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North Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Newsletter: Sunshine Edition

Love Chapel Commit to Eat at Fazoli's

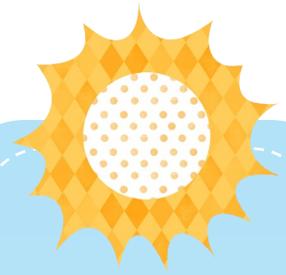
Go ahead and call that friend or neighbor you've been wanting to get together with and make a lunch or dinner date for Fazoli's on Thursday, May 10th between 11:00am to 8:00pm. On this day only, when you purchase your meal mention you're with North Christian Church and follow the restaurant's instructions to receive 20% of your meal's price donated back to Love Chapel - The Ecumenical Assembly. Fazoli's restaurant is located at 3041 National Road in Columbus, right across the street from Kroger.

2018 Indy Pride

If you'd like to purchase a FAMOUS All Means All Rainbow Chalice T-shirt, hoodie, or sweatshirt to wear at Pride this summer while we march with Columbus churches in the parade and help staff the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) booth at the festival, orders can be placed until **Sunday, May 13**. Of course, your All Means All shirt can also be worn around town, all year long! Visit www.bonfire.com/rainbow-chalice-shirts or see the church office for more information. Learn more about Pride Fest this year from Tonja on page 5.

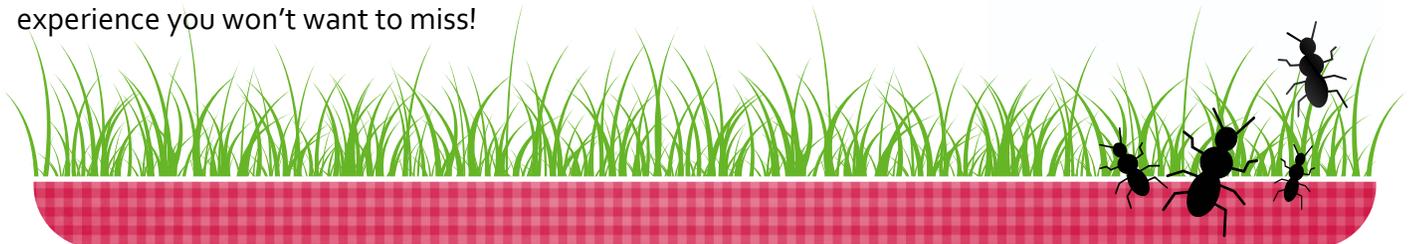
Jim Scott, "Gather in the Spirit"

This Friday, May 11 at 6:30 pm, Jim Scott will bring his warmth and talent to Columbus! Drawing on classic songs and his own well-crafted melodies and messages of earth, peace, and justice, Jim invites us all to get involved with the ideals he raises. Suggested donation of \$10 to \$20. Children under 12 admitted for free. Join us at 7850 W Goeller Blvd for an experience you won't want to miss!



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Save the Date!

Thursday, May 10

Love Chapel Fazloi's
Fundraiser

Friday, May 11

Jim Stott Concert

Saturday, May 12

Donner Park
Discussion

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day
CWS Blanket Sunday

Saturday, May 19

Terry Shaw and
Sherry Brown
wedding at 6:30pm

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost Sunday
and Pentecost
Offering received

Sunday, May 27

Pentecost Offering re-
ceived
Change Sunday

Sunday, June 3

Graduate Recognition
and Reception
Pride Sunday

Saturday, June 9

Indianapolis Pride Fest

Sunday, June 10

Worship in the sacred
space at 7850 West
Goeller Boulevard

CWS Blanket Outreach

This year on Mother's Day, May 13th, we will be blanketing the world with love! Church World Services (CWS) is a non-profit organization that raises awareness about hunger, poverty, water access, trade, human rights, climate change, peace building, and other issues. It provides help in disaster response with shelter, food and water, recovery kits, and counseling. With CWS, we have the opportunity to provide some of these basics needed to ensure the survival of individuals and communities at risk. The CWS Blanket Outreach is simple! On May 13th, we will be collecting donations to provide blankets through CWS. Each \$10 donation will be able to give one blanket to those who need its warmth, privacy, and comfort. Please see Caroline Cox-Smith on Sunday, May 13th to give your donation.



