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*Growing in Faith to Love and Serve*



## *Focus, Think, Plan, Act!*

Those 4 verbs set the tone for the conversation and fellowship at the working breakfast on Jan. 14, hosted by your Action Team. Ray Eberle-Mayse opened the morning, inviting us into a shared reading and prayer. Action team coach: David Hyatt then led us through the work plan for the morning.

1. To FOCUS prayerfully and creatively on our 3 mission areas. THINK about how and what new ministries and programs in our congregation's life will serve and attract new people into the ministry of HCC, and will serve the wider community.
2. "Church," Rev. Hyatt, explained, is just one more option for many today, in our social culture. That means, how we PLAN is crucial for successful ministry. Who lives around us? Who works around us? What needs can we identify in the HCC neighborhood? How carefully we plan will determine if our new directions are outwardly directed.
3. ACT: *Focus, think, plan, act*, are action verbs. And that's what is needed: **ACTION**. What is each member's role, as we go forward? What is your part? It is not just the Action Team, but all of us, acting together, which will increase our faithfulness and our ministry to God's people. Now's the time, friends. Read the reports on page 2. Pray. Decide what mission area will be your focus and what new program or project will shape your ministry in 2012. Call the group leaders for that mission area and let them know you are ready to ACT. God bless us all as we move ahead.

- Rev. Kinnamon

*Enriching and enlivening our relationship with God through Worship, Prayer, Missions and Christian Education*

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3:30 pm

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS...



## Action Team Breakfast Meeting

### Report from Group #1 - Aging, Wellness and Spirituality

Thanks to all the members of this group who braved the cold on Saturday, Jan. 14. Ten people participated. We chose 3 areas to begin our efforts: **1)** Survey the congregation for prayer/meditation needs and desires, (Advent/Lent). John Boley is interested in working on this one. **2)** Raise awareness of our prayer chapel and “soften” its appearance. Mary Johnson and Mildred Baker are working on this one. **3)** Begin a series of monthly social/informational get-togethers. Richard and Betty Roderick have started us off with a state representative coming to speak in March. Coffee and cookies will be served, thanks to Anice Nixon and Bob Herr. We are off and running, and always open to new ideas and volunteers! What a great way to start 2012 with new ideas and great programs!

(Jerry and Carole Lux, Group 1 Leaders)

### Report from Group #2 - Seeking God through Arts and Music

Eight participants discussed: **1)** Explore an HCC Community Art Gallery. Short term: continue using easels to display prints of religious art; begin conversations with Union Ave. CC and Webster Groves CC, about their gallery projects; Contact St. Louis Art Museum for resources available for display. Long term: explore gallery space needs and how we can use our building to bring art displays to the community. **2)** Taize ecumenical service and other ideas that overlap with worship committee. Short term: Cathie Wille will represent Action Committee and meet with Worship committee; Cathie will also contact History Museum and Symphony, Re: HCC venue for small performances. **3)** Labyrinth: short term maintenance, long term, possible landscaping. **4)** Our group spent a good deal of time talking about internal and external communication. Ray Eberle-Mayse will continue to lead and explore ideas for external communication. Ruth Peace, Cathie Wille and Ray Eberle-Mayse will attend the next Creve Coeur Chamber of Commerce meeting and schedule a meeting with the Creve Coeur Committee for the Arts. (Jerry and Cathie Wille, Group 2 Leaders)

### Report from Group #3 - Service to the Community

Twelve participants in our group discussed 21 possible projects to serve our neighbors. We discovered that many of the projects are currently being provided by NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community and the JCC (Jewish Community Center). By consensus, the group determined that the following three HCC sponsored projects could benefit the wider community: **1)** To expand HCC’s recycling program, batteries, CFL light bulbs, shoes, paper. **2)** Expand HCC’s building use. **3)** Volunteer to help Habitat for Humanity. The first project will be co-led by Lyla McCardie and Karen Feldewerth. Information about how everyone can help will be forthcoming.

(Darrell, Sr., and Joy Faires, Group 3 Leaders)

# Action Team Meeting on January 14, 2012



Focus!

