



The Good News

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We will soon host the Great River Regional Office.

PHCC is a Hillcrest community church affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It has been at the corner of Spruce and Hillcrest since 1927. Our email is lrphcc@gmail.com.

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Great River Regional Office moves to 4724 Hillcrest Avenue

In October 2017, the regional offices of the Great River Region will move to what has been the chapel area in our facility. This offers our small congregation an opportunity to provide space to the Region (utilities and other needed items will be covered by minimal monthly rent of \$100). We see that as a unique contribution that we can make to our Great River Region.

A word regarding Charlottesville

Posted on August 14, 2017 at 10:30 am.

From General Minister and President Terri Hord Owens –

Sisters and brothers, my heart breaks at the violence this weekend in Charlottesville – the loss of life, the dishonoring of children of God, the vile insults hurled and the wounds of history reopened. I pray for the family of the woman who died. I pray in praise of the peaceful demonstrators. We cannot take backward steps fueled by hatred. We cannot be silent when the humanity of black persons is being assaulted and terrorized.

The commandment in 1 John 4:20 calls us to account: “Those who say, ‘I love God,’ and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.”

And so let us love one another as we love God. With such love, we are compelled to stand for justice, and walk in peace.

—From Disciples News Service

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Charlottesville

August 23, 2017

It has been a couple of weeks since the events of Charlottesville took place. The airwaves have been filled with political chatter about the event itself and about the response of various political leaders. I will not add to that discussion. I do however, want to say that the image of angry people carrying torches and screaming anti-semitic slogans from the days of Nazi Germany, and spewing racial slurs against minorities and people of color has left a deep impact on me with a requisite resolve that we must pray for our nation and the world.

I pray that God will protect us from the spread of hatred as seen in fascist, and racist ideologies like those held by the KKK, Neo-Nazi groups, and other white supremacist groups. We know how devastating and costly these ideologies can be.

I pray that God will convert the hearts of those who are on the path of hate. Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies so let's do it. I pray that God will convert the complacency in the hearts of people who uphold values of love, diversity, and faith in God as creator of all. May God inspire them to action that supports the dignity of all and fosters safety, welcome, and inclusion for all God's children. I pray that each of us will listen to how God may be calling us to loving action.

Now is not the time to shake our heads, sit on our hands and say, "ain't it awful". It is awful and so we must act. Hatred and violence can never overcome evil. Only love, and loving actions can do that. Please make a personal commitment to be on the side of active love. Scripture says it this way:

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." I John 4:7-8

-- Susan Miller



90th/25th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 5, 2017

Five years ago we issued a special edition of *The Good News* for the church's 85th birthday. This October it will be 90 years, and we decided to have a party. The church was founded on October 7, 1927 (that anniversary falls on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017), but we'll delay the party for about a month.

In 1992, the church voted to officially become an Open and Affirming Congregation. This summer marked 25 years of enjoying that status among Disciples congregations. We were the first in Arkansas, and the third in the denomination.

In celebration of these dual anniversaries, we decided to have a single day to commemorate these milestones. Following a special Worship service, there will be a catered barbeque luncheon.

During the WWII years, Pulaski Heights Christian Church was a teenager. During the racial unrest in Little Rock, PHCC was a 30-something. By the time the church was octogenarian, the institution had weathered many dark, stormy periods in our nation's history.

We want the celebration on November 5th to be a day of reflecting on the past, but mostly for looking toward the future. – Tom

(See page 4 for a word from Susan about the Celebration)

FY 2018 Budget Approved

If you weren't here you may not know that we approved the FY 2018 budget on July 31, 2017. We also decided that we will continue to supply gifts for the homeless each Third Monday. An energy audit may be done to see how we can save on building utilities. And, for the first time in memory, the church completed a fiscal year without having to touch our savings to meet the year's expenses. But it doesn't stop there: the church had a surplus for the fiscal year! We offer thanks to God for our good fortune, which has come in the form of your support.

From the July 2017 Week of Compassion Report

Church World Service and Week of Compassion Global Responses Since June 26, 2017 are shown in the graphics below. Each blue pointer represents a location where Church World Service and Week of Compassion stepped in to assist those who were victims of unexpected troubles. In 4 of the 5 non-US cases that are highlighted, the help was in response to political upheavals at home. Some were people displaced by conflict. Some were displaced by flooding.

