



The Link

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Updated Prayer Requests



- **Rev. Diane C.'s granddaughter Jennifer** came through the liver transplant well but they've discovered a 'bleed' in her brain. Please keep her and Diane and Galen in your prayers.
- **Mike B.** shared joy for the athletic accomplishments of **Kim and Nick**. He asks for prayers for safe travel this summer for Kim's volleyball team.
- **Stacy**, friend of the Nordykes, in the ICU after suffering complications of her heart after childbirth.
- **Walt N.** continues to make progress at the rehab center.
- **Kahleb S.**, 13, friend of the Nordykes, has infection in wounds from unsuccessful spina bifida surgery.

The prayer requests in *The Link* each week are recent updates. A list of ongoing prayer requests appears in our worship bulletin each Sunday.

Message from Rev. David

Today is Earth Day and I wonder if I am doing everything possible to care for God's good creation. It is good, isn't it? I know that many of us have heard about or perhaps experienced first hand the problems and devastation that plague people and other created things of our world, some of which are the result of human interference and some natural made. As a result there is the temptation to curse and condemn our earthly home. And in some cases people insist this world isn't my home and that my home's "waiting over there on the other side of the Jordan" as if to suggest they needn't worry about the condition of "this" Earth. In the mean time however God has entrusted this precious planet into our care and keeping. In Genesis, God gives Adam and Eve the directive to care for the Earth in spite of the toil that will accompany this task. Part of this care then is not annihilating, controlling or biologically altering creation, but is rather a process of leaning from creation and finding ways to sustain plants and animals and humans and natural harbors in a reciprocal relationship in which humans and creation thrive and benefit one another.



Like so many others I recognize that our world is changing and perhaps at a rate that is irreversible. Since the Industrial Revolution the physical and biological landscape of our Earth has changed dramatically and continues to do so fervently. What does this mean for Christians? Or any people of faith? Is there a spiritual, moral and ethical obligation to care for this planet? I have to believe there is, not just for our own benefit but also for the benefit and sustainability of future generations. Does this mean we become fanatical? I guess we would have to define fanaticism. I think a more reasonable approach is to consider the 'world' we live in and operate in on a daily basis. Are there ways we can conserve energy, recycle, reuse or renew? Are there ways to cut down on waste and trash? Are there ways to even slightly alter our life styles for the benefit of all creation? Just imagine if people all over Earth concentrated even on their own little 'world'-- then the entire World would be affected.

In our quest to become more Green we might start by going to God in prayer and reflection seeking wisdom and guidance about the ways in which we care for this planet. After all, God more than anyone else is intimately aware of the needs of this planet and our responsibility to it. Although I've only visited a small portion of the Earth the pictures and videos I've seen of so many different peoples and places, 'created beings,' are breathtaking. The reality is that very few people will ever see and experience this Earth in all its splendor and majesty, still we can do no less to ensure its health and vitality now and for generations to come.

Peace in Christ
David

Music Notes

Upcoming concerts:

The **Richardson Community Band** will present a Pops concert on **Sunday, May 2nd, at 2 p.m.** at the Eisemann Center. For more information, please see richardsoncommunityband.org.



The **Plano Civic Chorus** will present a concert on **Saturday, May 8th at 8 p.m.** at St. Andrew UMC (5801 W. Plano Parkway, Plano). The performance will include Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" and Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana." For tickets, go to planocivicchorus.org or call 972-606-5225.

Chancel Choir schedule: April and May -- Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Handbell Choir schedule: No Handbells on April 25th. Rehearsal May 2nd, 9th and 16th at 9:30 a.m.

Michael Morton in Concert

One of the foremost Disciples musicians, Michael Morton is coming to North Texas! An active member of All People's Christian Center in Los Angeles, he is a featured musician at many of our recent General Assemblies. Michael has performed throughout the U.S., China, Germany and France. Currently, he is principal flutist for the Southeast Symphony of Los Angeles and is a session player in L.A. and Nashville.

Acoustic / Neo-soul / Christian Jazz Flutist

Michael Morton in Concert



SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH

7:00 PM

Alexander's Stage

East Dallas Christian Church

629 North Peak St., Dallas, 75246

Free Admission with donations accepted! Child-care provided!

Coffee & Beverages provided.

Cinco de Mayo Lunch



May 2nd following worship service, the Outreach committee will be hosting a Cinco de Mayo lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Both DCC and First Chinese Church congregations are invited for a Mexican lunch that will highlight Church World Service's work in response to world disasters. We will have information available about collection for CWS Hygiene and their Emergency Clean-Up Kits along with other local projects DCC is supporting. Please plan on joining us.

Plano Food Pantry



In April a load of supplies from DCC was delivered to The Plano Food Pantry. It was Disciple Christian's third delivery of food since we began our First Sunday collection in February. The need is great and our goods were welcomed with open arms. Thank you.

2010 No. Texas Area Annual Assembly



Mark your calendars! The **annual area assembly** will take place on **Sunday, May 2 from 3-5 pm at East Dallas Christian Church**. Guest preacher is Dr. Larry Ross, No. Texas Area Minister. This is an excellent opportunity to take part in the life of the Area church which includes over 80 Disciples churches in Dallas County and seven in nearby counties. The church is located at 629 N. Peak St., Dallas, 75246.

Invitation to the DCC Congregation



Many of you probably remember Megan Ammann who was an intern here at Disciples Christian Church during the summer of 2004. DCC was the first church where she served; her experience here was very influential in her vocational and ministerial plans.

The congregation is invited to attend her **Ordination ceremony on Saturday, May 22 at 2 p.m.** The ceremony will take place at United Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1401 N. Main, St., Euless, TX 76039. A reception will follow the service.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in the Southwest
and
United Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

cordially invite your presence and prayers
for the Ordination to Christian Ministry
of Megan Nicole Ammann

Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 2 p.m.
United Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
1401 N. Main Street
Euless, Texas
76039

Reception at the church following the service

The Mission of Disciples Christian Church

In order to follow Jesus and worship God, we will serve our neighbors. We will minister to our fellow Christians. We will live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in all we do.

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