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**Nobody Hungry, nobody thirsty,
Shade from the sun, shelter from the wind,
For the Compassionate One guides them,
takes them to the best springs.**

-Isaiah 49:10 (The Message)

Dear Church,

Since last year, our world has seen significant change and experienced much suffering. Record-breaking fires on the west coast of the U.S. devastated communities and burned millions of acres. An active hurricane season brought destruction to the Gulf Coast. A massive explosion in Beirut displaced thousands. And all of these events were compounded by a global pandemic. We are living in a time of great uncertainty. And yet, even with so much that is unclear about the future, one thing is certain; through this ministry of our wider Church, your compassion is at work.

Even during a pandemic, disasters continue to happen. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted every area of our personal and communal lives. In the same way, it also touched every area of the work of Week of Compassion through sustainable development, disaster relief, and refugee support. Because of your faithfulness, in 2020 alone, Week of Compassion provided nearly \$3 million for responses all over the world. With so many in need, your compassion is more important than ever.

The reality is that 2021 will bring many of the same challenges-as well as new ones. Disasters will continue, displaced populations will remain vulnerable. Hundreds of millions of people around the world struggle under the weight of poverty. But thanks to your support, Week of Compassion will continue to respond. Events of the past year have show us that, even in times when we cannot be physically together, your offerings to support Week of Compassion continue to strengthen our church’s presence all over the world; providing water to the thirsty, food for the hungry, and hope for the weary.

On behalf of our board and partners over the world, we are grateful for your support and privileged to witness your compassion at work.

With Much Gratitude,
Your Week of Compassion Staff

Week of Compassion



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Regional Minister's Moment

Our mission; To connect and empower Disciples congregations for life-changing and life-giving ministries in our evolving world.

Dear Church,

I began to write to you on the 11th day of this new year still without sunshine. Today, the sun is out and the ice that has captured our landscape is melting/falling away. And, today, there will be one more minute of daylight than yesterday. We need to celebrate every bit of good news!

Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea Parker

As 2021 begins, we are still living with the impact of Covid-19 on our congregational families. The good news is that vaccines are on the way. It will take time and continued vigilance. Yes, even if you are fortunate to receive the vaccine, you will still need to protect others---wear a mask. Be grateful that you can. (As of today, the U.S death toll is 376,000. Go to @FacesOfCOVID to acknowledge who has been lost)

One good thing from 2020, is that many of our church leaders have learned to communicate in the new media world. We can only get better! Rev. Angee Byrd, Rev. Eli Rolón and Jeff Parker will have more to share with us to aid our continuing growth in the use of technology as we seek to bear good news. Our communication team will also be bringing MissionInsite to you, with workshops and resources to help us learn “who are our neighbors?” and “how can we relevantly reach out to them?”

A first regional event this year was with our School for Ministry, “Racial Justice and the Role of the Community Church.” It took place the same week as the attack on the Capitol, one of our great institutions of democracy. The stark reality of systemic racism and callous abuse of power was on full display. Equal justice is not a reality in our nation. The church has a role to play in this story. Jesus asks: “do you want to be healed?” It will take truth-telling, repentance, and atonement for reconciliation to happen. We have more to do.

An invitation: One of our Regional Vision Initiatives is to be a church that is inclusive of our full diversity. Our LGBTQ Alliance ministry is offering a chance for folks who want to overcome the isolation of this moment to gather for a Zoom Mardi Gras party, Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. You are not alone. Join us for an island gathering as we seek connections and build community. This group is also preparing a five-week region-wide Zoom Lenten study on Radical Inclusion, Feb. 24-March 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Alliance Q will be hosting “Building and Inclusive Church” virtual workshops during this time, as well. **(See page 3 for more information)**

I was asked by the group, “why now?” “What’s right about this time for this work?” My response in this moment: because love is stronger than hate; because lives are literally at stake; because as long as we hide the truth about who we are from each other, we never will be healed. Authenticity is soul work. Our churches have been having this conversation underground, erupting in death dealing ways. It is time to have the conversation above ground with respect for one another, not determined to win an argument, but to be in life-giving, life-changing relationship.

May we continue to live into our Vision: To be a radically welcoming Region of connected Disciples congregations, radiating the Creator's love, continuing Christ's mission, and following the Spirit's call.



Join us for an island gathering as we seek connections and build community

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Mardi Gras Celebration

Register Online at
cciwdisciples.org
Bring your favorite island
snack and outfit.
Prepare to have fun!

