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Pentecost Offering 2017

"Churches Change the World...Start More" is the theme for the 2017 Pentecost Offering. Planting a church can make a huge and lasting impression in the community it serves. Since its inception, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has proudly served its communities by proclaiming the Gospel, praying for the disenfranchised, caring for the poor, marching for social justice, empowering the oppressed and moving for hope and wholeness in a fragmented world.

At the 2001 General Assembly, the Disciples of Christ adopted the 2020 Vision, which outlined the framework for the first 20 years of the new millennium. It highlighted three marks of a faithful church: true community, a deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice. It also highlighted four priorities for the Christian Church. They are 1) Formation of 1,000 new congregations by 2020, 2) Transformation of 1,000 congregations by 2020, 3) The calling and forming of new leaders and the continued re-forming and development of current leadership, and 4) Becoming a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church. To date, the Christian Church has started 980 churches in the United States and Canada. thus sharing the gospel with more than 61,500 individuals since initiating the 2020 Vision. The goal is to start 1,000 new congregations in 1,000 different ways. Planting 1.000 churches is just the beginning.

Please help to actively change the world by supporting the **Pentecost Offering.** There will be special offering envelopes in the bulletins on *Sunday, May 28th and Sunday, June 4th*. Each year, half of the offering is designated to our local 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, which is returning to Indianapolis on September 18-22. Leadership Academy is a leadership event that brings together leaders from across the nation to share leadership experience, wisdom, and trainings.

Visit <u>www.hopepmt.org</u> for additional resources and information.

WEMM Vacation Bible School

Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-Faith Ministries sponsors a Vacation Bible School each summer. This year the VBS is being planned and hosted by the Woodland United Methodist Church, 212 Second Street at the corner of Second and North (just behind the county administration building). The VBS is scheduled for the week of June 26th-30th, 6-8 p.m. each evening. The theme is "Hero Central" and will focus on some of the heroes of the Bible. Carol Conley from the Methodist Church is directing the VBS. If you are interested in helping please call the church at 662-6274. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th, 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Sabbatical Planning

Pastor Larry Love is scheduled to begin his sabbatical on Monday, June 12th. Pastoral Relations has been at work on plans for the sabbatical. At a recent meeting the Pastoral Relations Committee (Neal Hardman, Marjorie Brown, Becky Gordon) and Resources Ministry chair, Cathie Wicks, along with Larry decided to try to find a seminarian or recent seminary graduate to cover the pastoral and preaching duties while Larry is on sabbatical. They are already in conversation with a person...and have some back-up possibilities also. Should this approach not work out, Larry and Pastoral Relations will schedule pastors to preach on Sundays and line up local pastors to provide pastoral care. Pastoral Relations will let the congregation know as soon as plans are finalized. If you have any questions, please speak to Larry Love or any member of pastoral relations—Neal Hardman, Marjorie Brown or Becky Gordon.

Summer Camp Registrations Are Due

The registration deadline for the discounted rate for summer camps is Sunday, May 21st. That is the day all registrations must be in the church office as they need to be postmarked by Monday, May 22nd. After that date the cost for Junior, Chi Rho, and CYF camp goes up \$50...and the absolute final deadline to have registrations in the regional office is June 8th...so all registration forms must be in the church office here in Woodland by June 5th. Here is the schedule for the 2017 season:

Adult Camp—June 1-4.

<u>Junior Camp</u> (entering grades 4-6)—June 24th through July 1st

<u>Chi Rho Camp</u> (entering grades 7-9)—June 24th through July 1st

<u>CYF Camp</u> (entering grades 10-12 and those newly graduated from high school)—July 2-8

<u>Grandparents and Me</u> (entering K through 3rd grades)—July 1-3.

Remember the church pays half the cost for all children, youth and young adults.

That means the church pays \$212.50 for Junior, Chi Rho, and CYF camp. The church also pays half the cost for any children attending Grandparents and Me...and for any young adults attending Young Adult/Adult Camp. There are also some limited camp scholarship monies available from the region. A regional scholarship application form is included in the camp registration packet.

