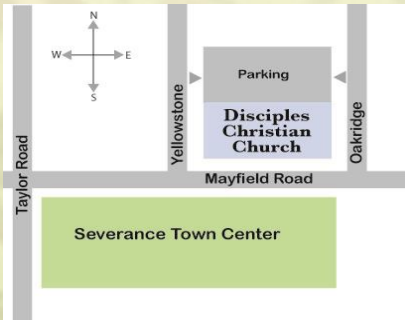




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Notice of a Congregational Vote

A congregational vote has been scheduled for Sunday, November 5th immediately after the service for the purpose of determining the future path of the building committee. While only members of the congregation can vote, all who are part of our faith community are invited to attend and are welcome to be part of the discussion.

After much time and effort the building committee feels that they have arrived at a point where further work should not go forward without the agreement of the congregation that the pursuit of a smaller building on our existing site is the path they should be on. Although the committee firmly believes that such a pursuit is the best option for the future of our congregation, they realize that the decision is not theirs alone to make.

A letter has been sent out with information and FAQs so that everyone has ample time to consider the arguments before the meeting. If you did not receive a copy contact the church office and they will send or email you one. In the meantime we hope that you will join us in praying for God's help and guidance as we consider how best to continue our mission of wholeness into the future.

**Time With God—a New Opportunity
 At Disciples**

Ever want some quiet, alone time with God during the week? Need to just focus and pray a few minutes? A small group from our church has decided to create just such an opportunity on a trial basis this fall. Our sanctuary will be open, communion will be set on the communion table, no words or ideas will be presented. It will simply be a time to stop in and be with God in silence. Dan Nolen is leading this effort.

The next dates are Wednesdays, Nov. 15, and Dec. 13 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

A Message from Rev. Roger McKinney



2017- A Year Of Pilgrimage For Disciples Christian Church

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Much is happening in the life of our church, as has been the case since the day I arrived in April, 2015.

In case you have not heard, our building committee has shifted gears. We are now working on a concept that calls for demolishing parts of our existing building and performing extensive remodeling on the sanctuary core of the existing building. This appears to be a more cost-effective way of achieving the same goals as constructing a new building. It preserves the same development space for Fairmount Properties to use for residential construction. It would refurbish, renew and right-size our current building, update energy efficiency, lower maintenance costs, and offer other benefits as well.

We should have much more information to share in coming weeks about this new approach. Stay tuned!

Hand in hand with building planning is the considerable effort some are investing in our Capital Campaign, RISE UP FOR OUR FUTURE. You will hear much more about that in coming weeks as well.

Neither is our Outreach Team standing still. Please pay attention to all of the information on our Outreach page. We are fully engaged in our community and world in the name of Christ!

Finally, WORSHIP remains at the heart of all we do together as a community of believers. Our worship for November will be inspiring and meaningful through and through. Here are the highlights.

Nov. 12: Rise Up And Build- A video affirmation from a recent visitor

Nov. 19: Rise Up and Heal- We will celebrate Thanksgiving in worship, and a class of Cleveland State Musical Improvisation students will share their talents with us in worship. A member of the Stroke Club that meets in our building will be present to thank us for our space!

Nov. 26: Rise Up and Grow- We will hear from a surprise guest in worship

Dec. 3 Rise Up and Serve- We will hear from someone about the value of the Prayer Shawl ministry of our congregation. This Sunday is also the First Sunday of Advent and we will light the first Advent Candle, the candle of HOPE.

We are indeed blessed to have a community of faithful believers with whom we can share the love of God and the love of life!

I hope and pray you will be present to be blessed, and to be a blessing to others during November.

Have you invited anyone to come and worship with you recently?

Your partner in transition,

Rev. Roger McKinney

It's time to
"Fall Back!"
Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday at 2am



Young Disciples News

The Young Disciples have had a great October. We went apple picking where the weather held out as all ages enjoyed picking apples for our pie making. The following week, we rolled up our sleeves and made over 20 pies. We look forward to selling those pies as a fund raiser.

Miss Kaitie and I will be entertaining the younger gang with a Halloween party while the parents discuss the book, More Than Words. I'm sure we will see some scary costumes! Check out our November Church Life for our party pictures. I look forward to more adventures in the upcoming months as we plan for November and Advent.