Radical Inclusion Lenten Series

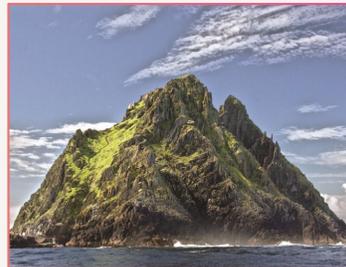
Join us for five Lenten
Devotional Gatherings
Every Wednesday, Feb. 24 -
March 24
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Building An Inclusive Church Workshop

Workshop dates and times
will be shared for leaders who
are interested in attending.

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Disciple Women 2021 Calendar of Events

When you visit the Disciples Women homepage, the first thing that you read is Disciples Women’s Ministries is a conduit for diverse connections empowering each woman to find her voice and live out her call. (Micah 6:8) And, the homepage for Women’s Ministries on the CCIW website includes the following statement: Our purpose is to provide leadership, guidance and a communication channel for women as they share the Good News. Both recognize that at the heart of the work of Disciples Women is relationships and connection.

2020 was a difficult year with concern for the health and well-being of the most vulnerable among us led to cancellation of workshops, retreats, and other face-to face events. Still, Disciples women ministries were able to find ways to reach out, meet needs and connect with one another. As we move into 2021 we want to offer opportunities for women of the region to gather, to share and to consider ways that we can continue to connect and meet the needs of women in our communities and region.

New Times, New Wineskins

For our Spring Gathering this year we will join together virtually, via Zoom, with opportunity to gather and catch up with one another.

New Times., New Wineskins

February 19 6:30 – 9:00 PM,

February 20 10:00 AM – Noon and 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

Our theme comes from Matthew 9 where Jesus is responding to a question about why his disciples do not fast like the Pharisees. In other words, Jesus is being asked why his disciples "don't just do what we have always done", a question that sometimes continues be asked today. Jesus responds by saying, ""No one sews a piece of new, unshrunk cloth on old clothes because the patch tears away the cloth and makes a worse tear. 17 No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If they did, the wineskins would burst, the wine would spill, and the wineskins would be ruined. Instead, people pour new wine into new wineskins so that both are kept safe" Matthew 9: 16 - 17 CEB. In other words, while the good news of God’s love, grace, mercy and justice continues to be the same, when circumstances change and new events happen in the world, the church must find new ways to respond and to faithfully partner with God. And, this has been what we have been asked to do in 2020 -to consider how to continue to be faithful disciples of Jesus in the midst of change. And this is what we will continue to be asked to do as we move forward.

You can register by visiting <https://cciwdisciples.org/portfolio/new-times-new-wineskins/>. Or you can ask your pastor about the Disciples Women flyer that was mailed in the 2021 winter mailing.



Disciples Women Fall Retreat

Inside Out

Camp Walter Scott

September 24 at 5 PM through September 26 at Noon

Rev. Mary Runge will be our keynote speaker. Mark your calendars and join us in this tradition of relaxation, renewal, and communing with nature and one another.

Quarterly Disciple Women Connect Meetings

Meetings will be held on Zoom to provide opportunities for women throughout the Region to interact around issues that significantly impact the lives of women.

Each session will include a brief focus on spiritual formation and prayer. Registrations will be available on the CCIW website.

April 17, 2021
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Mental Health

Luella Mahannah,
MSW, LCPC
Integrity Counseling,
Bloomington, IL

June 19, 2021
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Grief

August 21, 2021
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Women In Mission

Global Missions

October 23, 2021
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Domestic Violence

MissionInsite

Who are the people in your (church) neighborhood?

