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Disciples of Christ

Church Life

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Sunday, September 13

9 a.m. in the Courtyard

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Come one hour before worship to enjoy coffee, food, fellowship and a chance to browse among displays of educational opportunities available as we "Fall Back to Learning." There will be exhibits and sign-up tables for:

Worship & Wonder
Youth and Kids Groups
Searchers Class
Disciples Women
Special Ministries

Amazin' Greys
Bible Study Classes
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And More . . .

PROJECT IMPACT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19



On Sunday, September 19 we will be celebrating the many accomplishments in the past year, including the ministries of Dan Oliver, Kathy Vail, Kim Perring, and Maria Perez.

As Dan said, *"My records show that over 140 members of our congregation have been directly involved with this life-giving ministry. All ages participated in significant ways from creating one-of-a-kind holiday cards to offering free tutoring to our communities' most needy children. It has been a privilege to share in this outreach with you and to celebrate the many ways God works in and through us all."*

Join us as we lift up this important ministry!

Keeping in Touch...

With all of the *Islamaphobia* going on these past few weeks, it is not surprising that Americans are fired up. While it didn't begin with the Islamic Center near Ground Zero, it certainly became inflamed by that, and then we heard about the Rev. Terry Jones in Florida, about to burn Qurans on September 11.



First, some facts: The center is not at Ground Zero but two blocks away, and the intent is to build a center, not a mosque. The center is not designed as a local mosque for a Muslim community but rather to serve the wider community. It is meant to improve interfaith and Muslim-West relations and promote tolerance – not just to provide services to Muslims. The proposed 15-story community center will include a prayer room (which supposedly qualifies it as a mosque), offices, meeting rooms, gym, swimming pool and performing arts center. And of course the controversy over this center is not an isolated event. It is part of a much more far-reaching pattern and problem.

I think it is our responsibility to speak out against any form of bigotry, racism, religious intolerance or ignorance. There are those who want to blur the lines between radical extremists and the majority of those who practice their faith in peaceful, law abiding ways. Blurring these distinctions risks a clash rather than co-existence of cultures, and threatens the rights and civil liberties of Muslims, and every religion, including Christians. So I invite you to be vocal!

Second, as for Rev. Jones, I share with you a letter from one of my interfaith colleagues, Rabbi Frank Stern...

September 8, 2010

Dear Friends,

Rev. Terry Jones does not speak for me. I am appalled by his suggestion that copies of the Koran be set ablaze on September 11. I believe in treating your sacred literature with the same respect I hope you would treat the Torah scroll or the Hebrew Bible. I am utterly opposed to terrorism, but I don't blame all for the acts of some extremists. I am opposed to racial and cultural profiling. In past decades, we Jews were victims of the same injustice and suffered the same discrimination. I want Muslims in America to achieve economic health, to rear their children and grandchildren in safety, and to make their own contributions to American science, industry and culture. I believe in dialogue, and I look forward to learning more about your religion and having you learn more about mine.

George Washington, in his letter to the Jewish community in Newport, Rhode Island, set the standard by which all Americans should live: "Give to bigotry no sanction [and] to persecution no assistance."

I believe Rev. Terry Jones is wrong. Book-burning went out of style in the sixteenth century.

Shalom, Rabbi Frank Stern

Thank you, my Rabbi friend, for those wise words...

Stanley D. Smith
Senior Pastor

COME WORSHIP WITH US

"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Arms"

WELCOMING SUNDAY

September 12, 2010

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

When Jesus was criticized for eating and drinking with sinners, he replied that he had come to seek and to save the lost. This is the challenge for the church, to receive, to love, and to forgive sinners. Sinners! And I think that includes us!

Scriptures: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17 **Luke 15:1-10**

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and enjoy the friendship of this loving congregation. Worship leadership includes **Gabe Spuckes, Bev Cramer, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap, and others.**

September 19, 2010

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

"It's business as usual." This is a popular excuse we hear in our day to day lives. The prophet Amos reminds the Hebrew people how dangerous this phrase can be when business is the usual and not God. Are we, like the Hebrew people, turning more towards business and away from God?

Scriptures: **Amos 8:1-12** Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

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September 26, 2010

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Though we often hear "what goes around comes around," it seems that justice is harder to come by. But our God is a God of justice. In this parable of the rich man and Lazarus, we see a reversal of roles, and Jesus is talking to those "money-loving Pharisees."