Registration forms are available online at cenen.org or from the church office.

If you have any questions, Please contact Pastor Larry at 662-9356 or 666-2069.

January and February Financial Reports

March Statement:

| Income | \$11,161.83 |
|------------|--------------|
| Expenses | \$13,447.96 |
| Net Income | \$ -2,286.13 |

April Statement:

| Income | \$17 | 7,337.14 |
|------------|------|----------|
| Expenses | \$10 | 5,422.04 |
| Net Income | | |

Year to Date Statement:

| Income | \$60,227.33 |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Expenses | \$57,674.61 |
| Net Income thru April. | \$2,552.72 |

As you can see March's expenses surpassed the March income by more than \$2,000, but income was excellent in April...and for the year we are in the black by more than \$2,500. Thank you, thank you.

We are, however, coming up on the summer months when we typically fall behind, and would ask you to remember your giving even when you may be away on vacation.

And remember, giving is not just a way to provide for the ongoing ministry of the church, it is a spiritual discipline that opens us to the abundant, life-giving gifts of God. Malachi urged the people of Israel, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse...and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." (Malachi 3:10) And Jesus said, "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Lk. 6:38)

General Assembly

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets in Indianapolis, Indiana July 8-12, 2017.

In addition to great worship services and preaching, the General Assembly will vote on a new General Minister-President. The candidate is the Rev. Terri Hord Owens.

There is also a full schedule of workshops and learning tracks to stimulate thinking about the life and ministry of the church. A large exhibition hall offers opportunities to talk with representatives of scores of different ministries offered by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)...as well as a large bookstore.

Larry and Nancy Love and Sue Tarleton are attending and would welcome other church members to join them. Registration fee is \$190 plus hotel (\$109-\$139 per night) and airfare. You can register online at disciples.org.



2017 General Assembly July 8-12, 2017 Indianapolis, Indiana

Round About Us

Alberta Bradley had hip replacement surgery at Woodland Memorial Hospital, and is now recuperating at Cottonwood Rehab. Special thanks to **Ann Edwards** who has been a great help and advocate for Alberta during this time.

Michelle Braziel had surgery at Woodland Memorial Hospital and is now at home. Her recovery will take about eight weeks and she would appreciate being remembered in your prayers.

Leah Haggerty has also spent some time at Woodland Memorial Hospital, but is now back at Aldersons.

Marj Hansen also spent some time in Woodland Memorial Hospital recently.

It is good to see **Dale and Esther Stiles** back in Woodland after spending several weeks traveling to Louisiana to spend some time with their daughter, **Robyn**.

Alexa Love is enjoying her first car which she purchased in early April. Alexa is working full time at the YMCA and taking three classes at Woodland Community College.

Congratulations to **Jack Freeman** who celebrated his birthday on May 14th. We celebrated with a birthday cake during fellowship hour that Sunday. Joining him for the celebration was his son, **Andy**, and daughter, **Teresa**.

Our own **Peggy Phelps** will be honored posthumously at the "Luminaries of Life Dinner" on June 15th at the Woodland Hotel. Sponsored by Citizens Who Care and Yolo Hospice the event recognizes persons who have served the elderly and their caregivers. Among the other awardees are: former California Assemblywoman, **Mariko**

Yamada, and Dr. Jeffrey Yee and Joanne Hatchett, both of Dignity Health here in Woodland.

On May 1st **Jeanelyse Doran Adams** began working full time as a hospice chaplain in Sacramento. At the same time she is continuing to serve with a Unitarian Universalist congregation in Napa until the middle of July...and her responsibilities have increased a bit as the pastor of that church had to have an emergency liver transplant on May 13th. Please remember Jeanelyse in your prayers during this busy time.

Karen Webber recently spent nine days with some friends in Hawaii.