Kathy Smith



IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✝ Charlotte Mates, cancer treatment
- ✝ Gail and Roger McKinney, death of Gail's brother Fred Tumbleson
- ✝ Bev & Beth Kean and Craig Gordon, death of Rev. Al Kean
- ✝ Mary Jane Moran, Brookdale
- ✝ Ellie McBride, Menora Park
- ✝ Pat Hartmann
- ✝ Trashenna Perkins, daughter of Carmella Yarbrough
- ✝ Sarah Lloyd, daughter of Ellie McBride, cancer treatment
- ✝ Olivia Grabowski, granddaughter of Janice and Richard Ziegler, extended physical and speech therapy
- ✝ Jennifer Kless, daughter of Ed Kidd, MS complications
- ✝ Cara McKinney, serving in San Cristóbal, Mexico

MEMBERS AT HOME

Lois Rice
Laurel Lake

**Please Remember That We Are
Collecting Non-perishable Food
Items During The Young Disciples
Moment This
Sunday, Nov. 5.**

Please bring items that will enhance
a Thanksgiving meal.

Meetings and Events

Habitat House Started at General Assembly Finished!

At the 2017 General Assembly in Indianapolis, IN, our Young Disciples served in many ways. One of those mission projects was constructing panels for a Habitat for Humanity home. After the Assembly, these panels were transported to the Indiana State Fairgrounds, where more volunteers completed the project. Just recently, the full structure was moved to the foundation site, and completed for local homeowner Sebastian Quintero, a student at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, who wanted to use the home to provide a place for his mother to live, following his father's recent death.

To learn more about the many ways that Disciples made a difference in the Indianapolis community, read the 2017 edition of General Assembly News.

Prime Time

Unless otherwise noted Prime Time takes place each Sunday at 11:30 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome.

Janice Ziegler

Disciples Book Club

The Disciples Book Club will be meeting at 2:00 PM in the Chapel on Tuesday, November 28. They will be discussing *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry. The Washington Post calls it "an irresistible new novel...the most delightful heroine since Elizabeth Bennet in *Pride and Prejudice*...By the end, *The Essex Serpent* identifies a mystery far greater than some creature 'from the illuminated margins of a manuscript'." It has also been described as part ghost story and part natural history lesson, part romance and part feminist parable.

Feel free to join the group on the 28th. Happy Reading!

All Saints Sunday Will Be Observed This Sunday, November 5TH

This special Sunday is a day to recognize those who have died in our church community this past year. We will remember not only those who were members of our church, but persons in extended families who died this past year.

Elder's Meeting

The next Elders meeting is November 11, at 9am, in the Fellowship Hall.

Outreach Meeting

The next Outreach meeting will be Sunday, November 12th at 9am in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Disciples FREE Community Meal November 30

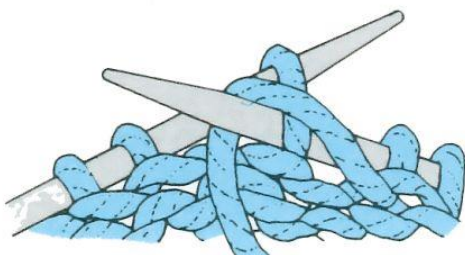
Join us at the Community Meal on **Thursday, November 30 at 5PM. We will be serving turkey and pie.** Please sign up in the kitchen if you can bring dinner, or if you'd like to volunteer to set up, serve or clean up.

Family Book Discussion And Pajama Party

We've been discussing, *More Than Words*, by Rev. Erin Wathen, pastor of St. Andrew Christian Church in Olathe, Kansas near Kansas City. Our final Sunday lunch discussions will be on Sunday, Nov. 12. It will be a potluck! Also after worship will be a pajama party for our kids. A similar event to the Superhero/Baby doll tea party, parents will gather for book discussion as the Young Disciples relax in their pjs and watch a movie.

Prayer Shawl Ministry In Action

After the tragic shootings took place in Las Vegas, the members of the Prayer Shawl group wanted to help some of the wounded, or families of victims involved. Reverend McKinney suggested First Christian Church in Las Vegas and provided them with the information necessary to help them fulfill their mission. On October 5, Karin Shumway mailed four boxes containing 25 shawls to First Christian Church. Please remember that these shawls are available for your families and friends who are in need of strength, hope and courage. Contact Pat McNeilly, any member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry or Amy Campbell in the Church Office for assistance.