Scriptures: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6
1 Timothy 6:6-19 **LUKE 16:19-31**

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Happenings

Disciples Women

The next **Disciples Women Board Meeting** will be Thurs, September 23, at 9:30 a.m.

DISCIPLES WOMEN SEPTEMBER STUDY GROUPS



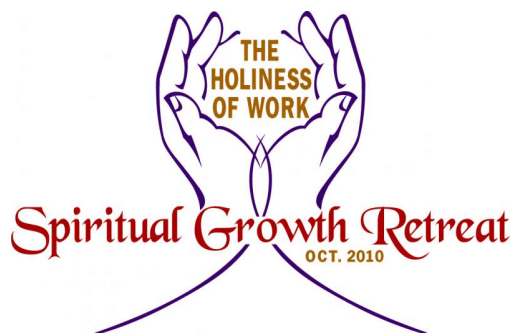
KOINONIA GROUP

Meets Wednesday September 15, 2010-7:00 p.m. in the FSR. Mari Jo Buchtel & Joyce Miller hostesses. Study Leader TBA.

DISCIPLES WOMEN LUNCHEON AND MEETING

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2010 in the FSR at 11:30 a.m. Quadrennial Revisited... Quadrennial Attendees Presenting. (Note the change of day and time.)

Ladies, save the date:



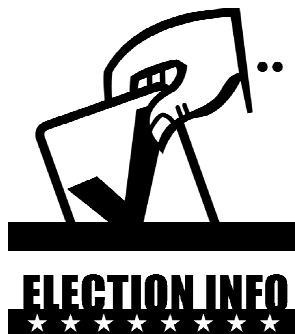
October 1 - 3, 2010

Loch Leven Camp & Conference Center
To register: <http://www.pswdw.com>.

Amazin' Greys

Attention Amazin' Greys, our monthly luncheons and informative programs are scheduled to begin **September 21 at 11:30 AM** in the Fireside Room. November elections are very close, so we have invited the League of Women Voters to discuss the many propositions that will be on the ballot this year. You won't want to miss this helpful and informative time. If you are eligible for a senior discount or are on the verge of eligibility you will feel right at home with Amazin' Greys!

Be sure to check the date on your calendar and make a reservation by calling Marge Carter or the church office at 714-538-9681. Lunch is \$8.00



Jam Group

For those young adults and a few young at hearts, we are starting a jam group. If you play an instrument, like to sing, or just want to come and jam, Jazmine invites you to join her! Each week we will begin Sunday afternoons at 2:30-3:30 in the chapel (please come early to help set up!). **The first meeting on September 12th will begin at 2:00 pm.**



Marriage Class Making Love Last a Lifetime



Love

LAST A LIFETIME

Are you married? Then this is the course for you!

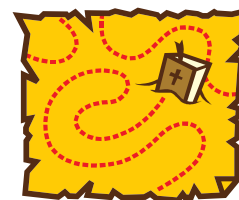
Sundays September 19th through October 24th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm (child care is available) in room 2A. Books are free, but there is a limited amount of space. Please contact Olivia if you are interested.

This course is for every couple at every stage. Nancy and Cam Malotte will be leading discussions on the biblical perspectives of love, marriage, and sex. The course is based on Adam Hamilton's book *Making Love Last a Lifetime*.

"Marriage is not simply the next step after falling in love. Marriage is a calling from God, a lifelong mission of service and caring and ministry to another human being - seeking to be, on God's behalf, a companion and helper to another."

Young Adult Bible Study

This Sunday we begin a new season back in our corner on our couches! There is still food, fellowship, and this year we have child care. We will be meeting from **8:30pm-10:00pm on Sundays in room 2D**. This semester we will be discussing the Book of Revelation.



LOOKING for A
Bible Study?

A Note from the Messengers

"A heartfelt thank you to all who sent us cards and best wishes for the celebration of 50 years of marriage and the wedding of Melinda and Randy. 70 people traveled to Maui for this joint service of Love and Life! We are grateful."

- Dwight & Pat Messenger

More Happenings

Young Adults (18-35) Want to Go to Vegas?



Do our perceptions of the world still work when it comes to the church, or are we still using outdated "maps" to guide us? Do our churches' views on racism, sexism, sexuality, politics and culture in general still have relevance, or do we need to revisit and renew these topics in order to relate to an ever-changing world?