We are delighted at the word that little **Judah Morgan** has been able to come home to Davis from Stanford Medical Center where he had surgery just days after he was born. It was expected that he might have to remain at Stanford for up to six months. Also delighted he is home are parents, **Sam and Heather Morgan**, sisters **Saige** and **Ivey**, and extended family, **Marjorie and David Brown**, **Bill and Lola Morgan**, **Roy and MaryJo Holmes**.

Roy and MaryJo Holmes recently had the opportunity to spend several days vacationing in the Lake Tahoe region...and had the opportunity to spend some time with some long-time friends.

(If you have news that you would like included in the Oakleaflet, please contact Larry.)



Pastor Larry Love will be taking a 13 week sabbatical, June 12th through September 10th. Larry preached the following sermon prior to his last sabbatical in 2012. It is offered here as a reminder of what a sabbatical. .. and Sabbath .. .is all about.

"Sabbath and Sabbatical"

Mark 1:29-39; Exodus 20:8-11 June 10.2012

The word Sabbath is used at least 170 times in the Bible giving the impression that Sabbath is a major theme in the biblical story ... even though we pretty much ignore it in modem life. We find the concept of Sabbath right from the beginning. God creates a universe and calls it delightful. Then God rests ... and God blesses and hallows the seventh day. Old Testament scholar, Rick Lowery, notes that "By God's own precedent, rest is woven into the fabric of the universe." From the very beginning human beings are intended to work in God's good creation, but they aren't to work all the time; they are to take time to rest. It's how God made the world; it's how God made us.

Later in the biblical story God delivers the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. When they arrive at Mount Sinai, God makes a covenant with them. God then gives them a set of instructions for how to live as people in covenant with God. The basic instructions are ten; we call them the Ten Commandments. And one of those commandments instructs God's covenant people to rest, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." After being delivered from Egypt, after agreeing to be a people in covenant with God, the people of Israel, because of that deliverance, because they are God's covenant people, are now supposed to make sure they take a day off. In slavery they had worked every day, but now as free people, a people connected to the Creator God, they are to take a day of rest. Everyone who was a part of Israel-men, women, children, servants, animals ... everyone-was supposed to take a full day of rest every week. Life was not to go on as it had during their slavery. God had a new way of doing things ... and ceaseless, hurried, fretful, anxious work to survive was not a part of God's new way. People need rest.

Do you remember the story of Israel's wandering in the wilderness? How did they survive? What did they eat? That's right, manna, a kind of flaky, bread-like substance that showed up on the ground each morning. Every day they were to go out and gather it. God, God's creation provided manna for each day. But, on the seventh day, the Sabbath day, there wasn't any. On the sixth day they found there was extra, enough for both the sixth and the seventh day. They weren't supposed to work gathering manna on the seventh day; it was a day of rest. God was saying ... and is saying that rest is important, and essential, for us human beings.

Now the truth is we don't pay much attention these days to Sabbath or to the need for rest. That's in part because we place great value on hard work ... and often tend to find our personal worth in our work, lots of work, even seven days of it. Some of us pride ourselves on such non-stop work. We also disregard Sabbath (and rest) because we hear Jesus countering the unhealthy approach to Sabbath that had developed in his day, an approach that turned the Sabbath into a burden rather than a renewing rest. We hear Jesus' critique of that unhealthy approach to Sabbath as a word that Sabbath rest is no longer all that important for us who follow Jesus. And since we worship on Sunday and not on the Sabbath (Saturday) we hardly even think about Sabbath or practice the rest it advocates.