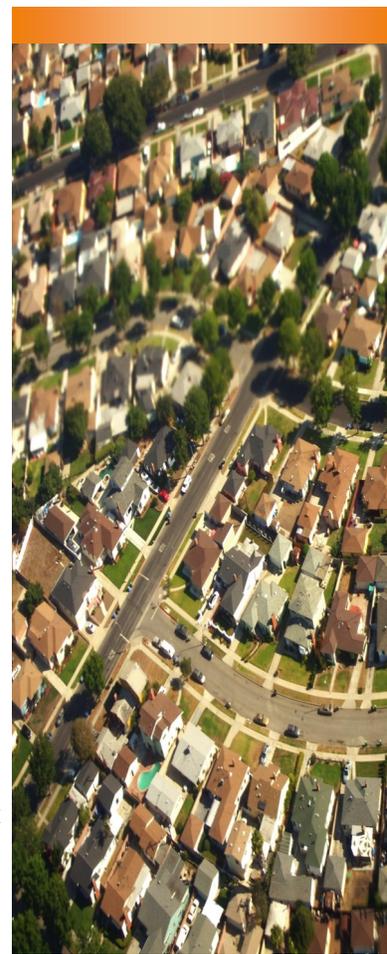
The pandemic has brought about many changes. One of the fundamental changes we have had to make is how we communicate with one another. As church doors closed, many of our Pastors were able to pivot to an online environment to maintain connection with their members. Almost a year in now, we are not only connecting with our members, but we are making new connections with those in our communities. Once we begin to migrate back new ones? How do we determine who are our neighbors and how we can meet their needs?

In 2021, the Regional Church will be gifting each of our congregations in the Region with the opportunity to access information from MissionInsite. MissionInsite is a platform that provides data to help churches:

- Identify community needs.
- Serve people strategically.
- Target the ministry-minded.
- Understand your communities.
- Invite your neighbors.
- Make informed ministry decisions.

The Communications Ministry is planning to host workshops to help our churches interpret the data that is relevant to their specific congregation and community. We look forward to being able to brainstorm solutions that will help us identify outreach opportunities and recognize who are the people in our church communities. Look for more information in the upcoming months. We encourage you to participate as the available data will assist you and your ministry.

Source: missioninsite.com





“Lightbulb Moments” from the Racial Justice Workshop by Rev. Donna Freeman

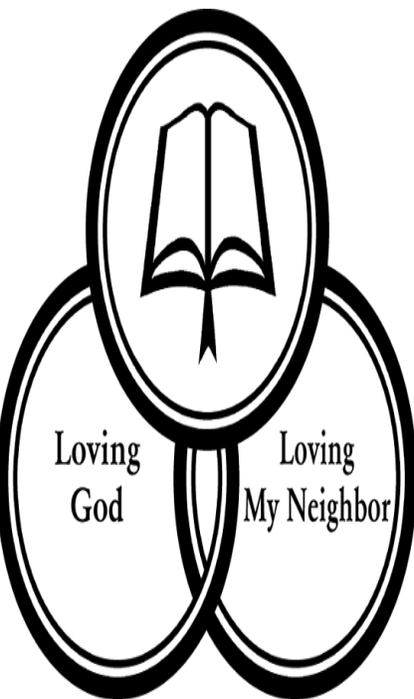
The Racial Justice and the Role of the Community Church workshop gave me and other participants much insight. The sessions began with raising **Personal Awareness**, which is always the most crucial beginning point. Dr. Lorrie Reed and Dr. Beth Rupe laid the foundation by establishing a basic understanding of systemic racism and inviting all participants to engage in a process of self-awakening.

The next session was **Church and Community** led by Dr. William Crowder, who gave real working examples of how racism manifests in our world and in church settings. For me this was a powerful session because it dealt with how to identify racism and our responsibility for combating the sickness of racial injustice.

The final workshop on **Planning for Local Change** was presented by Dr. John Huxtable. He shared insights on how to identify actions that must be taken to close the gap between justice and injustice as they relate to participants’ respective communities. For me, I experienced many “light bulb moments” in the session. One of those insights occurred while participants were sharing their interpretations of the Canaanite woman from the Bible. I became aware for the first time that some people’s views are very different from mine. In essence, Dr. Huxtable’s session left me wondering, “How do we see Jesus?” I left that session really thinking: if the starting point of how we see Jesus is so very different, could that be one of the problems in why we have not resolved racial injustice in the church.

In closing, all of the workshops were empowering. Anytime one is able to leave a workshop with theological questions and review starting points for the life of the church and all of God’s people, that workshop was a success! I’m grateful for the openness we shared, for the life stories we exchanged, and even “the light bulb moments” regarding our differing views when it comes to who Jesus is for each person.

School for Ministry January Retreat Rev. Melissa Ebken



had the opportunity to attend the School For Ministry January retreat, which due to COVID was held online January 9th. I would highly recommend any workshop or retreat offered by the School for Ministry. This experience was no exception. It was attended by clergy and laity from urban and rural settings. The diversity of participants added to the experience. There were three presentations and opportunities for both plenary and small group discussion.