Income/Expense Report 3 Mo. Ended Sept. 30, 2017

	3 Mos.	Budget
Income		
Contributions	\$50,011	\$193,431
Building Rental	9,045	35,400
Endowment	9661	79,001
Miscellaneous	<u>183</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$68,900	\$310,832
Expenses		
Administration	\$53,263	\$221,957
Program	1,073	6,275
Outreach	2,400	17,600
Building	<u>11,786</u>	<u>65,000</u>
Total	\$68,522	\$310,832
Net Income	\$378	

Electronic Giving

Thank you for your interest in electronic giving to Disciples Christian Church. The best method you could use to pay DCC electronically is through your own bank's on line bill pay feature. To initiate this you would have to add DCC to your list of payees. You could then establish payments on a regular basis in any amount that you choose. Presently there are several members of DCC who do this and their checks arrive in the mail on a regular basis. This method results in NO COSTS TO DCC. If you need help with establishing on line bill pay, please call us for assistance.

Alternatively, you could utilize the services of VANCO which is available through DCC's website. Funds will be transferred directly from your account to that of DCC. You can choose the frequency, date, amount and where you designate the funds be applied i.e. contributions, hunger fund etc. The fees DCC pays VANCO for this service include:

- *A monthly fee of \$5
- *35c per transaction (both for the withdrawal from your account and the deposit into DCC's account
- *And finally a fee of 2% of the amount donated.

Presently DCC does not accept Credit Cards. Please let Judy Griffith know if you are interested in donating by a Credit Card.

Little Free Library

We are always accepting donations of books for the little free library. In particular, we are running low on childrens' books. If you have some at home collecting dust, we are happy to take them off of your hands! Just drop them off in the church office.

InsideOutreach

Come Together to Share on Sunday, Nov. 5th

Our first Sunday of the month collections continue THIS Sunday on November 5th. We will be collecting canned and dry packaged foods for the Heights Emergency Food Center to supplement families' Thanksgiving meals and holiday needs.

Please bring donations to worship service so the children can collect them.



Thank you for your generous donations of diapers and wipes for hurricane relief!

Seven large boxes of diapers and wipes weighing 360 lbs were shipped to First Christian Church in Katy, Texas.

First Christian Katy has become a Resource Distribution Center for Hurricane Relief in the Houston Area. Items will be shared with Houston downtown pregnancy center, the Muslim Community Center or where most needed. Thank you to members of Katy Christian for volunteering to distribute your gifts. Thank you DCC and People's Church for your generous donations including 66 packages of diapers, 65 packages of wipes and cash which was used to help cover the shipping costs.

Special Gifts to Week Of Compassion for Hurricane Relief and Fire Relief totals \$2300.50. Thank you DCC for always caring.

Come Together to Share: Gloves, Hats, and Scarves in December and January

On the first Sunday in December and January, we will be collecting gloves, hats, and scarves for the



Oxford Elementary children who don't have any. Look for Black Friday specials and after Christmas sales for ages 4-11.



PLEASE BE A HOLIDAY ANGEL!

You are a Holiday Angel when you choose a gift request card for a child 12 or younger whose family is served by the Heights Emergency Food Center which is housed in our building. Gift cards will be available in the Fireside Library in late November and early December.

The gift card will include name, age, and gift suggestions for your child. Please purchase gift or gifts totaling \$30 (no gift cards, please). If you purchase clothing or shoes, please include a gift receipt. Wrap your gift and securely attach the gift card with child's name and family number.

Please bring your wrapped gift to Disciples' no later than Sunday, December 10 by noon. Gifts may be delivered to the Church Office before December 10.

If you would like to choose your child and have a personnel shopper do the rest, our Young Disciple's will do your shopping and wrapping!

Next Outreach Meeting will be 9am in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 12th. ALL ARE WELCOME!