Sabbath, however, continues to have great value, and is a practice we desperately need to recover in Our modem times. There are three aspects of Sabbath that we need to regain as spiritual practice. The first is trust in God. At the heart of Sabbath teaching is the importance of trust in God. Sabbath reminds us that God created a good world, a delightful world and made it a world that brings forth an abundance that is indeed adequate for human need, even adequate for human thriving. To take a Sabbath day, to stop working for a day is an exercise in trust; it's a way of saying I believe the world the produce enough for human need even if we stop working for a day. It's a way of expressing trust that the world will not fall apart if we cease work for 24 hours. It's a way of saying I believe me and my family will not be deprived of basic necessities in stop working for a day. There is a God who provides. (Remember, Israel got seven days' worth of manna for just six days of gathering.) There is a God who has created a world of abundance, and the abundance will still come forth if we rest. Sabbath, a day of rest is a way of saying I believe God has a handle on things and can keep the universe running if I take a break. To quote Rick Lowery again, "Sabbath observance ... requires a leap of faith, a firm confidence that the world will continue to operate benevolently for a day without human labor, that God is willing and able to provide enough for good life. Sabbath promises seven days of prosperity for six days of work. It operates on the assumption that human life and prosperity exceed human productivity. We get more out oflife than we put into it." (Lowery, Sabbath and Jubilee, page 94)

Some pastors (and I tend to be among them) are susceptible to the temptation that everything depends upon them and that the church cannot survive without them. It will all come apart if they stop working. A weekly Sabbath (which I'm not too good at) and a sabbatical time like the one I'm about to embark upon are reminders that me and my work are not indispensable. I can stop working at least one day a week, or even for three months, and God will continue to work in the midst of this church and through this church. Sabbatical is a reminder that God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit are behind this ministry and it will go on if we occasionally stop and rest.

So a part of Sabbath practice is to trust that indeed this is God's world, to trust that the world will keep turning and there will be enough food on our plates even if humans stop working at hunting and gathering and farming (or all the modem day equivalents of those) for one day. Sabbath is an act of trust.

Sabbath is also about a change of pace, a day to rest. Nobody can keep going non-stop.

Sabbath is about a rhythm of work and rest. God worked six days creating and then rested. Human beings are to work for a time and then take a break. We function best that way. If you look at Jesus' ministry you see that rhythm of work and rest. Jesus and his disciples go about their ministry, their work, sometimes at a hectic pace, and then Jesus tries to get himself and his disciples away for a break. In Mark 1 after a hectic day teaching and healing, Jesus gets up early in the morning and goes off by himself to pray. In Mark 4 Jesus puts his disciples in a boat and they head for the other side of the lake for some time away from the crowd. He does it twice in Mark 6. Early in Luke 9 Jesus took the disciples and "withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida." And at the end of that same chapter he takes Peter, James and John up on a mountain to pray. There is this steady rhythm of work, even intense work, and then rest. All of us, even someone as close to God as Jesus, need time to rest and regroup and to be in the presence of God, so that we can continue to be used as instruments of God's grace in the world.

Sabbath, at least in Jesus' time was also a day to engage in learning. Each Sunday the community of practicing Jews in each village or city would gather in the local synagogue and would hear the word of God read and taught and discussed by the synagogue leaders. Jesus and his disciples were in a synagogue pretty much every Saturday-Jesus teaching and the disciples learning. It was a day to further steep oneself in the life-giving ways of a living, Creator God.

The concept of Sabbath is about the enhancement of human life, it's a part of the way God put things together to help people, and all of creation, thrive. Sabbath even came to be applied to the land. The Hebrew scriptures had provisions for farming a piece of land for six years and then on the seventh year allowing that field to remain fallow, to regroup so it can produce an abundance for six more years.

Now sabbatical such as I am taking is not commanded in the Bible. However, it fits in with the whole concept I've been talking about today. Sabbatical has long been a common practice in colleges, universities and seminaries as those institutions grant professors sabbatical years every seventh year, a year away to rest and study and write and maybe teach in a different setting. It's also becoming common practice in the church to grant pastors three months of sabbatical every five years for rest, renewal, and learning.

