

THE LINK

June 5, 2019

Disciples Christian Church

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Anticipation!
- Transitions
- Things to Ponder
- Spiritual Journeys

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Anticipation!!!

June!

- June 9th Pentecost Sunday! Gaylene Christy Preaching Church Picnic and Lunch following service @ Church
- June 16th Senior Moment w/lunch (Mark Mueller presenting)
- June 20th Young at Heart – Hurst's Hosting at Eddie's Pizza

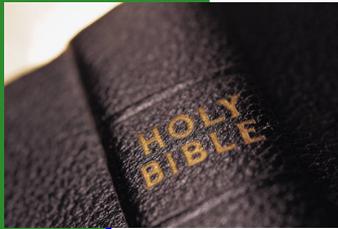
July!

- July 1st Transitions! Singles/Widowed/Divorced
- July 7th First Sunday Fellowship – Golsans Hosting
- July 15th Transitions! Young Married/Young Families
- July 16th Chrismon Decorating Extravaganza (6pm)
- July 18th Young at Heart – Golsans Hosting
- July 21st Senior Moment w/lunch

August!

- Aug 4th Pastor Dee on Vacation- Gaylene Christy Preaching
- Aug 5th First Sunday Fellowship (Host Needed)
- Aug 15th Transitions! Senior Citizens
- Aug 18th Young at Heart (Host Needed)
- Aug 18th Adams Animals Sunday (with 20th anniversary Luncheon)

And More to Come!



June 9, 2019

Hebrew Reading: Joel

New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 1–21

Sermon: “God is in the House and the House is Gonna. Rock!”

June 16, 2019

Hebrew Reading: Proverbs 8: 1–4,22–31

New Testament Reading: John 16: 12–15

Sermon: “More Than Can Be Borne”

June 23, 2019

Hebrew Reading: Isaiah 55: 10–13

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 51–58

Sermon: “Magic and Mystery”

Prayer Requests

- A prayer of celebration for **Drew** (Donna and Bob Clancy’s grandson) who has been baptized.
- Prayers for travel mercies for **Sandy and Gary S., and Cory and Mason G.** and all others heading out on trips.
- Prayers for **Joy S.** as she starts a new job search.
- Prayers for the family of Sonny Emine upon the death of his sister **Opiriari.**
- Prayers of healing for **Gary P. and Ray S.,** friends of Doug Chalmers with cancer.
- Nancy B. lifts up prayers for **Meredith D.** who is expecting to deliver her first child this week.
- Julie B. asks for prayers for her friend **Candice.**
- Prayers for all of those impacted by recent flooding, tornadoes and hurricanes.

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

Desiring Him

I am pleased that you are zealous to know Me. Seeking to *understand Me* is like standing at the edge of a glorious ocean, trying to absorb its vast beauty – yet knowing you can see only a tiny portion of the waters stretching out before you. It's good that you realize what a small portion of My infinite greatness you can actually comprehend. This awareness is an invitation to worship Me – humbly rejoicing in My boundless Glory. Though your understanding of Me is so limited, there are no bounds to your enjoyment of Me!



From "Jesus Lives" by Lucinda Secrest McDowell



"We should try to live in such a way that if the Gospels were lost, they could be re-written by looking at us."

~ Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

June Young at Heart

This month's dinner will take place on Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 PM. It will be held at Eddie's Pizza at 15th and Custer. Please contact Jeff or Gena Hurst if you'll be attending.

Transitions!

A study on the importance and meaning of church in YOUR life based on where you are now! Please come and participate in this ecumenical study that will be shared with churches in the area. Our goal is to help make today's church the church that YOU need. Dinner will be served, and child care is available if needed.

7-1-19 (6:00 pm) Single/Widow(er)/Divorced: Does your need for religion change when you are alone? Do you find strength in faith or judgement? What do you need now?

7-15-19 (6:00 pm) Young Married/ Young Families: The possibility of trying to merge two different faiths, different needs and backgrounds. This stage in life is especially challenging if there are infants and young children. Is church a burden or a blessing?

8-5-19 (6:00 pm) Senior Citizens: Have you come back to the faith of your youth? Is it a comfort? Do you feel less important or more at your church?

8-19-19 (6:00 pm) Unchurched/Searching: There are many who have never learned about religion from an organized source. Are you interested? What has stopped you? What would interest you?

10-7-19 (6:00 pm) College Students/ Young Adults: Away from home, often with new friends, duties and lifestyles, what about religion do they find comforting, confining, hurtful or hateful. Are they attracted to flash or simplicity?

10-21-19 (6:00 pm) High School Seniors: At this stage, teenagers are getting ready to be able to leave the religious teachings of their parents and head out on their own. What are they seeking to leave? To find? What appeals to them?