All young adults are invited to come together and discuss these topics and more at the first ever **Disciples Young Adult Conference - Recharting Our Faith in the City of Second Chances** this Fall (October 7-10, 2010) in Las Vegas, NV.

Cost: \$125, until September 3.

To register, please go to www.discipleshomemissions.org/pages/DoCYA-Conference.

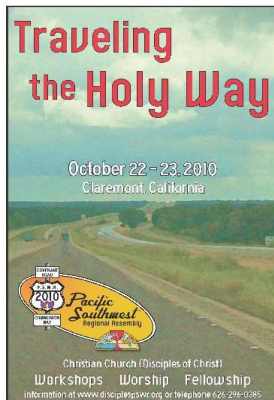
If you plan to attend, please contact Olivia Updegrave so that together we can work out rooming and transportation.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2010

OCTOBER 22-23, 2010 in
Claremont.

We will be celebrating with the Disciples Seminary Foundation as they mark their 50th Anniversary training leaders for the church on the Pacific slope.

Our theme for the Assembly will continue the focus of our Gathering last fall in Fullerton, "In Covenant and Communion: Traveling the Holy Way." The speakers for the two-day event will be Dr. Tamara Nichols Rodenberg (Friday) and Sandra Bryant (Saturday.)



For More Information: <http://www.disciplespsw.org>
REGISTRATION MATERIALS ARE IN THE COURTYARD!

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The next *Church Life* deadline is
September 20, 2010.

Friendly Center Food Bank



People in our community continue to be in great need of food. Please consider bringing one item of food each Sunday (or whenever you can) and place it in the designated box in the narthex.

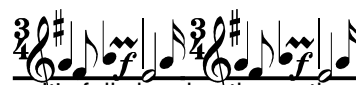
Suggested items to bring: pasta (rice, spaghetti, macaroni), canned vegetables, meat and fruit, canned beans, dried beans, chili beans, cereal, boxed items

- *Christian Action & Outreach Committee*

Join the Weatherill Warriors!

Looking for a way to make a difference in our world? Join our team, the "Weatherill Warriors" on Saturday, September 23 for the 8th annual Team Hope Walk for Huntington Disease. It is being held at William R. Mason Regional Park in Irvine to raise funds for research to cure this terrible inherited brain destroying disease. Entry fee is \$25 and registration opens at 8AM. If you cannot walk and want to support this research, donations can be made at www.firstgiving.com/hdsa-oc. Sincere thanks for your help.

- *Beverly Weatherill*



Musicians Wanted!

It's fall cleaning time – time to search through your house, under the bed, in the closet, behind the tool shed, out near the cabbage patch, over the river and through the woods!

What are we looking for? People with a musical bone in their body (every bone not required to be musical, just one is all that's necessary!) It's time to come out from hiding and get involved with the Music Ministry at FCCO.

Please contact Dean Shepherd if you are interested in any of the following – we have opportunities for all ages:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: 4 years old to 5th grade; meets Sundays from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel; directed by Jazmine Harnishfeger.

YOUTH CHOIR: 6th to 12th grade; meets Sundays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel; directed by Jazmine Harnishfeger.

ORANGE PEALERS: high school to adult; intermediate handbell ensemble; meets Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., in the Fireside Room; directed by Dean Shepherd. (Limited space, please contact Dean first.)

CHANCEL RINGERS: high school to adults, based upon music reading level; meets Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., in the Fireside Room; directed by Dean Shepherd.

CHANCEL CHOIR: high school to adults; meets Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Chapel; sings most Sundays for 10:00 a.m. worship; directed by Dean Shepherd.

FCCO BAND: instrumentalists, percussionists with musical ability welcome! Please contact Dean!

News from the Pews

OUR CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for: **Mary Walker, Gwen Shaw, Mary Dotson, Lois Worden, Paul Roberts, Doris Luraschi, Nikolas Mills, Rheon Lacke, and...**

Rheon Lacke - has returned home and is welcoming visitors, following hospitalization for dehydration symptoms.

Carl Prenzlou - recovery from outpatient surgery. Now home and recovered.

Bill Nevin - recently hospitalized, has since returned to Sunday worship with us.

Braun Family - Memorial for deceased brother (Derwood Johnson)

John Mash Jr - Age 20, grandson of friend. In hospice care, not doing well. Has fought cancer since age 2. Prayers for family. (Don Latimore)

Molly Valles - Prayers for healing as she undergoes trigger finger surgery (Susan Peterson & Floyd Hedrick).