And that's pretty much the why of my sabbatical time. As is true of weekly Sabbaths, a sabbatical is a time to rest and find renewal. It is often hard for pastors to get a weekly Sabbath, that is, a full day of rest. Sabbatical offers a time to catch up. This concept of rest is so important that major foundations like the Lily Endowment are funding pastoral sabbaticals that emphasize rest. My friend, Roger Bray, pastor in Pocatello, Idaho took one of those Lily Foundation funded sabbaticals several years ago. They paid for his whole three month sabbatical ... which he spent hunting and fishing in Alaska. Even the Lily Foundation recognizes the importance of rest and a relaxing change of pace.

Some of you have wondered ifthis sabbatical, this time away is because the demands of the church are too much for me, damaging my mental, emotional, and spiritual health. (That may be and I'm just so far out of it that I don't realize what's going on. But I don't think so.) You've thought ofthis as a leave of absence given me because I'm worn out. No, it's a sabbatical, something of a spiritual practice, a spiritual discipline for me to rest ... which I will be doing-I will be spending 7-10 days in a condominium in Blaine, Washington enjoying the San Juan Islands and places like Vancouver and Victoria and I will be doing some camping and hiking. I will be learning, attending two week long classes at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley and a retreat in Southern California. I will be reading and writing ... and enjoying working with my hands on some projects around the house. I will be spending some extra time each day in prayer and spiritual reading. This is sabbatical.

Sabbath is an important part of life. Each of us should take a day during the week when we stop, change pace, do something that re-charges our batteries. And, maybe each of us, when needed, ought to take a sabbatical, not a time when we quit coming to church or a study group, but a time when we have no responsibilities and can just be nourished and refreshed by the life of the church and by the presence of God.

Sabbath and sabbatical. .. rest ... are, as Rick Lowery puts it, a part of the way God has made this good earth, something "woven into the fabric of the universe." For such a gracious provision for our welfare what can we say but thanks be to God.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for sponsoring me as your Delegate to the Annual Regional Meeting held at Concord on April 28-29. It was an informative, fun-filled time of faith! Thanks again.

Becky Holland



May/June Fellowship Schedule

| May 21 | Becky Holland, Betty Bigelow |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| | Patty Clark, Marj Hansen |
| May 28 | Kristina Reimer, Wanda Freeman |
| | Marjorie Brown, Joyce Henning |
| June 4 | Heather Craig, Gloria Dewey |
| | Becky Gordon, Sharon Armus |
| June 11 | Karen Webber, Kathy Cholewinski |
| | Barb Patterson, Chris Mancilla |

WALKING TACOS!!

CHURCH CAMP FUNDRAISER

Sunday, May 21st after worship there will be fundraiser for church camp scholarships!

WALKING TACOS will be available for \$3.00 each—if you do not know what they are—come and see—and buy and enjoy! Help OUR youth go to summer camp!

We will also be celebrating a very special birthday!

So, if you are a youth, or a parent of a youth who is planning on going to church camp this summer, please contact LARRY as soon as possible—and let Sharon Armus or Sue Tarleton know, as well. We need your help for the fundraiser!



May Birthdays

- 17 Nick Christison
- 19 Patricia Nickell
- 20 Austen Sandifer-Williams Lorien Matchett
- 21 Bert Boyd Melissa Paulucci
- 22 **Larry Davis**
- 23 Alec Pfaffenberger
- Susie Hardman 24
- Erin Hardman Wilson 26 Linda Greb Cathie Wicks
- 29 Jean Gormley Jeremiah Braziel
- 30 Mike Abele Carson Frank Leigh Dieckman Julie Zeiger

June Birthdays

- Andrea Shanafelt Whitehead 1
- 2 Kent Strong Rhonda Robins
- Mallory Bentz 3
- 5 Robert John Schacherbauer Robert Moeller, Jr.
- 6 Jake Aukes Flo Tinsley **Bret Morris**
- 7 Kathy Olander
- 9 Evan Williams
- 10 Margaret Gordon
- **Brook Faille** 11 Charlie Clark
- 12 Emma Reimer
- 13 Audrey Holland





