



The Woodland Echoes

Discussion and Discernment

Ordination of Gay Clergy in Kentucky

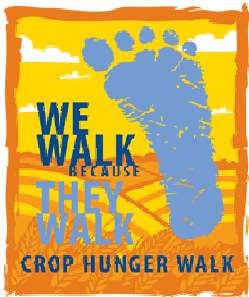
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The Elders of Woodland Christian Church

All Kentucky Disciples churches have been invited. Our time together will include: worship, viewing "The Bible Tells Me So," followed by Biblical reflections by Dr. Lisa Davison, discussion and a panel presentation.

Saturday, September 19, 2009

1:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M. (dinner following)



CROP Hunger Walk is September 27th!

Woodland will be participating in the CROP (Christian Response to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 27th to raise awareness and funds to

fight hunger around the block and around the world. Youth from Woodland will join with other youth groups in Lexington here at church at **1:30 P.M.** to put together signs and talk about the issue of hunger before we walk at **3 P.M.** All are welcome to join in the walk and find people to sponsor you, or you can sponsor one of our youth who are walking!

The CROP Walk motto is "We walk because they walk." Well, who are "they" in the motto? They are the 854 million people who go to bed hungry every night. They are people just like you, but because of people they must walk to accomplish the most basic tasks. A CROP hunger walk is fun, but it is also an opportunity to learn what millions of people have to do each day just to survive- they walk. We will be walking 2.4 miles from Second Presbyterian around Lexington in honor of all those that walk much farther every day just to eat.

If you are interested in walking you can pick up information in the foyer. If you have any questions please contact Kathryn or Dalene.

Woodland T-shirts are coming!

Tee-shirts with the Woodland logo will be available for sale in the coming weeks. There will be forms for preorders of size and color. Watch for them very soon.

Christmas in September??: Woodland Worship Retreat

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel", "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "Joy to the World"...."and she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes",...."Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace"

Oh what a rich and meaningful season, those Sundays of Advent and Christmas! And YOU are invited to participate in the weaving together of worship for that time! On **Saturday, September 26 from 10am – 1pm** join others for the first Woodland Worship retreat at Dalene's home. We'll look at the scriptures for each Sunday in December, brainstorm ideas, list music possibilities and whatever else the Spirit brings!

Sunday school is off and running and there is a place for YOU!

We're thrilled to announce the new curriculum "Gather 'Round: Hearing and Sharing God's Good News" for our children and youth! Classes are as follows:

Pre-kinder: Lead teacher Jan Cole

Kinder – 2nd grade: Lead teacher Brenda Moors

3rd – 5th grade: Lead teacher Debbie James

Youth: Lead teacher Kathryn Welch

Be sure to arrive at 9:30 for the opening session with music led by Steve Johnson!

Adult Learning Opportunities

Hayes Farish Class

Will be continuing to use the curriculum "The Present Word", a bible study series that applies scripture to daily life. Meets in the Hays Farish room on the 2nd floor.

Seekers and Shapers

Will rotate topics, from current event issues to bible study to book study.

September 6 -20 we will explore health care reform from a faith perspective

Following this three week class, we will have a six week class on the book of Revelation. After that, we will be reading Marcus Borg's book, "The Heart of Christianity". Class meets in the library on the 2nd floor.

Parent Class

Something new this year! We've ordered the parent guide that parallels the curriculum our children are using. Class meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Yak

~KATHRYN WELCH

REMINDER: Next Youth Group will be **September 20th.**

- ♦ Thank you to Debbie James for providing pizza for us at our first meeting on August 23rd!



THERE IS STILL COFFEE

FOR SALE! Please sign up to purchase coffee on the sign up sheet outside the sanctuary, or e-mail Kathryn at khwelch10@transy.edu with your order. When you sign up

include how much you would like, and the youth will seek you out with your order! One 12 oz. bag of coffee is \$7, a box of tea bags is \$4, and a can of loose leaf tea is \$5. All coffee and tea is fair trade. All of the profits go to the youth mission trip fund.

Thank You!

Dear Woodland Family,

The word "Thanks" is so inadequate to express our gratitude to you for your many expressions of concern and sympathy in calls, cards, flowers, and visits during Landon's journey through more than a year of illness, hospitalizations, and Hospice that ended on August 4th. The "Celebration of His Life" on August 13th at Woodland made it a great day to remember for all of us. Much Love!

Del Osborne and Family

A Fresh, New Look!

Have you stopped by the parlor or youth room recently? Both have coats of fresh paint! Thanks so much to Elizabeth Slone for coordinating the clean up and painting of the parlor. It's such a beautiful, inviting, relaxing space now! And thanks to the Youth for cleaning up and painting their room – it looks really cool! Good work, all!

The Pastor's Pen

It seems like each day I am learning something new about this community we are coming to call 'home'. When people learn that we've recently moved here, they invariably ask, "How do you like Lexington?" There's often a tone of anticipation – a desire to hear the 'right' answer that this is a wonderful place to live. I'm happy to report that I have so far given the 'right' answer! (Overlooking the mosquitoes, humidity, poison ivy and spiders.)

On Sunday evening, August 30, I found myself feeling more of an ownership to my past responses of, "Oh, yes, Lexington is a wonderful place to live." Not that I hadn't really felt that before, but it grew stronger that evening as I sat in prayer with people from different denominations and different faiths. The occasion was the Inter-faith Prayer Service for Hope and Health Care Reform, sponsored by the Kentucky Council of Churches, hosted by Central Baptist Church. Among the speakers that evening were Rabbi Marc Kline of Temple Adath Israel, Rev. Kenneth Golphin of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Imam Ihsan Bagby, Professor of Islamic Studies at UK, and Rev. Tanya Tyler, Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky.