What I am taking with me from the experience is firstly, a sense of unfinished business. There is still much work to do in our world, our country, our communities, and within our own hearts. Engaging discussions in a safe space offers opportunities for authentic conversations and explorations of one’s experiences and conclusions. Secondly, I am reminded yet again of the value of taking the time to glimpse life, Scripture, theology, hopes, and dreams, through the eyes and witness of others. Lastly, I am leaving with questions. As a pastor in a Pro-Reconciliation, Anti-Racist church, am I living out my calling in a way that challenges and dismantles systems of oppression and racism? How can I have these conversations and stay in relationship with others who don’t feel the same passion to live as a reconciled people? How do I bring a passion to engage in these conversations and this work in communities that often see themselves as ‘unaffected’ by the evils of racism?

There’s a lot of effort to be spent in the days ahead to further breakdown barriers and continue this work. I am grateful for friends and colleagues who are unafraid of having the difficult conversations that move us forward.

Camp Walter Scott Updated Summer Camp 2021

Summer will be here soon and we're excited for our camping program at Camp Walter Scott! Registration will open soon so visit us online at www.CampWalterScott.org for up-to-date information, registration details, and updates regarding COVID-19. Please note that some of the dates listed have changed since they were first announced. Visit us online for the latest schedule.

May 28 – 31	Memorial Day Family Camp
June 6 – 12	Camp Acts (Service Week)
June 13 – 16	Grandparents & Me (K to 5 th Grade & Grandparents)
June 16 – 19	Beginners (K to 3 rd Grade*)
June 20 – 26	CYF (9 th to 12 th Grade)
July 11 – 17	Chi Rho (6 th to 8 th Grade)
July 18 – 24	JYF (3 rd to 5 th Grade*)
TBD	Post High (Young adults ages 19 to 30)
September 3 – 6	Labor Day Family Camp

**3rd graders can register to attend either Beginners or JYF*

Save The Date*
RYC Presents
SUMMIT
A Retreat for CCIW
Youth
Nov. 19-21, 2021

*Date and format subject to changes as new guidelines and developments regarding COVID-19 emerge.

Visit us online for up to date information regarding details and the latest updates on COVID-19.

Camp Walter Scott Volunteer Opportunities

Camp Walter Scott has several opportunities for individual and groups to serve! Visit us on any one of our work days or any time during our work week.

Please, RSVP with Laura by emailing laura@cciwdisciples.org so we know you're coming!

2021 SATURDAY WORK DAYS*

April 17

May 22

September 18

November 6

2021 SERVICE WEEK** June 6 - 12

Dates subject to change. *Volunteers are welcome to arrive on Friday night or Saturday.

Let us know when you plan to arrive when you RSVP.

**Volunteers are welcome to arrive or leave any time during the work week; volunteering for the entire week is not necessary to serve during this week. Let us know when you plan to arrive when you RSVP.

Detroit Mission Trip Opportunity

SLAM (Service, Learning, Advocacy and Missions) is offering a chance to make a difference in people's lives!! The group is organizing two mission trips to Detroit. The purpose is to assist people with home repairs and improvements and yard work. We are partnering with Rippling Hope Ministry in Detroit.

Rippling Hope Ministry was founded in 2011 by Carl and Robin Zerwick. Carl is a Disciples of Christ minister. This missional ministry has helped over 2500 homeowners in the painting of homes and garages, new handicap ramps, installed or repair door locks, build new or repair porches and stairs, boarding up abandon homes, cleaning unkept lots are a few of the projects that Rippling Hope has done. The workday begins with an assignment and providing the necessary materials and tools needed for that day. We start no later than 9:00 a.m. and ends around 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. After supper one can relax or socialize in Detroit. Devotions close out the day.

The cost is \$180 per person. Meals and lodging are provided. No special skills are required. You are not expected to bring tools or any materials. Minors can attend with adult supervision.

We are offering two trips, one from July 27-August 1 and the other August 1-5.

The Detroit mission experience is lots of fun and powerful!!!

Sign up for the mission trip through the regional office. Scholarships are available. A deposit check of \$50 is required. It is refundable until July 15, non-refundable afterwards. Deadline to register is April 1.

Contact Bill Kerns at 217-824-8181 if you have questions.



Yearbook and Newsletters from the General Minister's Office

Where is my yearbook form?