May Anniversaries

- 17 Mike & Lindsay Crawford
- 21 Chris & Melissa Paulucci
- 23 Jay Surdell & Pam Pratter

June Anniversaries

- 1 Tim & Karen Parker
- Bill & Margaret Gordon 14
- 16 Tim & Melissa Christison



Upcoming Calendar Events

Here are some items to put on your calendar for the coming months:

Church Camp Fundraiser

May 28thElders' Meeting

June 1st-4th.....Adult Camp at CGC

June 25th-July 1st...Junior Camp at CGC
June 25th-July 1st...Chi Rho Camp at CGC
July 1st-3rd.....Grandparents and Me Camp

at CGC

July 2nd-8th......CYF Camp at CGC
July 8th-12th.....General Assembly of the

Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis, Indiana

Prayer Concerns this Week

Gwen Miller, Ellen Parker, Leigh Dieckman, Naomi Barrow, Alberta Bradley, Judah Morgan, Sam & Heather Morgan, Marjorie Brown Susie Hardman, Doyle Tuman Michelle Braziel, Leah Haggerty Jack and Wanda Freeman

Let's remember to pray and ask God's blessings on our members and friends.

May 23

Beth Erickson
Lance & Robin Faille
Diana Fallbeck
Dave Flory
Diane & Brian Frank
Andy Freeman & Charlene Wacenske

May 16

Jack & Wanda Freeman Teresa Freeman Al & Connie Froehlich Alexis Froehlich Cassandra Gailey Eleanore Garnett

May 21

"Meeting the Risen One in the Least of These" Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 Scripture Text: Isaiah 58:6-12; Luke 16:19-31

Service in Worship

Worship Leader:

Children's Moment:

CW&W:

Bob Adams

Becky Gordon

"The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper II"

Greeters: Gloria Dewey, Heather Craig
Candlelighters Angie & Jayson Martinez
Power Point: Micah Love
Flowers: Susie Hardman

Service at the Table

Elders: Neal Hardman, Gloria Dewey
Diaconate Captain: Susie Hardman
Diaconate Team Karen Webber, Micah Love

Heather Craig, Dona Ostergaard

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder: Gloria Dewey
Fellowship: Becky Holland, Betty Bigelow
Patty Clark, Mari Hansen

<u>May 28</u>

"Aftermath of Resurection" Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture: Acts 2:42-47 Scripture Text: John 10:1-10

Service in Worship

Worship Leader: Neal Hardman Children's Moment: Gloria Dewey CW&W: Erin Patterson

"Ascension"

Greeters: Gabriela Strong, John Chase
Candlelighters Patty Overfield, Cheyene Lyster-Lane
Power Point: Sue Tarleton
Flowers: Sue Tarleton

Service at the Table

Elders: Jeanelyse Adams, Nancy Love
Diaconate Captain: Susie Hardman
Diaconate Team Karen Webber, Micah Love
Heather Craig, Dona Ostergaard

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder: Nancy Love
Fellowship: Kristina Reimer, Wanda Freeman,
Marjorie Brown, Joyce Henning

June 4

Pentecost Sunday

"All God's People Got the Spirit" Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 Scripture Text: Numbers 11:24-30

Service in Worship

Worship Leader: Bob Adams
Children's Moment: Barb Patterson
CW&W: Cathie Wicks

"Pentecost"

Greeters: Chris Mancilla, Diana Fallbeck
Candlelighters Presley & Michael Phillips
Power Point: Nancy Love
Flowers: Gabriela Strong

Service at the Table

Elders: Sue Tarleton, Betty Bigelow
Diaconate Captain: Diana Fallbeck
Diaconate Team Beja Springer, John Chase
Joyce Henning, Patty Clark

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder: Betty Bigelow Fellowship: Heather Craig, Gloria Dewey

Homebound

Becky Gordon, Sharon Armus Diana Fallbeck, John Chase

Gloria Dewey, Nancy Love

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