

## A Message From The Board

The Board met February 21. Thanks to all who contributed to the great atmosphere for worship, study and fellowship as we hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Leadership Conference for the Lake Area Disciples Churches! Thanks to all who contributed to the time for fellowship and constructive conversation during the lunch and visioning session February 3! Thanks to the leadership of DWF as our congregation develops the Green Chalice initiative! Thanks to the Property Team as they plan and make needed renovations!

We are excited about the approaching Lenten season! DMF will host the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on March 5, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. A Lenten study series will begin Wednesday, March 6 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The Ash Wednesday service is March 6 at 7 p.m. Outdoor worship at Ha Ha Tonka will be Sunday, April 7 at 5 p.m.

The Property Team has set Spring Cleaning Day for Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. Last year two dozen volunteers did great work inside and out in preparation for Easter and the outdoor worship season. Plan to join in this great project!

In coordination with the Property Team and Church employees, CPR/AED and blood trauma training will be offered to all in the Church, tentatively in July. Property has set priorities on three projects: carpet installation in rooms 38 and 42, HVAC duct installation in the east restrooms, and east hall light fixture renovation. The Board has begun study of a quote for significant upgrades to the Sanctuary sound system, and approved a parking lot snow removal quote.

The Board made planned budget commitments to reserves for maintenance, sabbatical and audit designated accounts, and to annual church camp and senior scholarship accounts. They authorized transfer of holding account funds to a Living Endowment Fund. Interest earnings from Church Extension Funds were authorized to be donated in outreach ministry to Kid's Harbor. Work continues in collaboration with Kid's Harbor on a teen outreach program that would utilize part of the upstairs in our facility.

The Board went on record in support of the Sabbatical plan for the Senior Pastor, set for January – March, 2020. Work on the Lilly Foundation grant for this Sabbatical is ongoing, with an April 11 deadline. Please encourage and pray for the work of the Sabbatical committee!

Weather on Wednesday, February 20 caused much uncertainty about Church activities. Early morning conditions forced school closures, but improvement during the day made Church activities possible. We recognize that our lake community creates a wide range of sidewalk, driveway and road conditions. It is always a personal decision about your circumstances, and what you need to do to ensure your health and safety. The Board approved the following procedure statement on February 21:

*Community Christian Church will not maintain office hours on days Camdenton Schools are not in session.*

*A determination on holding afternoon and evening activities will be made as early as possible and communicated to the congregation by e-mail and on Facebook.*

*Because of the logistics of meal preparations on Wednesdays, an alternative fellowship meal plan will be established for days Camdenton Schools are not in session and Wednesday evening activities are still able to be held.*

*A plan is in place to plow the parking lots if two-plus inches of snow occurs, but the timing of that service may not be seamless in reacting to when storms happen and our activity schedules. Sidewalks will be shoveled independent of that service.*

*For Sunday services that may be affected by inclement weather, please check e-mail or Facebook before coming to Church. A phone outreach system is currently under consideration.*

*Church life is very important, but....*

*All decisions about the participation in Church activities are personal, and should reflect balancing your unique set of circumstances to ensure your healthy and safety.*

# YOU ARE INVITED!!!

## TRY IT OUT!!!

*Some of us grew up in church, and others did not. This doesn't matter. Some of us are political, and others are not. This doesn't matter. Some of us have strong opinions, and others do not. This doesn't matter. Some of us are mad at God, and others are addicted to God. This doesn't matter. You are invited to join together with individuals and families to build community (ALL ARE WELCOME). Yes, we are a gathering at Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), but we want to create an informal, strong bond together. This is not a trick, or a bait-and-switch. You will not be required to believe a certain way. Just know that you are welcomed to participate. We want to build relationships with one another and the Divine (whoever the Divine is to you). ALL are welcome! Try it out for the month of March, and then make your own decision from there. We need one another. We need to keep learning. We need to be role models for the next generations. Come and join together each Sunday evening in March (there is a gathering/worship service every Sunday night at 5:00 pm)! If you have questions, GREAT!!! Contact William Brown (pastor) at 636-290-5213 or [wrbwilderness@hotmail.com](mailto:wrbwilderness@hotmail.com).*

### March 3, 2019 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Worship, Potluck Meal (bring an item to share, meat will be provided), Game Night (bring your favorite games)

### March 10, 2019 (Sunday)

2 pm Hike at Ha Ha Tonka State Park (meet at the parking lot down at the Lake)

5:00 pm Worship about God's Creation (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). We will probably go out for pizza following.

### March 17, 2019 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Worship with conversation about current topics, Open Gym time

### March 24, 2019 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Worship (outdoors) with hot dogs, smores, and games. Bring your lawn chairs or back up your truck.

### March 31, 2019 (Sunday)

5:00 pm Worship and Family Wiffle Ball game (indoors)

Worship services are short, informal, and interactive. If you go to another church on Sunday mornings, you can still come. If you don't consider yourself a "church person", you can still come. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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