



# *in-spire-er*

**NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**

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## **SUPPERS IN SEASON**

Throughout the summer, families will be hosting Sunday evening pitch-in suppers of food created from locally grown, seasonal foods. After exploring the environmental, economical, spiritual, and health impact of food on our lives, the Simply in Season Sunday school class invites you to share in the bounty and Expand our Table through this time of community sharing and thanksgiving. Come to one or come to all. The first week you come, do not feel obligated to bring a dish to share, but we encourage you to bring a friend. Bring table service for yourself.

Sundays: 5:30--7:30 p.m.

June 20 David Hamilton and Sheryl Elston  
June 27 Neal and Karen Whitson  
July 11 Joshua Kiilu  
July 18 David Smith and Caroline-Cox Smith  
July 25 Jean Thompson  
August 8 Rod and Katrina McGillivray

## **NCC MOVES TO FAIR TRADE COFFEE**

Through our annual Holiday Market, North Christian Church has diligently worked to provide artisans fair income for their products. NCC will now be extending that to coffee. Beginning June 6, 2010, all coffee served with church-related activities will be Fair Trade.

Contributions for coffee may be designated "Coffee" or "Fair Trade"; all such contributions will help provide coffee-growers with a sustainable income.

Fair Trade is an organized social movement and market-based approach that aims to help producers in developing countries obtain better trading conditions and promote sustainability. The movement advocates the payment of a higher price to producers as well as social and environmental standards. It focuses in particular on exports from developing countries to developed countries, most notably handicrafts, coffee, cocoa, sugar, tea, bananas, honey, cotton, wine, fresh fruit, chocolate and flowers.

## ***FROM THE STAFF***

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### **MINISTER OF CHILDREN'S EDUCATION**

*Marie F. Fleming*

*Trudi Ellison-Kendall is guest columnist for this issue in Marie's absence.*

What can we learn from singing in a choir and from being an active member of a faith tradition: Community makes us one with each other. This thought came to me after attending CICC's Voices of Spring Concert on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. How I enjoy hearing these children sing—their voices blending as one—pure bell-like music!

I found myself wondering how many rehearsals it must take before 60+ children can sing as one voice—not just once—but over and over again.

Whenever I listen to the choir perform, I am always amazed that so many diverse voices can come together to soar as one beautifully layered voice filled with so much depth, richness, and beauty. These uniquely individual children have become a community, trusting and believing in each other's gifts to make music that lifts our spirits, heals our aching hearts, and energizes us to experience all that life has to offer.

Isn't community also the essence of who we are as believers? Each week as we come through the doors into the sanctuary, our individual selves become less important as we become one with

each other through the reading of scriptures, the preaching of the Word, the singing of the hymns, and the praying of the Lord's Prayer. Each week Jesus invites us to the Lord's Table to be in the presence of the living Christ and to challenge us to take Christ's love, compassion, and grace out into the world. How do we live together in community at NCC? What comes to mind for you? Here are just a few of the ways we have lived in community over the past few months: preparing baby and hygiene kits for Help for Haiti; gathering food and money for Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord; worshiping together with our brothers and sisters of St. Paul's Episcopal Church during Holy Week; and discussing the planting of a community garden. What has made each one of these ministries unique is that the energy for each came from all of you; you took individual ideas and turned them into the ministries of the community---all of us working together as one.`

Why do we live in community? We do so because it allows us to see the living Christ in each other and to have a glimpse of the Kingdom of God coming near to us. In the months ahead, let us continue to live as one---cultivating community from our doorstep to the ends of the earth!

Blessings, *Trudi Ellison Kendall*

## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

*David Sims*

All women and treble voices are invited to sing in the summer Women's Choir. We had so much fun last year and I'm excited to try it again this summer. If you like to sing, I'd encourage you to come and join us, especially if you are unable to make the choir commitment during the school

year. We'll rehearse most Sundays from 12:00-12:45 in the Music Suite starting June 20th, and sing in worship on July 18th and Aug. 15th. Check out the NCC Summer Calendar for specific rehearsal dates and other summer musical opportunities.

*David*

## ***LUKE 10 MISSIONAL ACTION TEAM (MAT)***

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The Missional Action Team (MAT), consisting of Ann Jones, Joshua Kiilu, Ken Lanteigne, Amanda Matheny, Brian Shaw, and Neil Whitson continues meeting every other week on Sunday afternoons. The team is currently working to develop the Adaptive Challenge given it by the General Board into a more concrete statement. In recent meetings

the team has focused specifically on the phrase "cultivate community"; exploring the meaning it has to and for the Missional Action Team and North Christian Church.