Meanwhile, in Missouri, there were fires that made it impossible for some people to go home and sleep in their own beds. Across North America there has been a general response to poverty. There were two floods in W. Virginia, storms in Kentucky and Kansas. The point is that worldwide, CWF and WoC had an average of more than one new crisis that they chose to assist with each day.

Blue markers are responses since June 26, 2017. Ten examples are called out specifically, world-wide.



- 1 Jordan, Refugee Response
- 2 Ukraine, Internally Displaced Response
- 3 Russia, Refugee Response
- 4 Colombia, Flood Relief
- 5 Philippines, Internally Displaced Response



- 1 Kentucky, Storm Recovery
- 2 Missouri, Fire Recovery
- 3 North America, Poverty Response
- 4 Kansas, Storm Relief
- 5 West Virginia, Flood Relief (2)

CWS and WoC also take on longer term projects. In Myanmar a small region with four villages had difficulties with water during the 3-month Summer rainy season. The 1400 residents now benefit from a new CWS-provided concrete bridge that crosses a creek that is dangerous whenever high water is rushing by. School children can now safely cross the creek, and adults find it easier to travel as well. Old bridge on the left, new bridge on the right.



Graphics and photos by CWS

Reach Out

The November Anniversary celebration is a wonderful time to reach out to someone and invite them to church. Some folks don't go to church because they feel they would not be welcome. This feeling often stems from experiences of being told by their childhood church homes, or others that they are not welcome due to their sexual preference, gender identity, presence of tattoos, struggles with substance abuse, prison record, or other factors. Some folks don't go to church because they view the church as not being relevant to people's current needs. They view the church as a dinosaur that is out of touch with the world. Some folks don't go to church because they burned out long ago.

Pulaski is a warm, fun, welcoming body of folks who strive to follow Jesus. We believe that following Jesus will always result in a witness that is needed and relevant and that will touch people's lives with the Gospel good news. We encourage hands on service but we also encourage spiritual renewal and inner growth through bible study and prayer. Without the latter it is far too easy to get burned out. We believe that everyone is a child of God and strive to honor the contributions of all.

People need a place to belong. Pray about who you might reach out to with the gift of Christ centered community and invite them to church.

--Susan

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July 2017 Stewardship Report

Jul. Budget Needs – \$8,125.00
Jul. Offering – \$5,431.80
Other Income – \$6,154.62
Total Jul. Actual Income – \$11,586.42

Jul. Budgeted Expenses – \$8,912.08
Jul. Actual Expenses – \$8,179.83
Net Result for Jul. – \$3,406.59

Fiscal-Year-to-date through 7/31/17
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September 2017 at PHCC

Events in September 2017

– Birthdays in September 9 – Evelyn Behrle; 21 – Amber Perry; 22 – Ariane Whitson; 22 – Annie Robbins; 29 – Dylan Ryan.

– Events of note

4 – Labor Day

7 – 1st Thursday Shop 'n Sip.

17 – Sign October birthday cards.

18 – Third Monday Meal is served; 1101 W. Markham St.

20 - 6:00 pm Board Meeting

– Sunday School Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24

October 2017 at PHCC

Events in October 2017

– Birthdays in October 5 – Ron Cogburn; 15 – Lynn Jenkins; 26 – Wendy Paquette; 30 – Tom Ryan III.

– Events of note

5 – 1st Thursday Shop 'n Sip.

11 - 6:00 pm Board Meeting (scheduled)

16 – Sign November birthday cards.

16 – Third Monday Meal is served; 1101 W. Markham St.

30 – Community Breakfast, at Quapaw Quarter UMC, 1601 S. Louisiana St., at 7:30 a.m.

– Sunday School Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 30

Please Continue Prayers for:

Jamie C., Angela F. and family, Andrea, Ashlyn; Stephen C., Martha C., Eric C.; Shannon P., Ron C., Jean H., Kim P., Trip R., Lynda C., Keith R., Bill S.; Ezgi Y., Wissam A.; our Church; the homeless of Little Rock; those who were victims of violence during August; the Mission First initiative of the DoC; those struggling to do God's will; refugees who are fleeing the viciousness of war. Pray for peace as global tensions rise, pray for the grieving, that they may be comforted; those worldwide being persecuted for being 'different'; the citizens and residents of the U.S.A., and others God leads you to know of.

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