

# Disciples Christian Church

# Spreading the Word

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## OUTREACH

### **Chosen**

Meals will be served at **Chosen** on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. See Sign-up Sheets on the board. As Bonnie mentioned last Sunday, we are in need of additional people willing to make casseroles. If you need money to help offset the cost, funds are available from our Outreach budget.

### **Community Meals**

We will prepare the September 29<sup>th</sup> Community Meal at the Presbyterian Church on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Trunk or Treat/Helping Hands Ministry**

Disciples Christian Church will have a fun and safe environment with Trunk or Treat-Helping Hands Ministry on Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 5:00 PM -7:00 PM. Sweet treats, food & drink will be available.

The schedule below represents the outreach timeline that provides a date regarding the hygiene item you can donate and place in our outreach containers. The outreach containers will be located under the communion table. Feel free to place those items in the boxes before or after church service.

September 10	Toilet Paper
September 17	Bar Soap
September 24	Toothpaste/Toothbrush
October 1	Feminine Products
October 8	Deodorant
October 17	Shampoo/Conditioner
October 22	Body Wash



***\*\*\*Please be mindful of both genders when purchasing items***

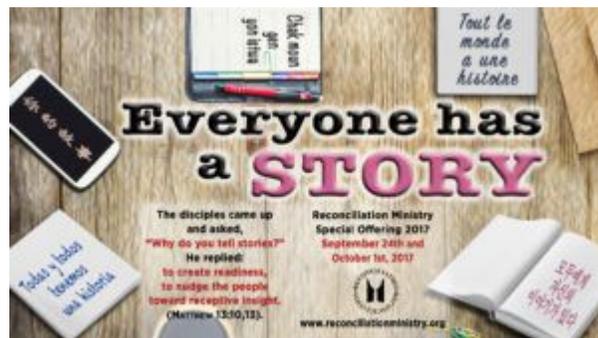
Please plan to participate, have a fun evening of community share and fellowship. Mark your calendars for this outreach event!

Blessings, Terry White

## **Special Offering – Reconciliation**

The Reconciliation Special Offering will be collected September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. This special offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become an pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!



## **WORSHIP**

### **Worship Leader Schedule**

Sept	3	Claudette Thomas	894-6140
	10	Cindy Williams	680-5767
	17	Terry White	829-5690
	24	Lynn Adams	313-4204
Oct	1	Jana Mullins	288-0308
	8	Linda Ashbrook	868-9393
	15	Terrie Cox	863-2530
	22	Diane Kinner	317-3474
	29	Mike Rosser	777-1828

Please let Diane know if you trade with someone – and let Jan know if you cannot find a replacement when you are unable to serve.

## **EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP**

### **Small Group Opportunities**

*“No matter what you believe,  
No matter how you believe,  
Jesus invites you too....FOLLOW” – Andy Stanley*

Last spring, we had two bible studies available for our faith community to grow together. At the completion of the studies, several mentioned a desire of completing the opposite studies in the fall. Well here we go! We are going to flip/flop our study options to be offered for individuals to continue in spiritual growth.

*Life Lessons: The Gospel According to Luke*, by Max Lucado will be offered on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for twelve sessions beginning on Monday, September 11, 2017. The series will look at the larger principles in the Gospel of Luke with each study lasting about an hour each week.

**OR**

*Follow*, the Andy Stanley video series Bible study is great for people on different parts of their faith journey to explore Jesus' teaching on what it truly means to follow his call. The eight sessions will begin on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. and last approximately an hour depending on discussion.

Please sign up for either of these group studies at the church no later than Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>!

### **Men's Group**

The Men's Group has decided to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, unless an occasional change is made for an event or a brunch meeting. The first meeting of the group will be Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### **Ohio Women's Ministries Fall Retreat**

The Ohio Women's Ministries Fall Retreat will take place September 8-10, 2017 at Camp Christian. Claudette Thomas, Jana Mullins and Bonnie Goodwin will be attending. If you are interested in going, please see Bonnie before the registration deadline of August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **MISCELLANEOUS NEWS**

### **August 2017 Financial Report**

Checking Account Balance at 8/31/2017: \$19,493.98

Investment Account Balance (DCEF): \$351,075.00

August Income (Offerings): \$5,266.00 actual, \$6,969.97 adjusted

August Expenses/Outreach: \$5,859.21 actual, no adjustments

\* Adjusted takes into consideration early offerings, interest from our investments and the amount from the Duke Energy Settlement and pro-rates these throughout the year. It also uses normal expenses only. This provides a better month-to-month picture of how we're doing than the actual numbers.

### **Church Work Day**

The Trustees are sponsoring a Church Work Day on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - noon. Lunch will be provided. We're putting together a list of projects that need done, and can use everyone's help. Please plan on coming to help out.

## **Thank You**

Ellis, Debbie and I want to "THANK YOU ALL" for your thoughts, prayers and cards that you sent on the death of my "little brother". I just know he is up in heaven playing golf with the best of them after meeting all of our family that has gone before him. We hated to lose him but we know he is in a better place. Thanks again! Love, Frankie, Ellis and Debbie

## **Talk, Trust, Teach and Treasure**

You know the Forty days and Forty Night stories in the Bible, but do you know the 4 T's of your relationship with God.