Please continue to pray for us as we continue this important work.

*Ken Lanteigne, facilitator*

## ***ALONG TIPTON LANE***

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### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED...**

to Brenda Smith and family upon the death of her uncle, **Tyrone Olinger** of Radcliff, Kentucky on May 29, 2010.

to Henrietta Owens and family upon the death of **Robert M. (Scoop) Owens** on May 31, 2010.

to Sheryl Elston and family upon the death of her mother, **Janice Elston** on June 5, 2010.

May God's peace comfort these families in their time of grief.

## **LIBRARY ADDITION**

In his book *Into the Silent Land*, Laird brings the ancient wisdom of both the Christian East and West to bear on the modern-day longing for radical openness to God in the depths of the heart.

While useful for those just starting out, this book serves especially as a guide for those who desire to journey yet deeper into the silence of God. The heart of the book focuses on negotiating key moments of struggle on the contemplative path. Laird shows that these inner struggles that any person of prayer must face are like riddles, trying to draw out of us our own inner silence. Ultimately Laird shows how the wounds we loathe become vehicles of the healing silence we seek, beyond technique and achievement. Laird's language is fresh, direct, and focused on real-life examples of people whose lives are incomparably enriched by the practice of contemplation.

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS**

### **IN TRANSITION:**

Joshua Kiilu, whose position at Lilly will be eliminated, along with that of 5,500 other employees.

All other persons seeking employment after job loss.

### **HEALTH CARE FACILITY**

Keith Moore, Four Seasons, # 301  
Henrietta Owens, Keepsake Village  
Emerson Sutton, Col. Health and Rehab

## **HEALTH CONCERNS**

Eddie (Baxter) Ellis; Helen Haddad; Ted Marston; Adele Potthoff; Jean Prather; Chuck Shaw; John Williams

Mia Bauman; Kelli Boka (sister-in law of Jean Thompson); Jesse Brewer (friend of Jean Thompson); Logan Crawford nephew of Linda Monroe); Nell Marine, Pam Abel and Diane White (mother and sisters of Karen Whitson); Gene Wiley (father of Jeri Lynn Kreps)

## **JULY FOURTH HYMN SING AND PICNIC**

Join in on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. for hymn sing worship and a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic!!!

The congregation will gather in the auditorium for worship, then follow up with picnic lunches there.

Then "let the games begin"! If weather permits, there will be outdoor games as well as indoor games.

So bring a list of your favorite hymns, pack up your picnic lunch, and be prepared to have fun!

Those interested in entering the pie baking contest, please bring a fruit pie. Hopefully there will be enough pies in the contest for everyone to have a piece of pie for an afternoon treat.

If interested in bringing a game,—i.e., corn hole, horse shoes, water balloons, etc., contact Sandy Welliver, 579-6604.

# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

### ***Sarah Stearns***

Daughter of Steven and Kellene  
Chapman  
Columbus North High School

### ***Kelsey Michon Kreps***

Daughter of Bart and Jeri Lynn Kreps  
Columbus North High School  
Academic Honors Diploma  
Plans to attend Ball State University  
Honors College, majoring in  
Psychology/Social Work

### ***Emily Elizabeth Miller***

Daughter of Will Miller and Lynne  
Maguire  
Columbus North High School  
Academic Honors Diploma  
Plans to attend Yale University, majoring  
in History, English or another area of the  
Humanities

### ***Lucinda Shannon***

Daughter of Lynne Ketner  
Columbus East High School

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

### ***Matthew Redelle Jacobson***

Son of Anna Jacobson  
Purdue University  
Bachelors of Science degree, Building  
Construction Management  
Employed by Jerico Metals, Bloomington

### ***Kaitlin René Kreps***

Daughter of Bart and Jeri Lynn Kreps  
Ivy Tech, Columbus  
Technical Certificate, LPN-Practical  
Nursing  
Plans to begin the ASN (RN)  
program

### ***Nicole Marie Lanteigne***

Daughter of Ken and Lesli Lanteigne  
University of Evansville  
Bachelors of Arts degree, Fine Arts  
and Creative Writing  
Plans to attend Brite Divinity School

