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Our mission is to announce the Good News of God's love for all, by letting the joy of our relationship with Jesus shine through our daily lives, seeking to make disciples for Jesus, baptizing in his name and teaching toward maturity in faith.

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

Worship
8:00 a.m. &
10:30 a.m.



“Important To Know”

In February our church collected our Week of Compassion offering. Each year we explain what Week of Compassion does and why it is so important to support this ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The article below gives a very vivid view of just how the money we give is being used to change lives. Thank you all for your support and faith in this ministry.

DISCIPLES REACH OUT TO JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Week of Compassion, the Disciples relief, refugee and development mission fund, is providing financial assistance to our sisters and brothers in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami on March 11 that has left the island nation dealing with several crises, including flooding and radiation poisoning emitting from a nuclear facility. At this writing, it is estimated that deaths from the disaster may exceed 18,000 people. More than 400,000 are living in makeshift shelters or evacuation centers.

Through Global Ministries, the common witness of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ, Week of Compassion has already responded to our primary partner, the United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ), with an initial emergency response grant and continues to channel funds as requests are made by GM partners. The UCCJ has established a relief committee and is currently researching, planning and launching an appropriate response. Global Ministries missionary, Jeffrey Mensendiek, is based in Sendai and working with the UCCJ in spearheading their response to this disaster.

Your gifts to Week of Compassion also support a collaborative effort between Church World Service and the Japan Platform, a coalition of 32 non-governmental organizations, government service agencies and media outlets in Japan. CWS will be providing support and channeling contributions to individual members of the Japan Platform, and is also prepared to support efforts of faith-based partners in Japan, including the National Christian Council of Japan. Your additional gifts to Week of Compassion are still needed.

Shalom, Rev. Adam



I would like to take a moment to thank our church members who donated to the Chacraseca Clinic project that I have been working on. So many of you have sat through my presentations, listened to stories and contributed your hard earned money to help me meet the goal of providing a lab for the clinic in the Nicaraguan community of Chacraseca. Although never an official church project, your generosity, interest and concern for the people of Chacraseca is an inspiration. To date I have been able to raise \$5,345.40 and I have no doubt that these funds will help save many lives. Leslie Penrose, director of Just Hope organization, will be with us on Sunday April 10th to worship with us and receive our donation to the clinic. Thank you again and please keep the people of Chacraseca in your prayers.



Sermons for April

April 3, 2011

Scripture: John 9:1-14

Title: "Life Through New Sight"

April 10, 2011

Guest Preacher: Rev. Leslie Penrose

Scripture: Mark 6:30-44 & Mark 8:1-9

Title: "A Left-Over God"

April 17, 2011 Palm Sunday

Easter Cantata

Title: "What A Morning! A journey through holy week in word & song."

April 24, 2011 Easter Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-7

Title: "Who Are You Looking For?"

Martha Kimberlin
 Franceline Parris
 Frances May
 Joe & Lorene Hocker
 Bob Raynes



Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends in the passing of Bernice Burris and Mamie Famuliner.



CHURCH GARAGE SALE

The Cornerstone Sunday School Class will have a garage sale in conjunction with the City Wide Garage Sales on May 7. We are seeking support from our church family. As you do your spring cleaning please

bring us your good surplus things. This will be a benefit for Brenda Brown's trip to the General Assembly. We can also use help pricing and selling on the big day. Thanks to all. Any questions call Milly @ 876-4214.

SERVICE
APRIL, 21 @ 7:00PM

BEGINS FRIDAY, APRIL 22 @ 6:00PM
CONCLUDES SATURDAY, APRIL 23 @ 6:00PM

MAUNDY
 Thursday

24-Hour Prayer Vigil



PASTOR'S CLASS

Pastor Adam and Brenda are doing the Pastor's Class on Saturday, April 16 from 10:00am—3:00pm. If you are interested in participating and being baptized on Easter, please contact Pastor Adam or Brenda by April 10.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011

JULY 9-13

For information contact the church office

SUGGESTED FOODS

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| Canned vegetables | Pasta |
| Pudding | Cereal |
| Canned fruit | Soup |
| Rice | Flour |
| Canned meats | Crackers |
| Macaroni & cheese | Sugar |
| Cake mix | Powdered milk |
| Vegetable oil | Peanut butter |
| Dry beans | Baby food & related |

Food Pantry

HFCC Food Pantry Day
Friday, May 13



Volunteers are needed Fridays (anytime) from noon to 7 p.m. If interested, please contact Pastor Adam or Lyle Krohn.