11-4-19 (6:00 pm) Empty Nesters: The children are gone and life might be very different. Not only are the children gone, but retirement is looming and you must re-meet your life partner. Where is religion here?

11-21-19 (6:00 pm) Families with children: What is important at this time? Is organized religion something that you want to share with your children? Why?

It is not expected that the sessions will last more than 2 hours, but they will last as long as needed. You will be asked to fill out an information sheet, but that information will not be shared. You will also be asked to come and attend Disciples Christian Church two times in a six month period and give feedback on what you saw, heard, felt and if your needs were met. There will be no pressure to join our church.

Please call for more information or to sign up.

Reverend DeAnna Golsan (Pastor Dee)

Disciples Christian Church

Food Pantry

In May, we provided 217 toothbrushes, 28 toothpaste, eight Spam, six Tuna, and a large bag of misc. food items. Thanks so much.

For JUNE, we have been asked to provide: canned vegetables—POTATOES, MIXED VEGETABLES, PEAS, CARROTS, TOMATO PRODUCTS. Please NO CORN OR GREEN BEANS.

As always, thanks for your continued support of this vital ministry.

Nancy B.

Things to Ponder

This last Sunday, I asked the 18 people that were in worship to look to the left, and then to the right, to see the people that were, and were not there. And then I asked them to imagine, just for a moment, if there were three people in each pew. So let me show you how that would look...in a number way...

There are 23 pews in our church. If there are three people in each of the 23 pews, that would mean that there would be 69 people in worship! Sixty-nine spirits, energies, hopes, prayers and 138 hands that can reach out in love and support of others. What an amazing difference that would be!

After that, I said to imagine if each of those groups of three people brought one guest between them...that is an additional 23 people! Now we are up to 92 people! Ninety-two people worshipping, singing, praying, doing and being the Church! Oh my!

I have seen this church with that many people in it, and so have you. The energy is amazing. There is something that happens when more people gather in His name.

Now notice, I did not ask the 18 to each bring three people. I asked them to visualize, to imagine, to dream and to hope that we have three people, at least, sitting in each pew. There is power in that. There is a prayer in the visioning.

Will you envision that? Will you hold out hope, pray and ask for this to happen? This church is meant for great things. That does not mean we have to become a mega church. We simply need to be open to what God has in store for us.

Spiritual Journeys...

What exactly is a spiritual journey? Do I have to go somewhere, do something different, wear weird clothes and eat strange food? Will I have to learn how to bend in strange ways and make the Ohm sound correctly? Makes me tired just thinking about it. Maybe tomorrow...or next week...or in 2021.

For many, the thought of taking a spiritual journey is something that is done outside of the normal ways and means of our daily lives. Some of you might have gone on a retreat, taken a Walk to Emmaus or spent a weekend at a monastery in silence. Yes, each of those is a type of spiritual journey and each can have life changing power. But a spiritual journey is more a state of mind and soul than a going somewhere. You can be on a spiritual journey and never leave the comfort of your home (even if you might find yourself leaving the comfort of what is normal in terms of thoughts and belief systems). What is required, prior to any journey, is a willingness to step out and see/hear/explore/discover new and different ways of being.

Start with prayer, always. Start by opening up your heart and soul and ask God where your journey needs to go, what you are meant to learn. Ask for the ways and means to discover. God might point you to a moment of silence at the beginning of the day where you can breathe in His strength. God might show you a talent or skill that can be used for self-exploration. What is important is being open to God's presence and will in your life.

Like most journeys, not everything goes according to your plan. You might make your list of what you want/need/expect and none of that happens. But don't worry. God knows your true needs and that is what will be your journey. Let go of the wheel, let go of the wheel, let God lead and embrace the journey.

Bon Voyage!



Oh those cuddly animals!

It's here! The Kick Off for Adams Animals! This year that date is August 18th. For our new members and guests, please go to www.adamsanimals.org and learn about Adam and his continuing gift to the sick children of the area. Find out about the frog on his shoulder and the hope in his heart. And then plan on going shopping!

I encourage each of you to look at groups that you are a part of who might be willing to participate in this collection of stuffed animals. Do you play bridge? Belong to a car club or play golf? Do you have friends who belong to another church? Please, share this opportunity to bring a smile to a sick child's heart.

Remember, the kick off date for Adams Animals is August 18th, but the collection process goes on throughout the month of October. Please bring your stuffed animals to church on August 18th, but continue collecting them throughout the next few months. Let's set the collection box to overflowing, again, and again, and again!



This year celebrates 20 years of this wonderful organization. There will be a luncheon following service. All are invited. Spread the news!

COOL BEANS YOGA: every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 pm



We are a fairly athletic yoga group who practice integrating the body, mind, and breath. We have many different levels in the class and everyone modifies as they need; no experience is needed and everyone is welcome!

We try very hard never to cancel so when the instructor is away, members of the class participate in leading.



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

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