### ***Brooke Lauren Robertson***

Daughter of Bud and Angela Robertson  
DePauw University  
Bachelors of Arts degree, Biology  
Plans to begin Physician's Assistant  
program

## GRADUATE DEGREES

### ***Anne Burnett O'Neill***

Daughter of John and Debbie Burnett  
American University Washington  
College and Universite Paris X-Nanterre  
Dual Law Degree

### ***Nathan O'Neill***

Husband of Anne Burnett O'Neill  
Son-in-law of John and Debbie Burnett  
AGSIRD Paris  
Master of Arts degree, International  
Relations  
Plans to begin doctoral program in  
Public Policy at Indiana University

### ***Shawna Smith Jefferson***

Daughter of Earl and Brenda Smith  
IUPUI, Masters degree, Social Work  
Seeking employment

## GRANDCHILDREN

### ***Amy Lynn Fuetterer***

Granddaughter of Wally and Eva  
Fuetterer  
Loyola University (Chicago) School of  
Law

Juris Doctor degree  
Position with New York law firm

***Megan Anne Fuetterer***

Granddaughter of Wally and Eva Fuetterer  
University of Arizona Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, Creative Marketing and Communications  
Plans to enter Masters program at Arizona State while working for a marketing company

***Stephanie Ann Payne***

Granddaughter of David Smith and Caroline Cox-Smith  
Heritage Christian High School, Indianapolis

***Craig Shaw***

Grandson of Chuck and Joan Shaw  
Hauser High School, Hope

***Tyler Shaw***

Grandson of Chuck and Joan Shaw  
Purdue University  
Bachelors of Science Degree, Agricultural Systems Management  
Associates Degree, Agronomy

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## ***COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH***

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### **PENNIES FOR PEACE**

Since December 11, 2009, \$59.98 has been sent to the Central Asia Institute. Thanks very much for helping Greg Mortenson build schools in northwest Pakistan and northeast Afghanistan. Private donations from people around the world (no government or military money) have enabled CAI to build over 200 schools, which have to include girls. Notice the young child's version of Three Cups of Tea called Listen to the Wind, which is on the table in the Narthex. This is a great gift for young children.

Greg Mortenson's vision is that "we all will dedicate the next decade to achieve universal education and literacy for all children. More than 145 million of the world's children are deprived of education due to poverty, exploitation, slavery, gender discrimination, religious extremism, and corrupt governments." These are very sobering facts, and one small way to him achieve his vision is to save and contribute pennies (or other change). Please continue to help!

## ***CHRISTIAN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES***

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### **SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES....**

*Suppers in Season* - and more! Even though the *Simply in Season* Adult Sunday School Class has finished their study on May 23, the group continues to meet throughout the summer season with a number of activities related to Food and Faith. See the front page of this issue, and join the fun. There is always room at the table!

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN PROPOSAL**

There is energy and enthusiasm underfoot to create a community garden at North Christian Church. Fueled by the knowledge of the numbers in poverty in our community and the prohibitive expense of fresh produce to many, a group lead by Neal Whitson, Karen Whitson, Anna Jacobson, Carole Hyneman, Sheryl Elston, Ed VanDeventer, and Marilyn Tansil has proposed to place three 4x4 foot raised beds north of the playground. Anyone with a desire to help feed our community, with or without gardening experience, please contact any one of these people.

## ***DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES***

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### **NINE TO ATTEND QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY**

Women's Quadrennial Assembly will be in Greensboro, North Carolina June 23 to 27. Women attending from North Christian Church are Debbie Burnett, Caroline Cox-Smith, Sheryl Elston, Lesli Lanteigne, Nicole Lanteigne, Katrina McGillivray, Erynn Shaw, Tammy Shaw and Debbie Van Deventer.

**Project Linus blankets** will be collected at the Quadrennial Assembly. The blankets can be knit, crocheted or quilted, and the dimensions are variable, from 36" square to 48" square. Project Linus blankets focus on comfort not warmth, so the fiber used should be machine washable and dryable. There is a special need for blankets for teens. Blankets will be collected until June 20. Questions? Contact Lesli Lanteigne, 378-5031, and/or visit [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org).

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## *Sunday Schedule*

8:00 a.m. Morning News Class  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Refreshments  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:45 a.m. Fellowship & Refreshments  
**(Handicap Accessible ~ Childcare provided)**

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