Membership



On April 10 we will have a lunch after the 10:30 service as Leslie Penrose from Just Hope will be here. She will be available for questions and conversations then. So mark your calendar for that and have lunch with us in the Fellowship Hall.

May 29th will be the 5th Sunday of the month and we will be serving Brunch between services. We will remind you again later about this so you can't forget!



Also just a reminder that we will be having Christmas in July for Toys for Tots again this year. More details to come later.



GOLDEN LEAVES

Our next meeting will be held on, Thursday, April 14 @ 10:30am. Pot Luck Meal. We will be playing Bingo!



April 26 @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall is our next meeting.

Please join us and share your input. All are welcome!



Church Work Day
Saturday, April 2
8:00am-12:00pm

We are having our annual Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday, April 17th. It will be at 9:00 and weather permitting we will be hunting on the front lawn. This will be for all the kids. Please plan on meeting in the sanctuary at 9:00 and pastor Adam will tell the kids a story before heading out to hunt eggs.



Easter Lilies

Cost: \$8.00

Order by: April 5, 2011

Order forms are available in the church office, attached holder on office door or in your church bulletins. Any questions contact: Sue Logan or Freda Willoughby.



YOUTH



YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:00PM-8:00PM



Thank you to all the people that attended Our Appreciation Dinner. This event was a great success, we served around 90 people. Thanks to the youth that participated, Audrey, Abbie, Trish, Ryan, Caitlin, Rebekha, Rebecca, & Cait. You guys did a wonderful job. Thank you to Sophia Smither for providing the pasta salad, and to Dale Brown for cooking the smoked meat. Also so thank you to Ryan Smither for helping to supervise and to Ryan, Abbie and Ashlie Brown in helping their mom (Brenda) in preparing food and helping.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Thank you to all the youth who participated in the Ash Wednesday Service. The girls choir was wonderful. A special thank you to Teri Riemenschneider and Megan Davidson for working with these talented young ladies. A special thank you also goes to Jim Emmons and Jo Irwin for their participating in this service.



June 3-5
Heartland Center



Thank you to all the youth who volunteered their time to pick up sweet gum balls out of the church year on March 23. The yard looks great.

LOOK FOR UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

To help support our youth in attending the youth retreat and mission projects.

LOTS AND LOTS OF FUN TO COME THIS SUMMER!

Mission project in and around our community, nursing home visits, sharing our gifts with the church, fundraisers, movie nights, overnight, bible lessons & activities, fellowship, worship, serving God and our neighbors.

MEALS

If you would like to provide a meal or part of a meal for a youth group meeting, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary, or talk to Brenda, Rich or Heather. We average around 25-30 participants every Wednesday evening. Thank you to Jimmy Johns for providing us with sandwich samples during a meeting.

YOU COULD HELP FEED OUR YOUTH

Thank you for your support! Please keep bringing in your receipts. It takes awhile to collect \$500.00 in receipts to receive \$75.00 in pizza. It takes the full \$75.00 to feed the youth group one meal. Thank you for helping us provide a good meal for these youth. The box for your receipts is located in the back of the church.

ALUMINUM CANS

You can help the youth and recycle your empty aluminum cans by bringing them to the church. A wooden box for the cans is located on the west side of the church. In order to prevent loose cans in our bin, please tie all of your bags shut, before placing them in the bin. Thank you!



OUTREACH



“Kudos” to Bill and Mabel for the delicious soup served for Week of Compassion.

Thanks to all who participated in the Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage meal on March 8. Whether that was by way of coming to eat, serving, cooking, or cleaning up afterwards. We all had a good time! \$620.00 was made in proceeds to go to our local food pantry.

Easter offering opportunities will be April 17 and 24. Moment for Missions will be given by Linnette Pugh at the 8:00am and 10:30am services on the 17th.

On the bulletin board in the narthex, fellowship Hall, and in the Education Wing are posted some items we hope you will take a little time to enjoy reading...about what (you) our church is doing. There is a letter of thanks, a print out of blanket recipients and an honor certificate to our church from Church World Service from Blanket Sunday observance. Also, there is a very nice Thank you letter from Peggy Catron for our scholarship gift to Phillips Theological Seminary that she was awarded. Again, church family, many thanks for your support. May Easter blessings be yours. Bill Maxon and Joyce Hawley



Green Team

"The Green Team encourages everyone to celebrate Earth Day April 22. The Green Team will meet Sunday, April 3 after 10:30 worship. The following information about Disciples' commitment to stewardship of the Earth's resources is taken from the Disciples website."

