



The Messenger

AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

message from REVEREND TRISH

Board Restructure

Dear Friends,

Again, I can't thank you enough for your support, in sending your two delegates (Louise Jones and me!) to General Assembly! It was energizing, empowering, and spiritually renewing.

One thing I'd like you to know about the 2017 General Assembly: We didn't spend a lot of time talking about the survival of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). And that's a good thing. We have done that in the past...we've spent five days, wondering if we'd survive or not. But *this* time, there was no need for that conversation. THIS time, we were being called to LIVE!!!

And *that*, we can do. Right here in North Kansas City.

So, we're taking local steps to make it easier to live...and dream...and breathe a little deeper. And one of those steps, is to change the structure of our organization.

In the July Newsletter (which can be found online), I outlined the structure and answered a few of the most frequently asked questions. Since then, we offered a Fireside Chat – a place where you can ask questions and wonder out-loud – and some more FAQ's have come up! Let me take a stab at some of them:

Will this change the essentials? So, this wasn't an actual question, but when I hear some of you express any anxiety...this is the question which I *think*, is in the back of your minds. And the answer is no. This new, institutional structure will not change your prayer life (unless it gives you a little MORE time to pray!), your worship, your opportunity to serve (again, unless it gives you a little MORE time to serve), or your voice (in fact, it might actually give you more opportunity to share your voice, as we anticipate calling congregational meetings, as needed in our commitment to keep communication front-and-center.).

What departments and committees will still exist? This will be fleshed out in the by-laws, but the short answer is, the ministry positions that exist...will be up to you! The reality is that, over the years, your Moderator and Nominating Committee have spent far too much time begging people to 'fill slots'. And let's be honest: there's nothing life-giving about 'filling a slot.' So, I'd much rather see something – a program or a ministry or a 'thing we always do' – take a sabbatical, or even die, if it means that we can put our energy and our time into things within the church that will evoke a sense of faithfulness, enthusiasm, and joy! That said, some of our basic and necessary Administrative functions (example: treasurer) will still be in place.

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the people came JULY

Attendance and Giving

Attendance	7/2	7/9	7/16	7/23
Worship	88	82	90	101
Sunday School	36	38	38	36
Tithing	5751	4464	6384	2135



- Brandon Sander
- John Smith
- Betty Sue Cliff
- Mary Hicks
- Ricci Neilson
- Ilene Blogin
- Ruth Weathers
- Carl Neilson
- Jeff Tennant
- Timothy Dudley, friend of Mary Hicks
- Darlene Logan
- Dottie Babb
- Tom Fisher
- Walter Jones
- Agnes Forson
- Joann Preston
- Jackie Stewart
- Valerie Lipari
- Hannah Neilson
- Roberta Lowman
- Beverly Sue Ryan
- Jim Holladay
- Karen Norton
- Jim Willett
- Maria, Veronica Lara's cousin
- David Edds, Veronica Lara's uncle
- Johnny Cliff
- Emmrie Stewart

Please notify the office for any updates or corrections regarding prayer requests.

note of GRATITUDE

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Myself and daughters are thankful for all your prayers during the many months of Dan's illness and many sympathy cards received after his passing.

Thanks to the DWM (plus Ed & John) for the lovely luncheon after the funeral. An extra special thank you to Rev. Trish for all her visits to hospitals and an exceptional funeral service.

Sincerely, Linda Rosson

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How often will the Board meet? The Board will meet at least four times a year BUT for the sake of fluidity, the Board will also meet 'as needed.' In other words, if someone comes to a Ministry Team Leader or another Board Member and says, "I feel led by the Holy Spirit to pursue this great idea, here are the details, and I'd like to get started," the Board (which is now smaller and easier to call together) can meet and affirm the financial request, building usage request, etc for the idea.

Speaking of ideas, will there be protocol/guidelines, so we know how to move ideas forward? Yes. These are not written yet, but when those guidelines are ready, they will be published widely.

Are other churches having to do this, too? Yes. Our Region is in the middle of this process, as are several churches in our area and beyond. Raytown Christian Church, Eastgate Christian Church, and Shawnee Community Christian Church have completed, or are in the process of completing, a Board restructure so that their governing bodies reflect their congregational bodies. Of those who undertake this process, some have made incremental changes and some have wiped the slate clean and literally started over! We're landing somewhere in the middle with our restructure!

What's the timeline? When will these changes go into effect? Technically, because the current Moderator called this Ad Hoc Committee to this task, when the Moderators term is finished so would be the Ad Hoc's work. Our goal then is to have all the "paper" done by the end of the year so that we can live into this new structure for 2018. We anticipate leaving some 'structural wiggle-room' in the by-laws for a specified period of time, so that if we find that something isn't working, a process is too convoluted, or we aren't hearing the voices that need to be heard, we can remedy it quickly.

I think that's about it for now! There will be other opportunities to share and question, as we move forward, but if something comes up between now and then, you are invited to contact any one of your Ad Hoc representatives.

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It is a gift to be in ministry with you!