2018 Pentecost Special Day Offering

The Pentecost Offering will be collected on May 20th and 27th. Each year, half of the Pentecost Offering is designated to the local Christian Disciples Region/Area in an effort to start and sustain new churches. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

"Planting a church can make a huge and lasting impression in the community it serves," says Terrell L. McTyer, minister of New Church Strategies and church planter. "By empowering the oppressed, praying for the disenfranchised, caring for the poor and promoting hope in a fragmented world, the church can literally help change the world," he adds. Disciples are on course to starting 1,000 new churches by 2020. Your contribution can help reach that goal!

Adventure Awaits!

Terry Shaw and Sherry Brown are ready to begin the next chapter of their adventure together, and they want you to join them! On Saturday, May 19th, at 6:30 pm, this fun duo will be getting married right here at North Christian Church, 850 Tipton Lane. Come celebrate and share in their joy!

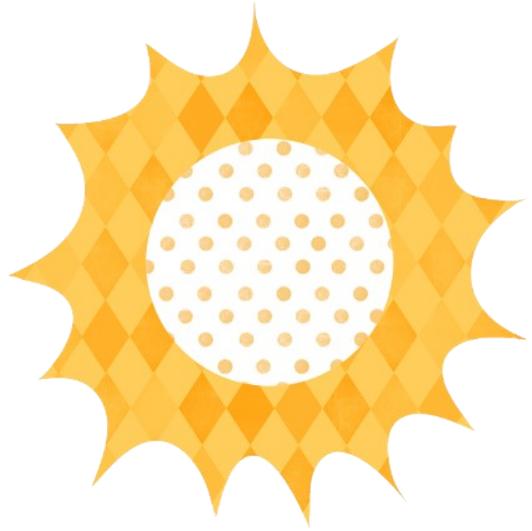


Sharing Sacred Space

June 10th, 12:00 pm

7850 West Goeller Blvd.

The warmer temperatures and longer days have us appreciating the sun's bright light and warmth. We have begun looking forward to the bright opportunities the summer brings. For us, we eagerly anticipate another opportunity in June to come together at 7850 West Goeller Boulevard to worship in this shared sacred space. The sun comes through this space's many windows, offering a warm and cheery atmosphere as we worship. This is an exciting time to continue building our interfaith relationship with UUCI and ask ourselves what it means to live in closer proximity. It isn't a bad time to enjoy a cooler, comfortable climate as we worship! Please join in this special time!



"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken." -James Dent

Mental Health Awareness Month

Each year, millions of people face the reality of living with mental illness. This year there is a great way to be involved with this vital and too-little-understood issue right in our own extended neighborhood.

What: A neighborhood discussion regarding a fledgling plan of Thrive Alliance and Centerstone to turn the Victory Church facility at 17th Street and Home Avenue into a residence for homeless people with mental health or substance abuse issues.

Discussion initiators: facility neighbors who appear to be seeking to block this plan. Although the city has no involvement in the plan, at least one Councilperson plans to attend as a moderating presence.

When: Saturday, May 12, 11:00 am

Where: Donner Park, west side, near the shelter. Organizers advise bringing a lawn chair.



2018 Regional Assembly: Can We Talk?

October 5-6

Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis

The theme for our regional assembly is, "Can We Talk?" This theme grew out of the planning committee's desire to see wholeness amidst this era of polarization and dividedness.

So, they are offering some ideas and experiences that may help us be encouragers of God's people even in our differences. Join in this year as we learn together how to better understand and love one another in the midst of difference. Cost to attend is \$75.00 for Adults. This registration fee includes the Friday evening all assembly dinner, Saturday Continental meals, worship exhibits and equipping conversations. Childcare is also provided at no cost for children under age 11. Additional Optional Meals for Women's and Men's breakfasts, held at the Indiana Interchurch Center are \$15.00 per person. Visit their website at <http://indianadisciples.org/regional-assembly-2018/> to register!