History of the Alverna Covenant

The Alverna Covenant was written by members of the Task Force on Christian Lifestyle and Ecology of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) while meeting at Alverna Retreat Center, a Franciscan retreat in Indianapolis, Ind. The name has added significance. Alverna is named for Mt. Alverna in Italy, the mountain retreat given to Francis of Assisi. Francis is honored for his concern for the care of and relatedness of all creation. The 800th anniversary of Francis' birth was celebrated in 1981, the year the Alverna Covenant was first introduced at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Alverna Covenant

Whereas:

- * God has created the world with finite resources;*
- * God has given to us the stewardship of the earth;*
- * God has established order through many natural cycles.*

And it is evident that:

- * We are consuming resources at a rate that cannot be maintained;*
- * We are interrupting many natural cycles;*
- * We are irresponsibly modifying the environment through consumption and pollution;*
- * We are populating the earth at a rate that cannot be maintained;*

As a member of the human family and a follower of Jesus Christ, I hereby covenant that:

- * I will change my lifestyle to reduce my contribution to pollution;*
- * I will support recycling efforts;*
- * I will search for sustainable lifestyles;*
- * I will work for public policies which lead to a just and sustainable society;*
- * I will share these concerns with others and urge them to make this Covenant.*

To make the covenant, visit <http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/>.





Disciples Women / C.W.F.

~Margaret Circle's next meeting will be held on April 4 at 1:30pm. Milly will be delivering the message and furnishing the refreshment.

~Rachel Circle met on March 8th at the home of Sophia Smither, with six members present. After concern for the women of the church, new business was discussed. Sophia presented the program on "Heaven." Then refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held April 12th at the church at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there.

~Deborah Circle met on March 21, 2011 with 5 present. We discussed those in need of prayer and sent a card to Jackie Dean.

We discussed whose signatures are on file at Commerce Bank for the CWF account. Those signatures are Milly Long and Beverly Tinsley.

We discussed if a work day was needed to work on the kitchen. None was scheduled at this time.

The current year's CWF budget was discussed. That budget is currently:

Area Project: \$60 Nicaragua: \$100 BMF: \$600 Area: \$600

April 10th the representative from "Just Hope" will be at the church. Nancy read "Disciples Women in the Congo Organize a Service of Compassion", Which Benefits Week of Compassion and One Great Hour of Sharing".

Ellen gave an interesting lesson on all the women named Mary in the Bible. Jean Boston served refreshments that were enjoyed by everyone except Pastor Adam! Next month Ruth Cummins will give the lesson, and Ellen Wray will provide refreshments.



Disciples Men/CME

Disciple's Men / C.M.F.

Will be meeting on April 12 @ 8:30am.

Come join us for breakfast!



Church Elevator

Elevator Operator

We now have an elevator operator available, on Sundays. If you would like to volunteer to be a operator, contact Frank Long.

BRIDAL SHOWER



LADIES: Mark your calendars! There will be an "all-women" church bridal shower for Kerry Smither on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. She and Case Mogan are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target. More information will be in next month's newsletter. Anyone wishing to help with the shower, please contact Janet Allbaugh, 816-884-6085 or Milly Long, 816-876-4214.

Note of Thanks

I truly appreciate the willingness of the Outreach Ministry Group and Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) for their part in planning and carrying out the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fest held March 8, 2011.

This is a thoroughly enjoyable group of people to work with. The day was filled with light-hearted banter and much generosity.

Many thanks to you all.

Jo Irwin



SERVING IN APRIL

8:00am Worship

Elders: Milly Long

Deacons: Denny Long & Frank Long

10:30am Worship

Worship Leader: Kerry Smither

Greeter: Jerry & Kay Fitzgerald

Sound: Richard Smither

Acolyte: Youth

Elders: Lyle & Sherry Krohn

Deacons: +Nate Mathews, Jamie Mathews, Mike Simon, Nikki Simon, Henry Frees*

Additional servers for Palm Sunday & Easter: Jessica Gipson & Jim Emmons

+Denotes Deacon in charge *Denotes Balcony

Communion Prep:

Nate & Jamie Mathews

Communion Calling:

3-Ellen Wray

10-Jennifer Cook

17-Dena Cooper

24-Milly Long



Children's Moments

3-Jamie Mathews

10-Tiffany Harmon

17-Georgia Cornell

24-Joyce Hawley

Musicians

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>Choir</u>
3-	Sherry Krohn	Janet Allbaugh	Janet Allbaugh
10-	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin
17-	Sherry Krohn Janet Allbaugh	Sherry Krohn Janet Allbaugh	-Cantata
24-	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin
Maundy Thursday Service April 21-Jo Irwin			