The paper yearbook forms of years past are gone and now you can enter your data easily via the **Alex: Data for Disciples app**. You can login using any web-connected device with your congregation's username and password. For more about the system, including instructions, video tours, and background, go to disciples.org/alex. **Reports are due by March 15.**

If you cannot find your initial login email from alex@disciples.org, you can email that address and staff from the Office of General Minister and President will get you on your way. If your initial link expired, you can go to the alex.disciples.org website, click on "forgot password" and enter your username (your email) to be sent a new link.

Be "In" the Know

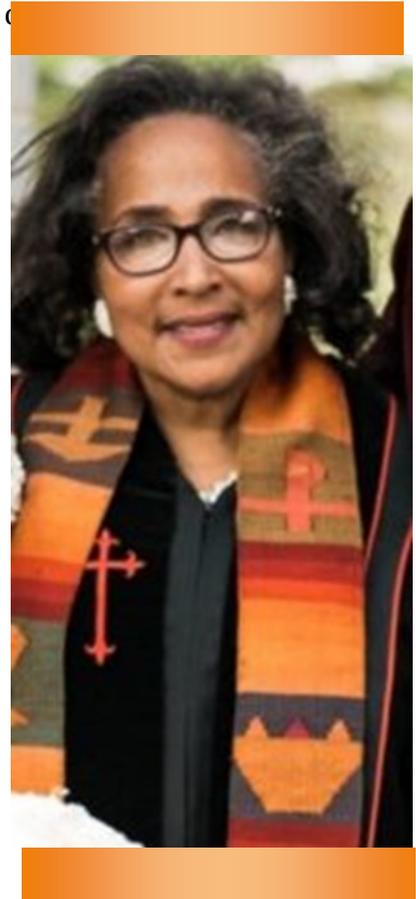
This winter the Office of General Minister and President introduced two new special interest newsletters – Dear Disciples and Disciples Justice Ministries. The first, Dear Disciples, is specifically for messages to the church from the general minister and president. The second, Disciples Justice Ministries, is an occasional newsletter with opportunities for involvement from several different Disciples groups working for a better world. Sign up for one or both of these as well as Disciples News Service weekly and Disciples Together for pastors bimonthly.

New 2021 S4M Cohort Leader – Donna Freeman

We extend an enthusiastic welcome to Rev. Donna R. Freeman, c She brings a storehouse of gifts, insights, and experience to the position. Donna was raised Roman Catholic and for the first twenty-five years of her life worked and served in the Roman Catholic church as a layperson. Donna’s initial desire was to become a Priest; however, in the Roman Catholic church, women are not allowed into that ministry. She later was led to the United Church of Christ (Trinity UCC) where, by the grace of God, she was encouraged to attend seminary. In 1993, Donna graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary. And in 1995, she was ordained in the United Church of Christ.

Over the years, Donna has worked in the fields of business, banking, the US Department of Treasury, and retail. Her experiences further encompass the areas of social services, counseling, administration, crisis outreach, mental health, and hospital liaising. Donna has served as an adjunct Instructor. Moreover, she has worked in the field of healthcare as a Board Certified Chaplain in both the hospice and hospital settings. Most recently, she has been a volunteer coordinator and veteran liaison.

Her pastoral callings include service as an interim pastor and an assistant pastor. Currently, Donna serves as the associate pastor of Grace UCC, in Sauk Village Illinois.



Family is important to Donna. She is the daughter of Alvin J. Freeman, Jr. (deceased 2020) and Juanita S. Freeman. She married Bernard Lott in 2017; the couple has no children. Overall, Donna’s greatest passion is to help to empower and encourage others.

Like her sister, Chavonne (deceased-) would tell her, “God gave you gifts of loving, caring, empowering and speaking out for others; now use them to the Glory of God.” Donna’s belief is that God uses each person and his/her life experiences as empowering tools of ministry. That’s one reason Donna is delighted to become part of the Cohort Leadership for the School of Ministry.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

A week after attending the School for Ministry's workshop, *Racial Justice and the Role of the Community Church*, those words from the book of Samuel echo in my head.

The workshop, created and directed by Dr. Lorrie Reed, director of the School for Ministry was grounded by Dr. Reed in the thought, theology, and language of those whom the Western church has traditionally silenced, or at best, ignored. From the opening moments through the entire workshop, Dr. Reed and presenters, Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe, Rev. Dr. William Crowder and Rev. Dr. John Huxtable, featured and amplified the Black and minority voices of Howard Thurman, Isabel Wilkerson, Jackie Hill Perry, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Rasiah S. Sugirtharajah, Jemar Tisby, and others.

