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## Christian Church in IL & WI

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#### 1. Aurora Cokesbury Store Open House - Nov 15-17.

Aurora Cokesbury Store Christmas Open House - November 15 & 16, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, and November 17, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. See [FLYER](#) for more information and 25% off specials.

#### 2. Youth Summit Nov 16-18 -

The Summit Schedule is posted on the Youth Page on the Regional Website or click to view now: [Schedule](#)

Pray for a wonderful, spiritual experience for the youth and adults attending Summit 2008 this weekend in Decatur-may it be a life-changing experience! Pray for their safe travel to and from Summit.

#### 3. Disciples Women Resources-Nov 15 last day for Savings Special.

The Savings Special on all 2008-2009 New Day resources will end on Nov. 15, so if you have not already done so, we urge you to send in your orders today for New Day materials and take advantage of the savings. You may order by phone-800-366- 3383, by fax-770-280-4039, on the CBP website: <http://www.cbp21.com> , by e-mail: [customerservice@cbp21.com](mailto:customerservice@cbp21.com), or mail your order form to: CBP, PO Box 933119, Atlanta, GA 31193- 3119. Click for [Order Form](#).

#### 4. Thanksgiving Special Offering to be received this Sunday

The annual Thanksgiving special offering goes to support ministries of higher education through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Fourteen Disciples colleges and universities and seven theological institutions receive support from the Thanksgiving offering, which will be received Nov. 11 and Nov. 18. The offering helps to ensure that Disciples institutions of higher learning will continue to train the future leaders of the Church.

Disciples congregations are encouraged to prayerfully consider supporting the Thanksgiving offering and its significance to the unique Disciples witness in the world. For more information and offering resources, see: [Thanksgiving Resources](#).

### 5. Miracle Day Follow Up Work - Plumbers Still Needed!

Volunteers with plumbing expertise (and especially licensed plumbers) are still needed for completing the Cabin 1 & 2 bathroom additions. We would like to have the plumbing and fixtures installed by the end of December so that we can have carpenters in after January 1 to finish wallboard, etc. If you can volunteer any time within the next month, please contact Camp Director Becky Lewis at 217-739-2332 or [campcciw@yahoo.com](mailto:campcciw@yahoo.com). Thanks!

### 6. Christmas Offering Resources Available

The Christmas offering supports Regional ministry! In fact, 100% of all gifts to the Christmas offering support the work of the Region. We hope you'll help get the word out!

Regional ministry includes: camps for children & youth, shared mission projects like Miracle Day, helping congregations in times of crisis, helping congregations call their next pastor, developing leaders in the church. Regional staff serve as advisors, resource persons, pastors and friends to church leaders.

Offering materials are available on our website - bulletin inserts, posters, minutes for mission, and a planning guide. Visit these pages and place your order for additional materials. [Christmas Resources](#). A preliminary mailing to each congregation should arrive in the next week.

### 7. Our Mission Partners Coming to Visit

Bruce and Linda Hanson, our Global Mission Partners in Honduras, will be available for visits in our Region during February and March, 2008. Their work in education, health and nutrition has impacted the lives of many. Dates are available during the week as well as on the weekend, except for Feb. 25 and Feb. 28. If you would like to schedule a visit in your area, please contact Lois Whitaker at 217.824.6816 or email her at [JandLWhit@consolidated.net](mailto:JandLWhit@consolidated.net)

### 8. The Summer Collegium -

The application deadline is nearing for The Summer Collegium, a project in support of small congregations, to be held next summer, June 25-July 3, 2008. This nine-day, **all expenses paid** conference for clergy and their spouses or partners is open to those who pastor small congregations (100 or fewer average Sunday attendance) and are committed to small church ministry. This is an ecumenical project sponsored by the Lilly Endowment Inc. Applications may be downloaded from the Virginia Theological Seminary [website](#) or contact Marilyn Johns at [mjohns@vts.edu](mailto:mjohns@vts.edu) or phone 703-461-1760. Applications must be postmarked by December 15, 2007.

### 9. Women's Action Web - Young Women's Edition

Women's Action Web is a wonderful opportunity for young Disciple Women in the Illinois & Wisconsin Region to experience a leadership education event related to service, economic, racial, and justice issues. The event will be held in Chicago, IL, May 17- 24, 2008 at a cost of \$300 which includes all meals, housing, and donations to visited sites. This does not cover transportation, but for young women in this Region, the transportation should be minimal. Keynote leaders are: Leah Dewey and Rev. Olivia Bryan. Application deadline is January 15, 2008. More information and application forms can be found at: [Flyer Application Form](#)

### 10. Regional Prayer Concerns - Celebrations & Concerns

Please welcome **Mary Bible, new Administrative Assistant in the Regional Office**. Mary began work today and will be the one to greet you in the front office and usually the first one to answer the phone. She will assist Rev. Christal Williams and Scott Woolridge in their portfolios.

We received word today that Rev. Eleanor Ditrack has had a bad fall and is in Sr. Mary's hospital in Kankakee, IL. She has a broken wrist, leg, and hip. She is heavily sedated and is not having visitors at this time. Cards can be sent to her home in care of her husband: Rev. Howard Ditrack, 1083 W Hawkins St., Kankakee, IL 60901. Keep them in your prayers.

We also learned of the death of Mrs. Edith D. Warren, widow of the late Rev. Mack Warren, on October 15 at Meadows Mennonite Nursing Home in Chenoa, IL, at the age of 96. Rev. Mack

Warren served First Christian Church, Rushville, IL in the 1930s and Centennial Christian Church, Bloomington, IL , 1948- 1964. Memorial services were held for Mrs. Warren at Centennial Christian Church.

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