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1-Mandy Limpus | 17-Ashlie Brown |
| 2-Tim Fannan | 17-Jonathan Moul |
| 2-Darold Shelton | 18-Luke Cooper |
| 3-Glenda Shelton | 18-Drake Mathews |
| 5-Tony Livingston | 19-Carole Raynes |
| 6-Amanda Christensen | 21-Joyce Hawley |
| 7-Gracie Webster | 22-Clara Hoke |
| 8-Bret Sexton | 22-Mabel Maxon |
| 10-Samantha Cook | 23-Hailee Cooper |
| 10-Frances Cowen | 23-Doug Manning |
| 10-Sarah McLain | 24-Ron Richter |
| 12-Cliff Thompson | 26-Jeremy Cornell |
| 13-Lorene Hocker | 27-Andy Boston |
| 13-Jo Irwin | 27-Paislea Johnson |
| 14-Jenny Richter | 29-Janelle Krohn |
| 15-Vance Lee | 29-John Stewart |
| 16-Jonathan Beeman | |



- 21-Robert Jr. & Debbie Surber
27-Terry & Tracy Wooten



TUESDAY APRIL 12

6:00PM



April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

2- Church Work Day	17- Palm Sunday
3- KFC Collection	9:00am Easter Egg Hunt
4- Disciples Women/CWF Margaret Circle	18- Disciples Women/CWF Deborah Circle
5- 6:30pm Ministry Chairs	19- 7:00pm Board Meeting
7:00p Ministry Groups	20- 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth Groups
6- 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth Groups	7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Chancel Choir	21- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service
7- 3:30pm Exercise	22- Good Friday-Church Office Closed
4:30pm TOPS	6:00pm 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins
10- 8:45am Elders Meeting	23- 6:00pm 24 Hour Prayer Vigil concludes
12- 8:30am Disciples Men/CMF	24- Easter Sunday
7:00pm Disciples Women/CWF Rachel Circle	25- Church Office Closed
13- 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth Groups	26- 7:00pm Vision and Mission meeting
7:00pm Chancel Choir	27- 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth Groups
14- 10:30am Golden Leaves	7:00pm Chancel Choir
3:30pm Exercise	28- 3:30pm Exercise
4:30pm TOPS	4:30pm TOPS
16- Pastor's Class	

FACTS AND FIGURES

Sunday, February 27

8:00am Worship	30
Sunday School	28
10:30 am Worship	68
General Fund	\$1,342.12
Memorial (Catron)	\$45.00
Blanket Offering	\$5.00
Week of Compassion	\$330.00

Sunday, March 6

8:00am Worship	32
Sunday School	20
10:30 am Worship	90
General Fund	\$5,810.81
KFC Collection	\$31.00
Memorial (Catron)	\$50.00
Pastors Discretionary Fund	\$26.26
Nicaragua	\$1,200.00
Week of Compassion	\$25.00

Sunday, March 13

8:00am Worship	20
Sunday School	59
10:30 am Worship	69
General Fund	\$1,394.89
General Assembly	\$50.00
Shrove Tues./Food Pantry	\$620.00
Week of Compassion	\$40.00

Sunday, March 20

8:00am Worship	31
Sunday School	58
10:30 am Worship	76
General Fund	\$1,959.89
General Assembly	\$418.00
Memorial (Famuliner)	\$45.00

**Through our gifts we rejoice in what
God is doing among us in the name of
Jesus Christ. Thank you!**



February 28, 2011

General Fund: Balance in checking--\$2,335.50
 Balance in Demand Plus--\$9,391.44
 Memorial: Balance in Investment Savings--\$6,253.33
 Endowment: Balance in Yoder savings--\$1,496.96
 Balance in Mauck/Morse flex plus--\$31,190.51
 Income (year to date)--\$28,270.55
 Expenses (year to date)--\$26,207.57
 Nicaragua Fund—\$4,045.40
 Passage House—\$150.00



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Wednesdays @ 7:00pm.
Everyone is welcome!



The deadline for the
 May Mission Message Church
 Newsletter is April 20, 2011.

Please turn all articles into the church office
 or email them to office@harrisonvillefcc.org or
brenda@harrisonvillefcc.org



In order to better manage his time Pastor Adam will have office hours from 9:00am—12:00pm Monday thru Thursday with his day off being Friday. This will allow him to make calls in the afternoon, spend time on his Sunday message and other planning. If anyone would like to talk with Adam please stop by during his office hours or call him to arrange some other time.

Brenda will be in the office from 8:00am—5:00pm Monday & Tuesday and 2:00pm—5:00pm Wednesday thru Friday.