Think!



Plan!



Act!

See page 2 for the Mission group reports. Contact the group leaders to participate in the ministry project that excites you.

# HCC OUTREACH

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the food bank this past year, monetarily and/or food. **ISAIAH 58** and **Memorial Blvd. Christian Church** are very grateful for our contributions.

Memorial Blvd. received 136 bags and 2 boxes. Isaiah 58, received 139 bags and 3 boxes. We now need paper grocery bags to deliver the food. If you can help us with bags, please leave them on the kitchen counter in the Fellowship Hall.

- Again thanks, Bob and Gloria Herr

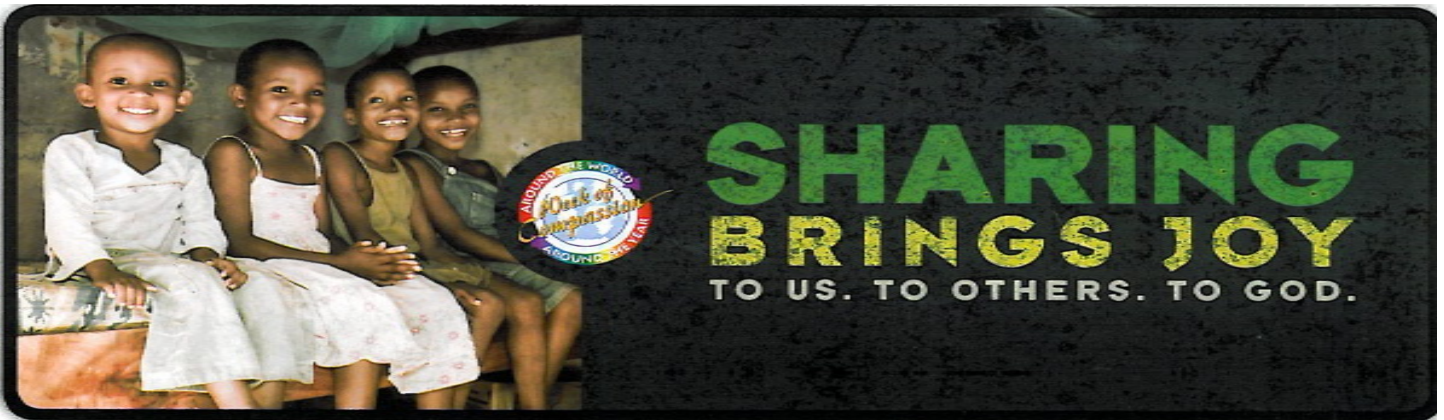


## Our Youth will be collecting items for the **Church World Service Hygiene Kits for Week of Compassion**

There will be a collection box in the Fireside Room on **Feb. 5, 12, and 19.** Items needed for the kits are listed on the back page of this Newsletter.

**On Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Soup/Chili Lunch the Youth will assemble the kits.**

*Please make your donations by this date.*



## WEEK OF COMPASSION

For most of us, this past year has been financially challenging. At the same time, our sisters and brothers are struggling in the developing world and in parts of North America where disaster has struck or poverty exists. We are in this together. We share a planet and many of the same dreams—dreams as simple as finding a job or providing our family with enough to eat and a place to live. Still, many in our city/county, nation and world do not have access to the basic necessities of life. Yet there is enough to go around. God created a world of abundance. Our task, through the Week of Compassion offering, is to share that good news of enough, by sharing what we have. For 68 years, Week of Compassion has made a difference by funding relief and development efforts, 'around the world, around the year. Please give prayerful consideration to this offering. **We will receive it on Feb. 19 and 26th.**

## Prayer, Study, Action. . . our life of faith

### Would You Join Us In Prayer in 2012

You are invited to join a fellowship of believers in prayer for the following joys and concerns. You may include any or all of them in a daily petition for God's presence with the individual or situation:

Our HCC and Area and Regional Staff

Our members with on going Medical Concerns

Our Caregivers

Our Homebound

Our World

Every week our Sunday bulletin will list the names of individuals and issues in these categories.



