

# The Creeksider

The monthly newsletter of  
Plymouth Creek Christian Church



## Excerpt from Vision Statement by Teresa Hord Owens

July 9, 2017: The General Assembly voted to elect Rev. Teresa (Terri) Hord Owens as the next General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens  
Vision Statement (Excerpt)  
February 2017

John 17:23 – "...that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (NRSV)

Micah 6:8 – "[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (NRSV)

As we approach the 2017 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the election of a new General Minister and President, I write to share the vision that God has laid on my heart for our church as a candidate for the office of General Minister and President.

The vision of the movement that has become known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has always focused on the unity of believers, even amidst and in spite of differences that may seek to divide the church. We give each other permission to disagree and we offer love in all things. We declare that we are a pro-reconciliation and anti-racism church, and that we welcome all as God has welcomed us. In these ways, we have sought to live justly, in unity, in the midst of many differences. In these times in which we live, an active understanding of unity is even more important to our church, our movement in the U.S. and Canada, and around the world. John 17 has long been one of my favorite New Testament texts because I believe it sets forth the reason why we are to execute the Great Commission, and why we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus' prayer for unity is not to establish "kum-ba-yah" moments, "feel good" experiences that evaporate after we release our neighbor's hand. Jesus' intent and vision is that we are one "so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (John 17:23b, NRSV). Our striving for unity is perhaps the most powerful way in which we bear witness that the love of God is real and present in the world. If we can hold one another in community, even in the presence of tensions that result from human differences of various dimensions of identity, socio-economic status, geography, theology and politics, it should be our goal that the world will see in us what is possible through Christian love and unity. We can be an example to the world to say that we believe the gospel of Jesus Christ and his church are so important that we can work together despite those differences to ensure that God's message of love is shared and lived out in the world, as we work for justice for all. This is, I believe, what Jesus prayed for, and it is what I believe we are called to live out as disciples/Disciples of Christ.

(To read the complete Vision Statement go to <https://goo.gl/JdX21M>)

**PCCC Bike Ride**  
Aug. 5 10 AM  
French Regional Park



Pack a lunch, grab your **helmet** and bike, and join us for our first PCCC bike ride.

We will meet at French Regional Park outside the Visitors Center.

The plan is to do a relaxed pace ride on the Medicine Lake Regional Trail and then have a picnic lunch together. Plan on bringing your own lunch and, if you wish, a dessert to share.

# Joys & Concerns

- ~The City of Minneapolis residents and police officers and the issues they are facing
- ~Mark's aunts - Kimberly who is battling cancer, Jackie who is recovering from surgery
- ~Russ' friend Dez who is going through experimental cancer trials.
- ~Tom J's family following the death of his cousin.

# News & Events



## **A New Perspective: All Congregational Gathering 2017**

### **Christian Conference Center**

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Registration begins 9:00, Event: 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

**50th Anniversary Celebration** - Celebrate the history and ministry of the Christian Conference Center.

Activities will include a story booth, grounds tours, pictures through the decades, and a gigantic s'more!

**Inspiring** - Large Gathering for Worship with Keynote, Tiff Williams. Varied Ministries Building with opportunities and ideas for you and your congregation.

**Free** - Everything is free, Including Lunch and Lodging in cabins or tents (come Friday or stay over Saturday night - Call Lori at Regional Office for reservations or fill it in on your online Registration). Childcare (need to pre-register, you may sign up with your registration or call Lori at the Regional Office 515-255-3168).

**Fun** A "Midway" Activities for all ages. Inflatable bouncy games. Carnival Games. Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides!

**5K Walk-Run** at the Christian Conference Center (8:30 AM) (sign up with your registration)

**Education.** Workshops on various topics (including a Refugee Simulation, Starting a Pub Ministry, Mental Health Issues in our churches, ways to be involved in the 2019 General Assembly in Des Moines, and more!)

Be Involved—Bring an Idea from Your Church  
Tell Your Ministry Story  
Display Your Art

**SHARE YOUR MINISTRY IDEA in a BOOTH** at our "Varied Ministries Building" - What is happening in your church? What is working? How are you following Christ in your community or world? Sign up online on the event registration form or email Bill Spangler-Dunning; .

**SHARE YOUR ART** at our regional art crawl. Do you or does your congregation have something to display that celebrates the visual arts? Register your piece(s) to display it for the weekend.

**REGISTRATIONS** online or in your church office.  
[www.uppermidwestcc.org](http://www.uppermidwestcc.org)



### **Donate Back to School Supplies for Local Kids**


Aug. 1-19 is Interfaith Outreach's annual Back to School collection to set up local students for success! While out shopping or preparing your kids for the start of the school year, consider picking up extra supplies for kids served by Interfaith Outreach's Back to School drive. Drop off supplies Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at 1605 County Road 101 N in Plymouth. Find a list of most-needed items and an easy way to shop via Amazon at [iocp.org/backtoschool](http://iocp.org/backtoschool). Can you volunteer? Help sort incoming school supplies and pack bags, assist with registration or distribution, or be on the cleanup crew – various dates in August and September. Sign up for one or more shifts at [iocp.org/backtoschool](http://iocp.org/backtoschool). Thank you! Interfaith Outreach Furniture Sale – Shop, Donate, Volunteer!

### **Learn More, Get Engaged**

Behind the Scenes at Interfaith Outreach  
Interfaith Outreach invites you to a VIP, behind-the-scenes tour. Are you a community member wanting to get more connected? Join us Tuesday, Aug. 8, noon-1 p.m. at our offices. Take a tour, learn more about Interfaith Outreach's wonderful resources, and discover how you can be a part of the excitement and care that takes place every day.

Lunch is included, so registration is required to attend this free event. Sign up online at [iocp.ejoinme.org/TuesdayTours](http://iocp.ejoinme.org/TuesdayTours) or call 763-489-7515. Interfaith Outreach is located at 1605 County Road 101 N in Plymouth.

# August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Sundays at 10 AM		1	2	3	4	5 PCCC Bike Ride 
	6 Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Isaiah 55:1-5 and Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	7	8	9	10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALISON J	11
13 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 and Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33	14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOIS S Board Meeting 6:30 PM	15	16	17	18	19
20 Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28	21	22	23	24	25 All Congregational Gathering 2017	26 HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRETA W All Congregational Gathering 2017
27 Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Psalm 124 Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2

## Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Presiding Worship Leader	Assisting Worship Leader	Comm Prep & Clean-Up	Servers/ Ushers	Servers/ Ushers	Worship Facilitator	Servant Leader	Bus Driver
8/6/2017	Al J	Pete B	Wanda B	Richard S & Don B	Tom J & Matt J	Tom J	Donna Je	Russ W
8/13/2017	John F	Julia F	Mike B	Bob M & Richard S	Carsten I & Kim W	Carsten I	Deb K	Richard S
8/20/2017	Donna Ja	Tom J	Debbie L	Carlos O & Matt J	Bob M & Don B	Bob B	LeAnn V	Carlos O
8/27/2017	Glenda G	Carlos O	Marian T	Tom J & Matt J	Carsten I & Kim W	Tom J	Donna Ja	Russ W

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*Come shine with us!*

Our core mission is to experience and share the joy of knowing God deeply, loving all God's children, and welcoming all to our Table.

As we do this, our God-Sized Vision is to become a beacon of Christian openness and service in the northwestern suburbs.

**Come shine with us!**