Heartland Inter-Regional Gathering of Women

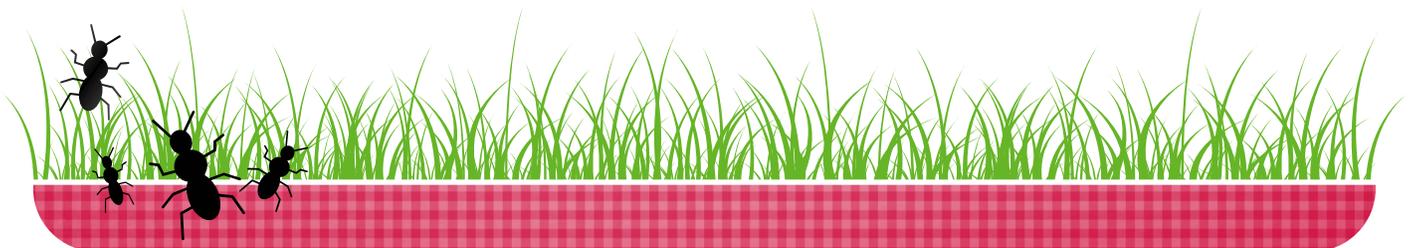
June 22-24

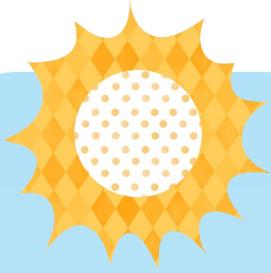
Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri

The Indiana Women's Council and Christian Church in the Upper Midwest invite all women to this inter-regional event! If you have not already registered, be sure to reserve your spot!

REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 1st.

Attendees will gather to hear from speakers: Teresa Hord Owens (General Minister and President of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ), Lori Tapia, Dietra Wise Baker, and Rev. Marti Steussy (Bible Study leader). The three-day event also includes workshops, displays, and hands-on service opportunities. For more event/registration information visit: <https://kansasdisciples.org/dw-heartland-interregional-conf/> or see the church office for more information.





A Message from Tonja

On Saturday, April 14, North Christian Church had a visible presence at the inaugural Columbus Pride Fest with a booth. We met folks from all over Columbus, around the state, and across the country. People came from places like New York, California, Georgia, and Kansas to support this event, which had received national attention.

Several people gave us their contact information, so that they could receive our enews and be kept informed of what all is happening at NCC. We met many who were looking for a church home and didn't know what churches in Columbus were safe for them to attend.

It makes a difference that NCC is Open and Affirming and a safe place for all people to attend worship, minister to the community, and serve in leadership roles.

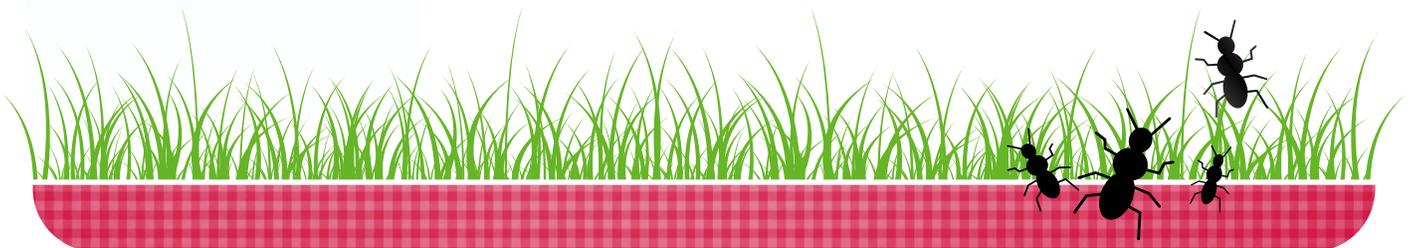
It makes a difference that NCC proudly hangs the LGBTQ Pride Flag and Transgender Pride Flag in our windows: it sends a message to our community that "you are welcome here."

It makes a difference that NCC participates with other O&A congregations in the meetings and activities of the Disciples Alliance Q, so that we can move our denomination as a whole further down the track of inclusivity for all.

As a kickoff to Indy Pride Week, we will celebrate Pride Sunday on Sunday, June 3, when we will reaffirm our commitment as an Open and Affirming congregation.

Then on Saturday, June 9, NCC will visibly share our support of the LGBTQ community. We will march with other Columbus area churches under the banner "Columbus Welcoming Congregations: Pride in Community" in the Indy Pride Parade along Mass Ave, beginning at 10:00am. Then we will join with other Disciple O&A congregations in staffing a shared booth during the Indy Pride Festival, beginning at 11:00am.

If you would like to participate in either or both of these activities, you are warmly invited and heartily encouraged to do so! Please contact Tonja with any questions you might have. Help us share the message of God's inclusive love for each and for all by being present and sharing a message of welcome!



We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world! At North Christian Church, the act of worship is central to our "living church inside and out." Coming together to worship each week sustains us spiritually and compels us into mission. Gathering in praise and celebration, discerning through music, scripture, and prayer, and experiencing God's love through communion allows us to realize and accept the blessings and challenges of discipleship.

Join Us Sunday!

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship Service
11:45 am Fellowship
Childcare Provided
Wheelchair Accessible

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