### Sunday Morning Study

**The Adult Christian Education classes have combined and meet in Room #2, at 9:15 am**

Ray Eberle-Mayse leads a study on selected parables of Jesus, based on scripture and the visual arts. Everyone is invited to join the class.

*The Coffee pot is on!*

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR FOR OUR:**

## Chili/Soup Luncheon Sunday, Feb. 19

Following Worship Service

*Bring your favorite Chili or  
Soup to share!*



**The Week of Compassion Church World  
Service Hygiene Kits**

**will be assembled at the luncheon.**

**Items needed are listed on the back page of this  
Newsletter**



**Come join us:  
Every Tuesday evening for  
Bible Study**

**6:30 pm at the church**

We are studying the book:

**"Sermon on the Mount"**

By John Stott, Lifeguide Bible Study Series  
*All are welcome. Meet us in the Lectionary Room*

### A Note of Thanks...

Dear HCC Family: Many thanks for all the Christmas remembrances from so many of you and to the elders for continuing to visit and share communion with me. It means a great deal. Keeping all of you in prayer,

Geraldine Slosson

**Our Next CWF Meeting**

**Thursday, Feb. 16**

**10:30, Room 2, Church Office**

*All women are welcome -*

*Come on by and bring a friend*

### Many Thanks to Kay Gauble, from

Bob Sanders, J.B. Pitzer,

Mary Ellen Butler, Carol Long and

Merrily McNutt,

for the beautiful Poinsettias.

## Music & Worship Schedule



from.....

Jack Hamill, III  
HCC Music Director

### "Make Your Home in Me"

I attend a Catholic Church on Saturday evenings and beginning back in Advent, they started a new section in the bulletin entitled: "Where in life you have found a sense of home or welcome?" Please submit in 75 words or less, submissions will be anonymous". I began to think that I might be able to make a submission. (Unfortunately, 75 words just won't do it).

Since September 2011, when my music teaching job at The Fulton School came to a close, I have spent more time at Hamilton focused on our organ concerts. In addition to my duties as Music Director and Organist, I take care of the sign in front of the church and direct the Joyful Notes Choir which meets here. I make an effort to come in on Mondays at noon and stay till 5:30 pm, and do administrative work such as dropping off music agendas to Linda for the following Sunday bulletin. Make copies at the Xerox machine, changing the sign in front of church and checking my Email. Often times I get so busy that I am not able to practice on the organ. On Tuesdays, I meet with Katherine, and then I practice the organ. At 6:00 pm, I head to the UMSL chorus practice. Wednesdays are my busy day can with 4 events: Joyful Notes rehearsal, Worship Team meetings, instrumental or Jazz Ensemble when necessary, and Choir rehearsal at 7:15. Afterward I wind down by playing the organ for a while. Occasionally I will come in on Fridays. There of course, is always Sundays.

I enjoy the staff here. When I come into the office area, Linda always greets me warmly with, "Hi Jack." She may tell me about something that happened over the weekend in her church choir or we will work on a project. We often banter about various items in the news of the day as I use the space to do my work. Since we are both musicians we can talk about musical things and understand each other.

I was elated that the church chose Katherine to be our interim minister. I enjoy her passion for scripture and her determination that Liturgy be meaningful and

well thought out. I enjoy talking to Alice, our previous cleaning lady, who enjoys my organ practices which she feels I play just for her. And then there's Ruth Peace. She is always fun to talk to and a true confidant. Other things that I enjoy here, is directing the Joyful Notes, it's like having 25 doting parents - I can feel the love! And challenging myself to come up with interesting postings on our sign in front of church.

I recall a meeting with Katherine when somehow the topic of "Am I enjoying my job here?" Of course, I said, "Yes". Since I can focus on my job at Hamilton exclusively, I use my time at home to arrange music for the church. It is fortunate that here at Hamilton we have musical groups that I can arrange for and people who are appreciative and supportive of my efforts.

