


The Creeksider

The monthly newsletter of
Plymouth Creek Christian Church



A word regarding Charlottesville

Posted on August 14, 2017

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.

Thoughts on transgender service in military

Posted on August 26, 2017 at 10:07 pm.

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I am disturbed by the recent events in the United States where we continue to see human beings subjected to acts of prejudice, hate, bigotry and discrimination. Scripture affirms that all people are created in the image of God and share with all others in the worth that comes from being unique individuals; (Gen. 1:26-27). And Christ commands to love one another as Christ has loved us (John 13:34-35). By this, all people will know that we are his disciples. And so, we re-affirm the humanity of transgender persons.

Service to an individual’s country should not be dependent on gender identity, but rather a willingness and ability to serve. Though the door was officially opened just last year, there are many transgender individuals who have served, and are currently serving, in the armed forces with honor and distinction. Regardless of our varying political ideologies or theological perspectives, Holy Scripture affirms that all people are created in the image of God and share with all others in the worth that comes from being unique individuals. In this fragmented world, may the unconditional love and amazing grace of God through Jesus Christ be the foundation of the witness we make together as we journey toward wholeness.

September 17 Potluck

Last Initial	Bring
Q-Z	Main Dish
A-H	Salads and Side Dishes
I-P	Bread, Desserts, Condiments and Beverages



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Joys & Concerns

~Wanda's sister Nancy: infection in her catheter so she is back in the hospital. She needs a new one, but has few viable veins.

~Russ' friend Dez has been accepted into a new cancer treatment trial.

~Russ' brother Robbie - will be moving into a new house soon. Both a joy and concern as hope transition goes well.

~Richard's relative Sandra - dealing with bone cancer, but has recently had a new procedure done that went well.

~Shirley - continued prayers for her as she is back home but still has some health issues following her recent heart attack.

~Joy that Deb's son Nick is coming home from serving overseas.

News & Events

Upper Midwest
Christian
Women's
Fall
Retreat



Sep 22 at 7 PM to Sep 24 at 1 PM

Koronis Ministries Camp & Retreat Center
15752 Lake Ave, Paynesville, Minnesota

What is Fall Retreat?

Each autumn Christian women gather for a weekend away from the everyday. We learn, pray, sing, play, rest, and build relationships (and let someone else make our meals). A Keynote Speaker shares her message throughout the weekend. This year, Rev. Alison Phillips Robuck of North Little Rock, AR, will share her expertise as a Certified Natural Health Practitioner and former Disciples Pastor. Our Retreat Chaplain, this year Rev. Laurie Feille of First Christian Church, Minneapolis, stitches together each part of our days with prayer, reflection, and worship.

Who is it for?

Our community welcomes older youth, our elders, and everyone in between. We come from around the Midwest (MN, IA, SD, ND) ... and we like to carpool! We identify as Christian women of the Disciples of Christ denomination or those open to building relationship with us and with God.

Why Retreat?

At retreat, we experience laughter and tears and friendships like in no other time or place. For some of us, Retreat has become a tradition, a required touchpoint in our year. Also, you deserve it!

This year, learn how to take better care of you, each other, and The Other. This September, step away to where you can focus, and re-focus, and return home renewed.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!!



Volunteer with Youth | Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners

Homework Club – Nearly 100 volunteers are needed to help students (K-5) complete their homework, gain confidence in school and form meaningful relationships. Individuals from diverse backgrounds encouraged to apply; our youth love having mentors and role models who look and sound like them. Open to high school and adult volunteers. No previous tutoring experience is required (training is provided). Contact us now to begin volunteering in the fall.

STRIVE Mentor — Mentor Orono High School students over the lunch hour (monthly) and during additional one-on-one communication in an effort to improve student performance related to attendance, attitude, GPA and participation. 75 minute meeting over lunch hour 1 time per month, September-May.

Compass Mentor – Serve as a mentor for local high school youth in a business class. Looking for volunteers with graphic communications and business experience to assist those entering the workforce with a different approach to learning. Attend 2-3 mentor activities and email or meet with a mentee a least once a week for one semester.

Children's Play Area – Supervise and play with children (ages 0-8) in our lobby play room. Check in children and supervise while parents access our resources. Middle school youth are welcome to volunteer with a parent. Mondays and Tuesdays 3-5 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays 9 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays 4-6 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Sundays at 10 AM				Choir Practice Thursdays at 7 pm	1	2
3 Exodus 3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b • Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8 • Romans 12:9-21 • Matthew 16:21-28	4 Labor Day	5 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY SARAH J</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARK K</i>
10 Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149 • Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40 • Romans 13:8-14 • Matthew 18:15-20	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY AL J</i>
17 Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 • Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13 • Romans 14:1-12 • Matthew 18:21-35	18 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY KAY B</i>	19 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY BECKY B</i>	20 <i>Happy Anniversary Amy & Kenny F</i>	21	22	23 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY MATTHEW J</i>
24 Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 • Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8 • Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOLA N</i>	25	26	27	28	29 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY DONNA JA</i>	30 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHARON J + GRETCHEN W</i>
Oct 1	2 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEBBIE L</i>	3	4	5	6	7 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEANNE J</i>

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Presiding Worship Leader	Assisting Worship Leader	Comm Prep & Clean-Up	Servers/ Ushers	Servers/ Ushers	Worship Facilitator	Servant Leader	Bus Driver
9/3/2017	LeAnn V	Russ W	Mike B	Richard S & Don B	Tom J & Matt J	Tom J	Deb K	Richard S
9/10/2017	Al J	Julia F	Jeanne J	Bob M & Richard S	Carsten I & Kimberly W	Carsten I	LeAnn V	Carlos O
9/17/2017	Glenda G	Pete B	Debbie L	Carlos O & Matt J	Bob M & Don B	Carlos O	Donna Je	Russ W
9/24/2017	Donna Je	Sarah J	Wanda B	Tom J & Matt J	Carsten I & Kimberly W	Tom J	Deb K	Richard S

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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.

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