First, with any relationship to be successful, you must talk with the person that you are involved with and open up, make the time to truly communicate. For those that don't like to talk a lot, that is okay, just make it short, but make multiple times to get together and talk. It doesn't have to be formal topics or prayer, nor in a formal setting or place. Believe it or not, you can talk with God even when you're taking a bath or using the restroom. People say "I can't pray" or

"I don't know what to say" and I always tell them – Prayer is simple, it is simply a conversation with God. Tell Him how your day is going, or share what you need help with. God already knows, but He tells us to ask. Praying can't be that difficult considering that of the 13 percent of the population that claims to be atheist, 18 percent of those say that religion has some importance to them and pray – pray to a higher power or the universal spirit. God loves when we talk with Him..

Trust is another important component of a relationship. Putting your trust in God is easy when things are going well, but in the difficult times it is sometimes challenging. I often hear people say "why does God do this to me" or "why do bad things happen to good people"? First, God doesn't do these things to people, He allows things to happen, but doesn't do them. Second, for relationships to grow, sometimes they go through times of trouble and they find out how strong the relationship really is and sometimes it makes the relationship stronger. Unless the relationship is challenged it has no way to grow, kind of like the fields of crops when the weather is perfect it grows as usual, but in the times of the drought you see the strong survive and the others fall to the wayside.

Teaching through our words and our actions is important to those around us and their relationships can grow simply by watching or listening. So too, our relationship with God can grow simply by listening to those around us and by reading scripture.

Treasure the time we have in our relationships here and with God. God treasures our time with Him. Take and make the time to spend with our relationships, God treasures the time that we have with Him – it is time well spent.

## **Office Hours**

Many of you are aware the Rev. Goodwin's husband, David, is currently unable to drive due to an injury to his achilles tendon and doctor's orders to help with healing. This means Bonnie, along with others, will need to transport David to and from work in Norwood, Ohio daily. There should not be any effect on regular office hours unless excessive traffic occurs. With that in mind, please call ahead to ensure Rev. Goodwin has arrived before coming to the church. Her cell phone number is (570)250-3057 or you can always call the church (513)

795-6742 to leave a message. All messages left on either phone will be returned in a timely manner.

Here are the current office hours for each week:

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Or by appointment.

Her regular days off are Friday and Saturday. If pastoral care is needed on one of these days, please contact Kathy Baughman

### **Minister's Musings**

As I sit to write this article, many are dreaming and planning their Labor Day celebrations. A time that families and friends get together to cookout, swim and enjoy the last little bit of summer. It is at this time of year, that I think back over the last 8 months of the year. I think about how fast time flies in correlation with the many memories I have made throughout the year. If you are like me the calendar fills quite fast and no matter what there is always something to do. Why is it that we often forget to rest? We labor until there is nothing left to give. Where do we find the activities that give us the strength to continue on? For some, it is in the reading of a book, listening to music, being outside, or even cooking. My moments of rest are filled with photography. I love to take pictures of nature. In fact, I will be take a few this Labor Day Weekend. I invite you to find some time this week to refresh your mind, body, and soul.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

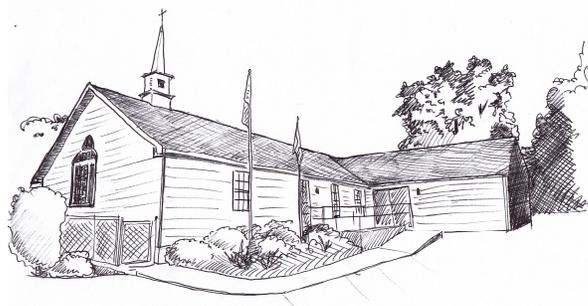
<b>September</b>		<b>October</b>	
RJ Irwin	10	Mike Rosser	1
Jana Mullins	13	Nancy Steuart	5
John Williams	13	Jeannie White	13
Leland Houchell	18	Cindy Williams	13
Bonnie Goodwin	23	Tanner Shanholtzer	18
		Gloria Bloomer	22
		Dean Schmidt	29
		Jacquie Clingan	29

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

John Pendergest, Gloria Bloomer, Will Bennett, Paul Caudill, Claudette Thomas, Athol Cox, Lois Johnson, Logan Gebhart, Chosen, Troops

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Sept 3 10:45 am Worship
- Sept 7 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Sept 8-10 OWM Retreat at Camp Christian
- Sept 9 9:00 pm Church Work Day
- Sept 10 10:45 am Worship (Bring Toilet Paper for Helping Hands Ministry)
- Sept 11 6:30 pm Bible Study – Max Lucado’s Life Lessons Series (Luke)
- Sept 12 1:30 pm Bible Study – Andy Stanley Video Series (Follow)  
7:00 pm Men’s Group
- Sept 13 6:00 pm Serve at Chosen
- Sept 14 6:00 pm Serve at Chosen
- Sept 17 10:45 am Worship (Bring Bar Soap for Helping Hands Ministry)
- Sept 18 6:30 pm Bible Study – Max Lucado’s Life Lessons Series (Luke)
- Sept 19 1:30 pm Bible Study – Andy Stanley Video Series (Follow)
- Sept 20 6:30 pm Pastoral Relations Committee
- Sept 21 4:00 pm Prepare Community Meal at Presbyterian Church
- Sept 24 10:45 am Worship (Bring Toothpaste/Toothbrushes for Heaping Hands Ministry)
- Sept 25 6:30 pm Bible Study – Max Lucado’s Life Lessons Series (Luke)
- Sept 26 1:30 pm Bible Study – Andy Stanley Video Series (Follow)
- Sept 26 6:30 pm Elder’s Meeting
- Sept 27 10:00 am Newsletter Deadline



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