Update

September 27, 2017

Events

September

27	Injustice Anywhere Update, St. Louis
27	Broadway Blues Concert, 7pm, Columbia

October

1	World Communion Sun.
1	Reconciliation Special Offering
1	CROP Hunger Walk/ dinner/concert, STL, 5:30
4-5	ATiiM Annual Conference, Oglesby, IL
11	Executive Committee Meeting, FCC Columbia
14	Dr. M. Eugene Boring Lectures, FCC Boonville, 9
19-22	Disciples Seminarians Conference, Indianapolis
20	Regional Gathering - Clergy Day, FCC Sedalia
21	Regional Gathering - Clergy & Laity Day, FCC Sedalia

Find all events listed here & on the calendar.

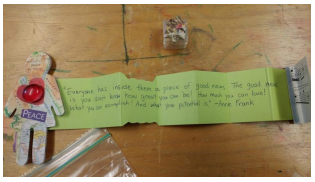
This week's Global Ministries prayer request is for East Timor.

Learn more about our upcoming mission trip to Mexico!

Great Day of Serving in Neosho

FCC in Neosho has recently participated in the annual Great Day of Serving in their community. Created to remember 9/11 with a positive impact, the event coordinates **over 350 volunteers** to make a difference and **overcome violence with service**. FCC members helped restore a fence that had been knocked down by flooding. Read more>

CRY Cabinet Meets in St. Joseph



On September 16 & 17 our Christian Regional Youth Cabinet met at First Christian Church in St. Joseph. Together with their adult sponsors, the youth **worshiped, continued the planning for next summer's Festival, and brainstormed about the High School Winter Retreat**. The meeting's mission focus was the **Art Abandonment Project** - each member created an affirming work of art and then placed it somewhere in St. Joseph's public space where it would hopefully be found, enjoyed, and maybe even passed on to someone else!

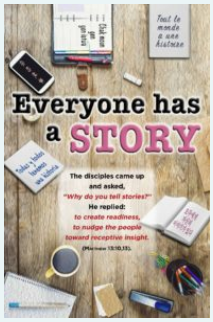
General Minister & President in STL Today

Our General Minister and President Rev. Terri Hord Owens and our Minister of Reconciliation Rev. April Johnson will be at Centennial Christian Church today to discuss current reconciliation ministry activity and further equip congregations for action. **There is still space available for the meeting and dinner.** Call the Southeast Gateway office at (314) 918-2515 right away to register. More>

Jonesburg CC 150 Years Old!

Opportunities

- Seminarians have until 9/30 to enroll in the Pension Fund Student Gift Membership.
- Memorial Boulevard CC Building Centennial, Oct. 22
- Developing a Spiritual Response to Domestic & Sexual Violence, Nov. 4, FCC Cameron
- National Council of Churches Christian Unity Gathering, Nov. 8-10, Washington D.C.
- Disciples Development Conference, Jan. 17-19, Tucson



Reconciliation Special Offering October 1

Tell us what you think! Please take a moment to complete a **climate metrics survey** for our Green Chalice ministry partners.
Clergy
Laity

Congratulations to Jonesburg CC on their 150th anniversary. They have a rich history indeed as the church was planted by decedents of Virginia Disciples who fought in the Revolutionary War.

Persons in Ministry Retreat 2017

Last week was our annual Persons in Ministry Retreat in partnership with the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ. The theme this year was "Pastoral, Prophetic, & Perturbed: Ministry in Turbulent Times" and the speaker was Rev. John Thomas. **The group of about 65 participated in worship, fellowship, education, and rejuvenation.**

Disciples Care Team Met

Our Disciples Care Team held one of their semi-annual meetings last week in Columbia. Members of the team **share happenings in the region, celebrate special events, bring care, and participate in educational presentations**. Outgoing chairman **Murell Arnett** (center) is pictured here receiving a certificate of appreciation with newly elected chairman Dan Kercher (left) and Regional Minister Team member Dr. Larry Colvin (right). Read more>

Light a Candle for Children

Light a Candle for Children, a project of our Disciples Family & Children's Ministries, is an **advocacy & prayer vigil project** that invites congregations to join in **prayer and devotions for our children**. The vigil began this week, four weeks before the National Observance of Children's Sabbath. Learn more & find daily devotionals here>

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