Hamilton is truly my shelter form the storm. Sometimes I walk the halls of Hamilton and feel like I am on a huge ocean liner that is steady on the course and keeping me safe from the sea and elements outside. I have been blessed to have a vocation which is also my avocation. I am further blessed to enjoy my work which is my passion and which the people of Hamilton Church have allowed me to pursue. I will end this be repeating a statement form one of the most inspiring sermons I ever heard, "Who am I that the Lord has blessed me!" I know what this person felt since Hamilton has allowed me to be likewise blessed.

- Jack

*Singing, is like praying twice!*



# News to Use

## Attention Disciples of Christ High School Students

FOR ALL DISCIPLES STUDENTS:

There is important information about programs and activities useful to you - like the HELM Leadership Fellows program described below.

Check out the HELM Facebook Page

at HELM-Higher Education and Leadership Ministries  
or follow us on Twitter at HELMdisciples

### FOR CURRENT DISCIPLES HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Higher Education and Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) invites high school seniors interested in new kinds of Christian leadership to apply to the 12th class of HELM Leadership Fellows. Application packets are available now at

<http://helmdisciples.org/aid/fellows.htm>.

Leadership Fellows experience an ongoing relationship with the Christian Church that adds value to their educations through organized opportunities for fellowship, training, and service to the church. With the help of a campus mentor, fellows design and conduct projects on or near their campuses, participate in an annual conference focused on shaping a Church for the future, and receive a \$2,000 annual scholarship grant.

**Application deadline is April 16, 2012**

**For more information contact HELM at:**

[helm@helmdisciples.org](mailto:helm@helmdisciples.org)

Or 314-991-3000

## Disciples of Christ Women commit to **HELP END HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

President Barack Obama proclaimed January 2012 National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. January 11th was observed as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Disciples Women (CWF) have adopted combatting human trafficking as their 2012 Social Action Project.

To learn more about this global injustice, and how you can help end it, please visit:

**[www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org)**

(the Women page, then Resources) or

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center at: [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org)



## Disciples' House of Study at Eden Theological Seminary

Eden Theological Seminary has initiated a new coordinated program of denominational Houses of Study. Among these is the *Disciples of Christ House of Study*, which will begin this spring, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Foster, pastor of Compton Heights CC in St. Louis. DHS at Eden will provide a base for Disciples students to build community together within the context of the greater ecumenical theological community at Eden. The *Disciples at Eden Committee* will continue to be a source for connecting Disciple congregations with Disciple students, and for fostering ways to support and nurture those preparing for ministry.

## Upcoming Events....

Arun Gandhi, peace activist and grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, will present:

***“Lessons I Learned from My Grandfather:  
Lessons for the 21st Century”***

Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL.

**Saturday, April 21, 2012 - 9:00 am**

General admission: \$20 - Student rate \$10

*The days' activities include:*

**618-394-6440 or**

**[snows.org/gandhiprograms@snows.org](http://snows.org/gandhiprograms@snows.org)**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2012**

	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
<b>Lay</b>				
<b>Leaders:</b>	Ruth Peace	Cathie Wille	Lyla McCardie	Carole Lux
<b>Elders:</b>				
<b>Offering:</b>	Jerry Wille	Paula McKenzie	Joy Faires	Anice Nixon
<b>Communion:</b>	Cathie Wille	Ray Eberle-Mayse	Darrell Faires, Sr.	Marion Coyle
<b>Deacons:</b>				
<b>Prepare &amp; Clean Up:</b>	Lyla M.	David Pierce	Lisa Eberle-Mayse	Ruth Peace
<b>Serve:</b>	David Pierce	Ruth Peace	David Pierce	Ruth Peace
	Lyla McCardie	David Pierce	Lisa Eberle-Mayse	Lisa Eberle-Mayse
	Kay Gauble	Lyla McCardie	Lyla McCardie	Lyla McCardie
	Mary Johnson	Peggy Halter	Jerry Lux	Peggy Halter

**Sunday Greeter's Schedule**

Jan. 29 - Feldewerth Family  
 Feb. 5 - Jerry and Carol Lux  
 Feb. 12 - Anice Nixon and Peggy Halter  
 Feb. 19 - Grace Bennett, Joreen Neupert  
 and Marion Coyle  
 Feb. 26 - Bob and Gloria Herr  
*Thanks to all who give of their time welcoming others.*