Barry Cogbill - friend of Kathy Vail. Stage 4 non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. (Kathy Vail)

Elliana Wright - Friend of Kathy Vail. She is in Denver Children's Hospital NICU with E-coli. She's also on Dalysis. Very seriously ill. Age 2 years. (Kathy Vail)

Wilde Family - the daughter, mother, sister Barbara who had emergency brain surgery while vacationing in NY. Been in ICU for 5 weeks. (Marc Harper)

Clarice Friedline - hospitalized with tachycardia. Has since recovered and joined us in worship.

Jose Juarez - is recuperating from elbow surgery. We pray that it was successful. (Kortni Ingebritsen)

Kay Melcher - experiencing sciatica pain. Please pray for her recovery.

Stan Smith - beginning prostate cancer treatment in October.

Dick Sappington - surgery in a few weeks.

Pam Latimore - fire in Yorba Linda, Bob the Fireman is home safely.

Rich Kempf - sister in San Jacinto in hospice, they are celebrating her birthday next week.

Cheri Stevens - diagnosed with diabetes but doing okay.

OUR CELEBRATIONS

A SUCCESSFUL MIRACLE WEEK!

Dwight and Pat Messenger - for their 50th wedding anniversary and renewal of their wedding vows.

Melinda Messenger - for her marriage to Randy Stout.

Jason Gabelsberg - had a run-in with a truck. He won. He was on a bike. (Jim & Della Gabelsberg)

Project IMPACT - Thanks, everyone, for your support with Project IMPACT. (Kathy Vail)

Bill Kennann - Carol Harnack's father, Bill, with us in worship. (Linda Grunnet)

Chapman University - Listed in Parade Magazine as having one of the top film schools in the nation. (Bev & David Weatherill)

Cousin Beth - Visiting from Arizona. (Ruth Raheb & Kathy Sorensen)

Youth kick-off.

Ed & Erin Cooper - due in March 2011.

Jennifer Gettman - her ankle is better.

Nora Jacob - starting seminary at Claremont School of Theology. Yay and gulp!

Roy Bullock - youngest son, David, died five years ago after a nine year battle with cancer. Family met to celebrate his life and to thank God for him and his memory.

Heidi Reeley - for her 19th birthday! (Olivia Addington)

Jake Brown - father and father's wife Liz are in Cancun for three weeks and he wishes them a safe and enjoyable vacation.

Kids kick-off.

Visitors in Worship

Patsy Almeida of Santa Ana;

Christina and Elise Iezza of Whittier;

Katelyn Johnson of Whittier; **Jodi**

Clifford of Brea; **Kristi Bowin** of

Oxnard; **Jim and Phyllis Ball** of Brea;

Melinda Measdowns of Orange;

Melanie Belocura of Hemet; **Brittany Cliffe** of La Mesa; **Riley Pietcsh, Jerome de Vente**.



Some Dates to Remember:

Welcoming Sunday - Sunday, September 12

Annual Chili Cookoff - Sunday, October 24

Pacific Southwest Regional Assembly - October 22 - 23 in Claremont, CA

Pacific Southwest Region 6th Annual Golf Classic - Monday, October 25, at Alta Vista Country Club

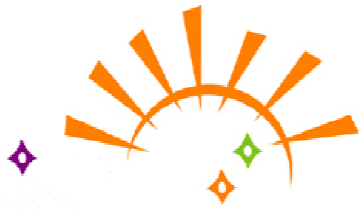
Elders Prayers in Worship

COMMUNION PRAYER

August 29, 2010

Everlasting God, as your holy spirit strengthens our church "ohana" (family), may this your blessed bread which is now broken, bring life to us. May we be living signs of the charity we share with one another. May this, your holy cup, poured out for all, be our salvation. We pray that we who drink from the one cup may be faithful signs of your love. Amen. (Carol Harnack)





YOUTH & KIDS

Sunday, September 12

Welcoming Sunday

Regular Programs for *All* Groups –
Kids, Youth and Young Adults



THIS SUNDAY

Kids & Youth

Parent Meeting at 11:30 a.m.



Regular Sunday Programming

2:00 PM - JAM Group Meeting

3:30 PM - CHILDREN'S Choir - Chapel

4:00 PM - KIDS Groups

4:30 PM - YOUTH Choir - Chapel

5:30 PM - YOUTH Groups

8:30 PM - Young Adult Bible Study

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