A week later, the second reading in the Revised Common Lectionary highlighted the Call of the prophet Samuel when he was a child serving under the priest, Eli. Eli had been not only incompetent as Priest and Judge, but complicit in the egregious sins of his sons who abused their power by subjugating the vulnerable of Israel. Eli had been warned that God had seen the suffering of the people that Eli had been chosen to serve, but Eli, for whatever reason, was unwilling to confront his sons and the power structure they had created.

By the time Samuel heard God's voice, Eli had been unable to receive visions and presumably, had stopped hearing God's voice. When he finally realized it was God speaking to Samuel that was leading the boy to interrupt his sleep, he wisely instructed Samuel to respond immediately.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

That which Samuel heard was not good news for Eli. God was making good on the warning of impending judgment on Eli and his house. Eli demanded to hear the message from Samuel and Samuel, under threat, delivered it. To Eli's credit, he received it. But that's all he did. He did not, finally, confront his sons or purge the inequity and excesses of their offices. We might rightly ask, "Did he really listen?"

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Let's be honest. We relate to Eli. Throughout the centuries, the church has often been in the position of Priest and Judge. We have repeatedly abused the structures we have created or been complicit in allowing abuse to flourish. We have received a corrective word - and a prophetic denouncement - from countless men, women, and even children from the margins of our society. But whether we have determined these voices to be immature, uneducated, unprepared, or even unsaved, we have often refused to hear - and to really *listen* to the critique and calls for reformation and accountability of the power we hold.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Dr. Reed's workshop reminded me that these voices are still speaking. And thanks to the miracles of technology, we are able to access these voices relatively easily. But will we really *listen*? Many of us, like Eli, may accept that a Time of Reckoning is coming, but are unwilling to confront the implicit biases and entrenched racism in our churches and ourselves. After all, doing so is painful and, like Eli, many of us feel old and tired in our service.

This workshop, and other Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism work provided by the CCIW, offers a starting place- or a shot in the arm if one is weary. The atmosphere of collegiality is essential to the work, but the anchoring of the discussion in the thoughts, experiences, and wisdom of minority voices who are clearly hearing from God and speaking a prophetic word is invaluable. From them, God is calling us. By God's grace, may we respond faithfully.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Gifts to CCIW—2021

The following churches and individuals have contributed to the 4th quarter 2020 and to the 2021 mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the Annual Fund, Designated and Undesignated gifts to the Regional, Camp Walter Scott and other ministries.

The Region gives thanks for the incredible support through prayers, volunteer hours and the financial support that allows ministry for children and youth, leadership development, congregational consultation, ministerial search & call, and



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New Church Starts

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Deaths: Sherman Gibson, father of Ellen and father in law of Joe Culpepper; Donald Boley, brother-in-law of Keela Neumann; Rev. Robert Low; Sister of Jason and Amanda Butterick; Pasty Becker, mother of Rick Hamilton; Sherwood Surratt, father of Steve Surratt; Geraldine Campbell, mother of Sandra Brown; Jim Weiss, father of Dana and Dick Jumper; Elaine Bush; Willoughby Steckley, mother of Dennis Steckley; Rev. Jim Waterman; Bruce, brother of Gene Lamport; Terri Hord Owen's brother-in-law; Mark Anderson's mother Jeanne; Dale Slifer; Mary Lou Peters, mother of Steve Peters; Eddie Evans Griffin

Pastoral Changes: Rebecca Kirby, interim at Sunnyland CC; Scott Woolridge, interim at Springfield FCC; Bryan Burris, interim at New Covenant Community Church

Retirements: Evan Williams; Rick Irwin; Chuck Dorsey; Rob and Susan Ryder; Scott Woolridge

Birth Announcements: Hannah Williams, daughter of Camp Director Laura and Robert Williams; Ada Marie, daughter of Rev. Mat and Elizabeth Bowen

The Annual Fund

Our Regional church is committed to high quality partnership with local congregations, providing ministry services not available elsewhere – helping congregations in times of crisis, providing camps for our children and youth, helping congregations call their next pastor, joining in global ministry together. We invite you to support the Annual Fund and join us as partners in life-changing ministry!

One way to show support in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in IL & WI's Mission is through a donation to our Annual Fund. Gifts to the Annual Fund enable us to grow Disciples congregations for healthy vital ministry!

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