News from our Music Director, Amanda Powell

What a wonderful fall we have had so far at Disciples Church! We have been learning some new gathering and communion songs throughout the fall to enhance our community singing and grow our sacred song repertoire. We have had two tremendous community sings and I am looking forward to our final sing on Nov. 18th, held at our very own Disciples Church! Because we are hosting this community sing, I'd like as many of our community members to be there as possible. We will have a soup dinner at 5pm, followed by drumming (bring a drum if you have one, if not, we will have plenty!) and singing. Dylan Moffitt will lead us in some drumming fun while Anne Wilson and I lead us in some singing. I hope you will mark this event down and plan to be there as we continue to build community!

Looking ahead in November, we will have special musical guests in worship on Nov. 12. I teach a course at Cleveland State University called Vocal Improvisation and Group Singing. This group of students explores ancient global folk music and the indigenous styles of improvisation present in all cultures. They will share some of these songs in worship through spirited singing and improvisation. Come and be a part of this unique worship experience--you may find yourself swept into the improvisation as well!

Soon Advent is upon us! Last year we had the fantastic community-building Christmas choir. This year I have committed to singing the lead role in a brand-new Christmas show with Apollo's Fire. During Advent, I want Disciples to have extra-special music and so I have brought in my friend and colleague, Sarah Kozlowski to lead music for three weeks in December while I am performing locally and regionally. Sarah will play organ and piano, lead our singers and band and offer her own unique gifts as a music and worship leader. I will come and worship with you throughout those weeks as I am able but will defer to Sarah's gifts and leadership during those weeks.



On that note--If you enjoy Celtic and Appalachian Christmas music, consider coming to hear Christmas on Sugarloaf Mountain this holiday season. I am lead vocalist alongside tenor, Ross Hauck and we will be performing around town with a troupe of fiddlers, guitarists, children's and adult chorus (including my daughters, Sofia and Luisa) and a full of instruments to celebrate the nostalgic holiday sounds from the mountains. More information can be found at www.apollosfire.org.

Peace and Blessings to you all as we continue to build community through singing and fun. I am grateful to be with you on this journey.

Amanda

Saturday, November 18, 5pm meal and 6pm sing

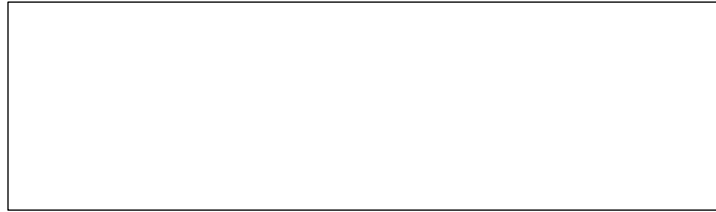
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Sharon Watkins to Lead Major New Initiative With the National Council of Churches

The National Council of Churches is pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, former General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will be leading a major new emphasis of the Council. Rev. Watkins will be directing a nationwide accounting of how churches and their leaders have been complicit in, and have perpetuated, racism in America.

The National Council of Churches believes that a complete, honest, and exacting truth about racial prejudice and hate has not yet been told. This ambitious project, co-chaired by Jaquelyn Dupont-Walker (African Methodist Episcopal Church) and Rev. John Dorhauer (United Church of Christ), will unfold over a period of years and will involve the 38 member communions of the Council, a community of mainline Protestant, historically African American churches, Orthodox and Peace churches.

“The complicity of the white churches and leaders must be accounted for and acknowledged if we are to begin the process of moving toward healing in this country,” says Watkins. “Predominantly white congregations and denominations have been complicit in perpetuating the sin of racism in ways we have not yet fully recognized, and no healing, no justice, no reconciliation can be achieved without a complete telling of the truth.”

For the past two years, Watkins has served the National Council of Churches as the Chair of the Governing Board. She served as the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from 2005 to 2017. She gave the sermon at President Obama’s National Prayer Service in 2009 and served a term on the White House Advisory Council for the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. She has a lifelong commitment to racial justice.

Watkins has been succeeded in her term of office at the National Council of Churches by Bishop Darin W. Moore of the AME Zion Church, who begins his term immediately. Watkins is employed as contract staff specifically for this project.

“This is clearly one of the most ambitious, and most important, projects of the National Council of Churches in its history,” said General Secretary and President Jim Winkler. “This effort is a clarion call to the conscience of the churches and the soul of America. We have the utmost confidence that Sharon is the right person for this work and for this era of the Council.”

Do you have something for the next Church Life newsletter? Please send any articles, photos, or other news to Amy Campbell in the office at Amy@discipleschristian.org

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