Peace to you, rev trish+



A great big THANK YOU to **Debbie Matteson** for preparing and printing the Sunday bulletins and performing other administrative tasks while Kathy was away on vacation. Thank you, Debbie!!

to the CONGREGATION

Announcements

Bible & Brew



We're talking Bible, current events, personal stories, and prayer over a cup of coffee, local brew, or something with a twist. Join us on August 21st from 5:30-6:30 (you can come and go as needed) at Colony Espresso and Beer Co. found at 312 Armour Road (just down the road from FCC).

Outreach is reaching out again—



Mark your calendars to join the Thursdays with Twyla gang on Saturday, August 19TH (10:00 – 2:00) for a SCARF MAKING EVENT in the church lounge ~~~ SCARVES FOR EWE AND EWE (and for Lambs and Rams)!

We will make and decorate simple but fun fleece scarves – no experience needed!! If you can manage scissors, you are qualified!! And even if you can't, we still need you!! Come and make one scarf! Come and make many!

These scarves will be given to the NKC Parks and Recreation folks who will ensure they are made available to those who need them through their "Feel the Warmth" program.

Also, between now and November, 12th, we will collect winter hats and gloves and mittens and scarves (new, or clean and gently used) and give those to NKC Parks and Rec too. It may be hard to remember now when the temperature is well into the 90s, but winter and freezing temps are coming! And some of our Father's beloved lambs need help staying warm!!

Won't you join us??

Need more info – Twyla has all the details!

Micah Cakes



It's that time again! Our church will be providing the 50 cakes for the Micah Ministries on Monday, August 14th. The preferred cake size is 9x13 in aluminum pans. Cake pans will be available in the lounge between services on Sunday, August 6th. Please sign up and take a pan and return with your baked cake to the sacristy on Sunday, August 13th. If you are interested in baking and/or helping with the 2:00pm delivery on the 14th – please contact Jana Lane (jana@lane.net) or 816-803-5262) or Dina Barbian at 816-337-9757. Thank you for your continued support of this project!

DWM Summer Update



Clay County Clothes Closet (June, July, August project) this summer—\$310.00 cash collected for project along with the following items: 172 socks, 89 underwear, 3 pairs/shoes, 2 jogging pants, 1 jacket, 1 pair/jeans, 3 ladies tops, 4 skirts, and 4 tee-shirts. Cash/Checks can be given to Marty Burke, Vickie Kistler, or Vicki Cole.

Youth Group is Gearing Up for Fall



Join us **August 4th from 6:30-10:30 pm** for an evening of fun and games, including "predator" for ages (entering) 4th grade and up. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Also, watch for more information later this month about an August/September Kickoff Event.

Out of the Office



Rev. Trish will be on vacation August 21st through September 3rd. During that time, all pastoral emergencies/needs will be handled by your elders. In the case of a death, Dr. Bob Magee will lead and officiate that journey.

Kathy will be out of the office August 8-14 to attend her nephew's wedding in Virginia.

August BIRTHDAYS

and Anniversaries

- 3 Mary White
Sandy Youtsey
- 4 Tiffany Foster
- 6 Lenora Atkins
- 7 Cole Boswell
- 10 Bud Mosby
Jerrilyn Phillippi
Melissa Phillippi
Elizabeth Stewart
- 11 Eryn Stewart
- 13 Thurman Lovejoy
- 15 Sherry Davis
Cristie Sharpsteen
- 16 Mike Foster
- 17 Mary Hicks
- 18 Chelsea Erickson
- 20 Leslie Spiteri
- 21 Jeff Tennant
- 22 Karen Willett
- 23 Brooklyn French
Bob & Debbie Painter
- 24 Andrew Neilson
- 25 James McCosh
- 26 Gary Marr
David Elder
- 27 Christy Boswell
- 30 Pat Hodges
John & Pat Hodges
Murphy Koenig

messages from MINISTRY

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DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The Queen of Sheba: A Woman in Search of Wisdom

The Queen of Sheba Arrives Monday, September 11th

We invite you to join us in Disciples Women's Ministry the first Monday of each month (excepting holidays) at 9:30 a.m. in the DCC room. You may order *It's Good to be Queen* by contacting either Marty Burke or Karen Perryn. Cost: \$5:00

DEBORAH GROUP MINISTRY

We are taking a Summer Break. Be on the watch for our Fall plans.

TEAM AND TABLE MINISTRY

Team 2A (8:30)

Elders

Dennis Kenslow
Walt Lane
Chuck Logan
Larry Moss

Deacons

Marty Burke
Edna Kenslow—Communion Cleanup
Loren Kerby
Jana Lane—Communion Prep
Robin Lane
Ellen Stewart
Donna Thompson

Team 2B (11:00)

Larry Satterly

Dina Barbian
Paul Youtsey

Care Calls for August — Helen Davis

Hospital Calls for August— Dennis Kenslow

Coffee Service for August — DCC's

LAY LEADER & ASSISTANT TELLER MINISTRY

Lay Leaders/Tellers for August are:

8:30

6 Bob Seely
13 Twyla Smith
20 Christy Boswell
27 Jennifer Finch

11:00

Vicki Kistler
Jason Sharpsteen
Cristie Sharpsteen
Antonio Fragoso

Assistant Teller

Dennis Kenslow
Marty Burke
Pat Hodges
Lois Kuhlman

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11:00 Praise & Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
8:30 am Traditional Service

Sunday Worship Times

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