

Friday May 3, 2024

Good Friday Friends,

Last Saturday we had a great Zoom Gathering. Ladies thank you! Those who couldn't be there, we missed you! Our next gathering is going to be a week early this month due to memorial weekend. So, our next gathering will be May 18th that's a Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. from the comfort of your own home or wherever you would like to gather!



We are in the second study from the 2024 Just Women study.

This month's title is, May Justice Roll by Ayanna Johnson Watkins. Scripture references: Proverbs 31:8-9, Amos 5:20-27, Luke 4:18-19, Deuteronomy 16:20, Psalm 41:1.

Questions to ponder:

1. How does your congregation or Faith community talk about the place of justice work in the lives of people of faith?
2. Does your congregation engage in Justice work? Do you? If so, why, and what does it look like? If not, why not?
3. What scriptural texts are shaping your own thoughts about advocacy, organizing, or other justice work?
4. What are some concrete ways that injustice shows up in your own life or community?

If you don't have a Just Women there's still opportunity to order one through disciples.org. but read the scripture verses and read the questions and still you can join the conversation!

Thursday eight of us from my church Faith Christian visited First Christian Church in Bolivar Missouri for their annual Salad Luncheon and had a wonderful time! 22 of us enjoyed a time of delicious food, relationship forming fellowship, and a thought-provoking devotion!



Keep the Disciples Women's Action Web, that have gone to the Mexico border in your prayers.

Do you know someone who could benefit? Don't forget the deadline is approaching! The Christian Ministries Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance for those preparing for Christian ministries, both in seminary and undergraduate education. This fund is primarily aimed at supporting those persons from the Christian Church of Mid-America (CCMA) Region who are preparing for the Christian ministries. Our Disciples Women invite anyone interested to apply by May 30.

<https://www.mid-americadisciples.org/christian-ministries-scholarship-fund>

From the Weekly Update:

Youth News

Our Bodies Our Faith Camp will take place July 28-August 2 at Camp MoVal. This event is for youth completing 8th or 9th grade. The focus is on preparing campers to make healthy decisions in faithful and life-enhancing ways

It's registration time for all summer camps! Find all the information here. <https://www.mid-americadisciples.org/upcoming-events/2024/7/28/our-faith-our-bodies>

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE! Applications are due May 15. <https://form.jotform.com/220626255349053>

Autism Awareness & Acceptance

Our friends at Woodhaven offer a message for Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month which provides ideas on how we can all advocate for and support individuals with autism

Free Concert in Fulton

All are welcome to attend this concert on Sunday, May 5 at First Christian Church in Fulton. <https://www.facebook.com/FirstChristianFultonMO/>

Regional Assembly 2024

Details about our Regional Assembly in St. Joseph August 8-10 will be coming soon. Be sure to save the date!

News from the farm:

Bartholomew is a grandfather again! Can you imagine that? To think he just appeared on our farm and is now such a landmark. He has great leadership qualities. Qualities Tim and I were really wondering if they would ever come forth. Remember he had a hard time with his identity! There was a time he thought he was a dog, there was a time that he thought he was a cat, he then decided he might be a meter reader, he considered kayaking the river, but now he is proud of and nestled into his growing family. His newest offspring we have

named Betty, she's a beautiful little black and white girl that looks much like her mother and her grandfather! When you see them together there is no doubt who they belong to by the way they look.



I was watching them interact with one another and thought about how easy it is to recognize who her father is, Bartholomew. And it made me think about our Father in heaven, and how we look to others. Do we look like our Father? Do we demonstrate who we belong to? Have you ever wondered if others could tell who you look like, who you act like, and who you belong to? A thought to ponder.

Have a beautiful God filled week!

Blessings,
Pastor Jennifer

Jennifer Long is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Disciple Women

Time: May 18, 2024 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85999643507?pwd=RzdxdzAxWHZNV29pZ1pwZGRrdkRhUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 9964 3507

Passcode: 584360

Dial by your location

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbHD7jLW3V>

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Micah 6:8 Message: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,

be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously— take God seriously.

C.S. Lewis : "Believe in God like you believe in the sunrise. Not because you can see it, but because you can see all it touches."