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Feb. 4 - Peggy Halter  
 Feb. 12 - Adam Faires  
 Feb. 16 - Daniel Eberle-Mayse  
 Feb. 25 - Grace Bennett



Our next Elders Meeting Sunday, Feb. 5 8:00 am

Worship Attendance:  
 Jan. 8: 45  
 Jan. 15: 47  
 Jan. 22: 45  
 Jan. 29: 42

Worship Team Mtg. Wed. Feb. 15 1:00 pm

Our next Cabinet Meeting Feb. 16 At 6:30 pm All are welcome to attend

Stay Informed:

Check out the Hamilton Christian Church Website and on-line Calendar at:  
[www.hamiltonchristian.org](http://www.hamiltonchristian.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 10:00 Joyful Notes 1:00 Yoga class 6-7 pm Boot Camp 7:15 C. Choir	<b>2</b> 4:00-6:00 pm Caring Solutions Rm 2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:00 am Elders Mtg 9:15 Sunday School  10:30 am Sunday Worship	<b>6</b> 6-7 pm Fitness Class FSH Yoga 6:30 pm	<b>7</b> <i>Voting Here Today</i> 8-Noon Preschool Nursery Room 9:30 am Prayer Group 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Joyful Notes 1:00 Yoga Class 6-7 pm Fitness 7:15 pm Choir	<b>9</b> 10:00-2:00 Caring Solutions Rm 2  Action Team Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> FSH, Rented for Birthday Party 10:00-12:30 pm
<b>12</b>  9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service	<b>13</b>  6-7 pm Boot Camp 6:30 pm Yoga Class	<b>14</b> 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Prayer Group 10-2:00 Caring Sol 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Joyful Notes 1:00 Worship Mtg Yoga 1:00 6-7 pm Boot Camp 7:15 pm Choir	<b>16</b> CWF 10:30 Rm 2 12:30-6:30 pm Caring Solutions Rm 2 6:30 pm Cabinet Meeting Rm 2	<b>17</b> <i>Get your news            in the            Harbinger</i> Preschool FSH 6-8 pm	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Week of Compassion Offering today 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship Chili/Soup Lunch After worship - Bring your favorites	<b>20</b> 6-7 pm Boot camp FSH  6:30 pm Yoga Class Fireside Rm	<b>21</b> 9:00 Work Day 9:30 am Prayer Group  6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>22</b> <i>Ash            Wednesday</i> 10-11 PreS FS Rm 10:00 am Joyful N. 1:00 pm Yoga Class <b>7:00 pm Service</b> 6-7 pm Boot Camp 7:15 pm CC	<b>23</b> 10:00-2:00 Caring Solutions Room 2	<b>24</b> <i>Newsletter            Deadline</i> 10:00-12:00 Caring Solu Rm 2	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <u>First Sunday of Lent</u> 9:15 am Sunday Sch 10:30 am Worship Service WOC Offering today	<b>27</b> 6-7 pm Fitness 6:30 pm Yoga Class Broadway Fantasy 7-9 pm FSH	<b>28</b> 9:30 am Prayer Group  6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>29</b> 10:00 Joyful Notes 1:00 Yoga 6:00 Boot Camp 7:15 CC			

## The Youth of HCC will be collecting items for WEEK OF COMPASSION HYGIENE KITS

In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families.

To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)

One washcloth

One wide-tooth comb

One nail clipper

One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

One toothbrush (in original packaging)

Six standard size Band-Aids®

Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

**These Kits will be assembled on Sunday, Feb. 19, after the Soup/Chili Luncheon**

**Please bring your donations on Feb. 6, 12, & 19**

*These kits are small and simple, yet they can help struggling families stay safe from germs that cause illness and infection. We hope you will help out: by donating hygiene items; by adding \$2.00 for shipping costs; by helping assemble the kits on the 19th.*

**February is...**



**Ash  
Wednesday  
Service,  
Feb. 22, 2012  
7:00 pm**

