning a sense of God’s calling (vision) and discovering a related identity (mission) and direction (strategic plan) for your future; growing leadership; rethinking denominational connections; and developing commitment for a new leader and a new day.” It was a time of renewal and healing as you prepared for searching and calling a new settled pastor. I recently had a conversation with your pastoral candidate of choice and believe you have chosen a “winner.” Truly, your best days of mission and ministry are yet ahead!

The “frosting on the cake” for our time together was the awesome farewell you planned for August 16th. A special thanks to the planning committee of Susan Wheeler, Tina Stillwell, Donna Kinney, and Karolen Bischoff (and all their helpers) for a wonderful celebration and a “good good-bye.” We are deeply appreciative of the many thoughtful gifts, cards, and kind words as well as the cash gift. It will help in the decorating of our new home as well as purchasing a new Crimson King Maple tree for our yard. Its beauty will always remind us of you. I also want to thank Jaime and Kieth for taking their Saturday to BBQ one of my favorite meals for Sunday (pulled pork sandwiches) and to Kevin, Wayland, and the choir for their amazing anthem during our final worship together. NACC is blessed with so many gifted and talented people, so willing to serve the name of Christ. Thanks to all of you for all you do and the special ways in which you share them.

Our “downsizing” move in homes has now happened. We are surrounded by contractors and shoulder high in boxes, trying to figure out “how to fit a size 10 foot into a size 6 shoe.” It is a lovely home (with the guest rooms!), much more conducive to our future needs, and will clearly take awhile for us to get settled. So I’m really grateful for this “interim” break between ministries. I now have two interims contracted – a short-term one beginning October 1 in Mackinaw, Illinois, and a longer-term one beginning May 1 for a setting of a not-yet-announced retirement. Both are commutable from our new home. Thereafter, I plan to retire – very satisfied and blessed with a wide variety of ministry settings and challenges during my career. Thank you National Avenue for making my first interim so meaningful! May God continue to guide and bless you. In Christ’s service,

Herb and Duff Knudsen

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You’re Invited! Gracias Reception - Friday, October 2 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

You’re invited to the Rainbow Network’s Gracias Reception Oct. 2. This is a come and go reception that is their way of saying thank you to all who make this ministry to the poor of Nicaragua possible. The event will take place in NACC’s Fellowship Hall. There will be light refreshments and opportunities to visit with Rainbow’s staff, board of directors, and other Rainbow Network supporters.



Food Drives

Currently there are several food drive projects going on at the church. When you bring in food to be donated to one of these

projects, **please make sure that you label the bags or boxes** so the church will know for what purpose they are intended.

Who to Call After Office Hours

Church office hours are from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. If you should be in need of a minister or someone in authority after these hours, please contact either Rev. Hubert Lines (886-9407) or Board Moderator Jean White (869-7126).

Ozark Lakes Area CCMA Assembly Saturday, Nov. 7

Clinton Christian Church
1201 E Ohio St., Clinton, Mo.



On November 7, 2009 - 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 pm. Cost will be \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth (includes lunch).

EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER. You may begin to register any time on the website: www.olaccma.org.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Olivia Harrell and **J.B. Long** will preach and the youth will lead the worship. Worship services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m.

The “**RECONCILIATION OFFERING**” will be received during worship services.

The Chancel Choir meets in the Music Room at 10:15 a.m. to rehearse before worship.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Dr. John White’s class will be held in the parlor from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Chancel Bells meet in Room 207 at 6:00 p.m. to rehearse.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 (Continued)

The Chancel Choir meets in the Music Room for rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
RAINBOW NETWORK’S “GRACIAS RECEPTION” will be held in Fellowship Hall from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
Ryan Owen will preach.

The **C.R.O.P. WALK** will begin in Phelps Grove Park at 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
The **ALL DEPARTMENTS DINNER** will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with meetings following throughout the church at 6:30 p.m. (\$5.00 and free for children twelve and under).