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NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 18

A congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, July 18** in the auditorium of North Christian Church for the purpose of electing 2010-11 officers.

Absentee ballots may be obtained from the church office, but must be returned to the church office by Friday noon, July 16, to be counted.

SUPPERS IN SEASON CONTINUES

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. Do not feel obligated to bring a dish to share, but we encourage you to bring a friend. Bring table service for yourself.

July 18 David Smith and Caroline-Cox Smith
Take US 31 north to the Camp Atterbury stop light. Turn left and go through Atterbury to the 4-way stop in the center of Nineveh. Turn left at the 4-way stop. Continue on this road. You will come to a 3-way stop. Go straight after stopping. You will pass the Church of the Lakes (on your right). Shortly after that you will come to a 'Y' in the road (at the club house and Sweetwater Sales office). Take the right hand branch of the 'Y'. Continue on this road (pass the water tower) until you get to Grizzly Road on your right. Take Grizzly Road for about 1/2 mile to 7457 Grizzly - Camp David, The Smith's Own Inn (on your left). Cottage phone number 317-933-2905.

July 25 Jean Thompson – 3212 Woodland Parkway, Columbus

August 8 Rod and Katrina McGillivray – 2480 West Carr Hill Road, Columbus

FROM THE STAFF

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Balance within and between the various dimensions of our life is important to health, whether physical, mental, emotional or spiritual. Recently I ran across this story, which shows with great spiritual insight the value of balance in our life and experience. I share it with you:

“Recently, I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. The plane departure had been announced. Standing near the security gate, they hugged, and the mother said, 'I love you, and I pray you enough.' The daughter replied, 'Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I pray you enough, too, Mom.' They kissed, and the daughter left.

The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there, I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy, but she welcomed me in by asking, 'Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?' Yes, I have,' I replied. 'Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?

'Well...I'm not as young as I once was, and my daughter lives so far away and has her own busy life. I have some challenges ahead, and the reality is, her next trip back will be for my funeral,' the mother said.

I said, 'When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I pray you enough.' May I ask what that means?' She began to smile. 'That's a prayer that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone.' She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and she smiled even more. 'When we said, 'I pray you enough,' we wanted the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.' Then, turning toward me, she shared the following as if she were reciting it from memory:

'I pray you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I pray you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I pray you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I pray you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I pray you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I pray you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I pray you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.”

Let us pray for one another, and let us pray wisely, praying each other enough.

Blessings, *Lanny*

ALONG TIPTON LANE

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED...

to Joy Lawler and family upon the death of her grandmother, **Alta Merritt Richardson** on July 2, 2010 in Indianapolis. May God's peace comfort the family during this time of grief.

THANK YOU NOTES....

North Christian Church,

Thank you for your kind words and visits the past four months of Keith's illness. NCC was very special to him. At the funeral at NCC, sunbeams came through onto his casket as if God was smiling and saying, "Job well done Keith".

Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after the funeral. We appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you also to the many folks who prepared and served food for our family and friends. *The Keith Moore Family*

Dear NCC Friends,

Thank you so much for all of the support you gave to me and my family after the death of my grandmother. She was a very special person and would have loved seeing the cards, flowers, and visitors. Thanks for all of your love during this difficult time.

Blessings,
Joy Lawler

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Emily Miller, honored by the Joseph Hart Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution as one of three Outstanding American History Students at North High School.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The church office is in the process of updating the membership directory. If children have begun college or moved from your household since the last directory was published, and you have not previously provided current addresses and phone numbers the church office would appreciate you doing so.

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

Henrietta Owens, Keepsake Village
Emerson Sutton, Col. Health and Rehab
Frances Gabbard, (mother of Anna Jacobson); Silver Oaks Health Campus
Mona Kreitner, (daughter of Charline Bulpitt); Regional Medical Center, Memphis, Tennessee

Ken Kreitner, (son-in-law of Charline Bulpitt); at home

HEALTH CONCERNS

Eddie (Baxter) Ellis; Helen Haddad; Jean Prather; Chuck Shaw

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)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WOMEN OF FAITH RETREAT AUGUST 20 and 21

You are invited to attend the Women of Faith 2010 retreat, "Over the Top!" This 2-day event, designed to make you laugh, cry, relax, and catch a glimpse of God's love for you, will find you inspired by talented speakers and musicians while being surrounded by thousands of women singing and praising God.

The event will be held at Conseco Fieldhouse on Friday, August 20, and Saturday, August 21. Friday's schedule includes two sessions: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with dinner on your own in between sessions. The event on Saturday, August 21, runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ticket cost is \$89.00, which includes admission and box lunches for both days.

Can't come during the day on Friday? Consider attending just the Friday evening and Saturday sessions. It would be well worth it! Check out the web site at www.womenoffaith.com. Contact Debby Shaw (phone 342- 6508) if you are interested in going!

CHRISTIAN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

STONE SOUP: CELEBRATING FOOD, OUR GIFTS, AND THE WELCOME TABLE

"Stone Soup" is a classic children's story about what happens when people contribute what they have to something larger than themselves. It is also the title and menu for our Summer Intergenerational event, Wednesday, August 4, from 5:30 p.m.to-7:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Lounge and Auditorium. Bring a batch of veggies already washed and cubed for soup or fruit washed and cut up for salad or pre-cooked meat, also cut up for soup. While supper cooks, we will engage in a number of activities related to the topic. Sign up in the Narthex beginning on July 18th. Questions? Contact Trudi Ellison-Kendall at tekgelken@att.net.

COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH

GOT HOPE?

Our congregation prayed this last Sunday, “we confess how often we yearn for the good old days, and for a kind of safety and comfort that never really was. We see the future as a threat rather than hope.”

But, from this very same congregation, one of ours—Nicole Lanteigne-- has been called to prepare herself for God’s service at Brite Divinity School in Ft. Worth, Texas. The Spirit IS at work, and we can respond!

North Christian Church, in support of Nicole’s response to God’s call, will receive a special Seminary Scholarship offering Sunday, August 1 and Sunday, August 8 to help defray the cost of tuition, books and living expenses as Nicole pursues her first year of graduate theological study. Checks to North Christian Church should be designated for Seminary Scholarship offering.

Your North Christian Outreach has made a difference this year by blessing the people of Haiti and Sudan, working for justice through “Bread for the World, Inclusive Community Coalition, Ecumenical Assembly, and Disciples Mission Fund, while helping other Ministry Divisions where possible. As a congregation we have always responded in a variety of ways to members pursuing theological study, as well as interns from Christian Theological Seminary. Now we again have opportunity to show our faith and HOPE IN THE FUTURE by gifting one of our own.

DISCIPLES WOMEN’S MINISTRIES

QUADRENNIAL ATTENDEES SAY “THANKS”

Thanks to all of you who helped in various ways to enable us to go to Quadrennial in Greensboro, North Carolina. When you came to one or more of our four luncheon fund raisers, you helped. When you gave a special gift, you helped. When you prayed for us, you helped. The time together was VERY good, and reports will continue with future articles in the In-spire-er, as well as continuing personal testimonies from different attendees in the “God Sightings” portion of Sunday morning worship during the month of July.

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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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