

Christian Church in IL & WI

CCIW News - May 10, 2007

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1. Time for the Pentecost Offering!

Time to support our many new church starts - over 500 started since 2001. Please help to tell the story of these new churches by using the posters, bulletin inserts, etc. at http://www.cciwdisciples.org/pentecost/order_form07.pdf

Also, explore the denominations new church ministry website at <http://www.newchurchministry.org> and click on links for the offering as well as other information.

The Pentecost Offering can be received in our churches on May 20th and 27th. If you'd like more information, please contact Scott Woolridge at scott@cciwdisciples.org

2. Washington Island Forum 2007

"Poetry, Story & Wisdom: The Changing & Competing Voices of Preaching Today" is the topic of the 2007 Washington Island Forum, July 9-13. Dr. Tom Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching at Emory University's Candler School of Theology is the presenter. For more information and the registration brochure, go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/Education/07WashIsForum.pdf>

Early Pre-Registration of \$200 is May 15th and \$225 thereafter. To assure a place in the Forum, and gather more information, go to: <http://www.wichurches.org> (click "events").

3. Free Pastor's Retreat?

Yes, it's true. Here's a ministry to ministers - a free week at a spiritual retreat - great food, self-directed spiritual growth in a beautiful bed-and-breakfast style setting. Several ministers from our Region have taken advantage of this miraculous gift and speak of its life-changing qualities. Really, it's free!

Want to know more? Want to recommend this to others? Visit their website to see locations and to request an invitation. <http://pastorsretreatnetwork.org>

Call the Regional Office for testimonials; 309-828- 6293

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4. Camp Walter Scott Prep Day

Please consider bringing a group from your church to help get Camp Walter Scott ready for summer camps. Saturday, May 19th beginning at 9 am people from the CCIW Region will gather to work through the many chores needing to be done. We need two shelters on the north side roofed. Any roofers in your group?

Other work needing to be done includes: gathering and splitting firewood, general cleaning of buildings/windows, sprucing up the chapel and various hiking trails, etc.

Please contact Becky by Wednesday, May 16 with the number coming from your church. This information is needed to make sure we have enough lunch provided. Call her at 217-739-2332 or email campcciw@yahoo.com by Wednesday, May 16. Check out the Camp's new website: <http://www.CampWalterScott.org>

5. Mission Trip News

Centennial Christian Church, Bloomington, will have a group going to Alderson, West Virginia, August 5-11. They will be working with the F.A.S.T. program and Disciples Volunteering on rehabing housing for the poor of Appalachia. For more information, contact Joe Culpepper, 309-828-2185 or pepperjetn@aol.com.

6. News Around the CCIW Region

Rev. Rebecca and Mr. Stephen Sundquist welcomed a new daughter into their home April 11, 2007. Olivia Bernice Sundquist weighed in at nine pounds and is now home with her sixteen month old sister. Everyone is doing well. Becky is the Associate Minister at First Christian Church, Springfield. She is currently on an eight week maternity leave. Cards and best wishes can be sent to the Sundquist family in care of First Christian Church, 700 S 6th St, Springfield, IL 62703.

LeRoy Weathersby, a member of United Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Country Club Hills where Howard Kennon is pastor, is one of only seven college-bound students in Illinois and one of 30 in the U.S. to achieve a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the February 2007 national test administration of the ACT. He attends Homewood-Flossmoor High School in Flossmoor, IL. (To visit United's website, go to: <http://www.uccdoc.org>) Cards of congratulations can be sent to LeRoy in care of United Christian Church, 4351 180th St, County Club Hills, IL 60478.

Rev. Darron Bowden is a licensed minister and the pastor of the 7:45 A.M. service at Park Manor Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Chicago where James Demus III is senior pastor. Rev. Bowden has recently been appointed a Judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County. (website: <http://www.cookcountycourt.org/about/index.html>) Cards of congratulations can be sent to Rev. Bowden in care of Park Manor Christian Church, 600 E 73rd St, Chicago, IL 60619.

7. Regional Prayer Concerns

In a CCIW Important News Request dated April 26, 2007, we asked your assistance in visiting the Schmidt family whose son Aric was at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Thanks to all of you who helped. The Regional Office received word this week that Aric and his family have returned to Oklahoma where he will continue outpatient therapy. At this time, it is uncertain if he will be able to return to his job with FEMA in Chicago. Please keep the family in your prayers.

The Regional Office received word of the death of Jim McKinney, pastor at First Christian Church, Olney. He died of a massive heart attack while visiting family in Springfield. His funeral was Saturday, May 5. Condolences can be sent to the McKinney family at 2003 Eastgate Street, Olney, IL 62450.