We were a diverse group that evening, yet we set aside our diversity and came together around a common issue – health care reform. Each speaker gave a brief summary of how their faith tradition addressed the issue of health care reform. As each spoke, it was apparent that, whether Jewish or Christian or Bahai or Muslim, health care reform is a moral – not a partisan – issue. At the core of each faith is the responsibility to take care of the most vulnerable in society. A one page statement of "A Faith-Inspired Vision of Health Care" from the evening is posted on the bulletin board outside of the main office.

Below is the primary opening statement: *As people of faith, we envision a society where each person is afforded health, wholeness, and human dignity. That vision embraces a system of health care that is inclusive...accessible...affordable...and accountable.*

How wonderful it is to set aside our differences and be filled with a vision of shalom – wholeness – for all of God's children.

For more information from the faith community about Health Care Reform:

To download additional resources visit: WWW.Faithfulreform.org

To see what our General Minister and President is saying visit: WWW.disciples.org/ogmp

To view the policy statement of the Kentucky Council of Churches, please visit: http://www.kycouncilofchurches.org/Policies/Health_Care.pdf

For other information visit: WWW.faithforhealth.org

Hope Mobile Help

There is a new sign up board in the Narthex for HOPE Mobile sandwiches. Please sign up for a Monday to bring in 40 sandwiches for the HOPE Mobile.

Keeping Up with Church News:

If you are not receiving the Weekly E-minder, please e-mail the church office at woodlandchurch@qx.net so we can get you on the list!

If you do not have e-mail but would like to receive a weekly update in the mail, please call the church office at (859) 266-3416.

In Other News

Festival A Success!

The Art Festival went very smoothly this year. This was due to the wonderful volunteers who each helped in ways both big and small. Each task that you did made our jobs easier. A special thanks to Mike Spencer and Rita Day who spent 3 long and busy days doing anything we asked of them and jumped in to take care of even more. This year, we filled all booths available, even though three vendors were unable to attend due to personal illness and family emergencies. Please keep them in your prayers.

The older youth and helpers had space in the festival information booth to sell free trade coffee from the Disciples Coffee Project to the public. We hear that Woodland folks were a large part of their sales and we encourage everyone to let Woodland be your place to shop for coffee and tea.

How did we do financially? We did very well even with hot temperatures and a cool economy! All the figures are not final but a early-bird estimate follows:

Net Income for General Fund: \$ 12,000

Net Income for Youth Group: \$ 1,829



Again, thank you for your support and making it a great festival year!

~Steve and Scotty Coon

Complete Circle

A group of Woodland Women meet on the first Wednesday of each month in Fellowship Hall. The meeting time is 2:00 PM. We have a good time with fellowship and service and then have a study led by one of our members. Currently we are reviewing and discussing articles that have appeared in "Just Women", a new Disciple World publication. We use the study guides that are available for the articles. The articles discuss and report on very current issues for women and others in our culture. All are welcome. Come and give it a try or just visit to see what we are about.

Foundation Gift Received

In August, on behalf of the Woodland Christian Church Foundation, Tim Diachun presented to the church a check for the amount of \$16,400! The funds were income from Foundation investments for the previous fiscal year. The amount will be divided into 5 categories as outlined in the Foundation charter;

20% to support the operational budget,

20% to outreach,

20% to retire any debt on church property,

20% for maintenance and improvement projects on church property,

20% for programs and causes as recommended by the Church Elders.

To learn more about the Foundation, pick up a brochure outside the main office. "Woodland Christian Church Foundation – helping Disciples make a difference" – yes, indeed!

Welcome to Woodland!

Our Welcoming (Evangelism) Committee has begun making plans for this year.

We want to make certain that visitors feel welcome and have the opportunity to have any questions they may have answered. If you would like to be in on what we are doing or have some ideas for welcoming visitors please come to our next meeting. It will be **September 16** at church at **7:00 PM**.

Jackie Diachun, Chairperson

JOY is back on the Road!

Our group of Just Older Youth or JOY will be going to Louisville on Thursday, September 23. We will stop for lunch on the way, probably at Our Best Restaurant, and then head to The Little Loom House. It is a home on the National Register of Historic Places and is the home and center for textile art and education. It also is the place where twin sisters wrote "Happy Birthday" many years ago. We will gather at church at 10:00 am and travel together in a van to Louisville. We will return to church by 4:30 PM. Admission for a tour of the house and other buildings is \$3.50. All who are available and interested are invited to participate. Questions and reservations can be directed to Dorothy Drury or Jackie Diachun.

Disciples News

Reconciliation Ministry Offering Is Approaching



Many Members, ONE TABLE

"Many Members, One Table" is the theme for this year's Reconciliation Ministry offering, which will be received in congregations on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. Funds from the offering support the Church's effort to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church advancing the Church's identity as "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world."

On Sunday, Oct. 4, Disciples churches will celebrate the Lord's Supper in unity and solidarity with Christians in this country and abroad as part of World Communion Sunday. Disciples will enact the theme, "Many Members, One Table" as they share in World Communion Sunday as one family of God, accepting the gift of reconciliation while offering our gifts to the Ministry of Reconciliation. To learn more, go to

www.reconciliationministry.org

***Woodland will be collecting the offering on October 4th, World Communion Sunday and October 11.**

World Convention Names William McDonald Interim Executive Director

The World Convention of Churches of Christ has named a longtime Disciples minister Bill McDonald as interim executive director. The World Convention of Churches works to build fellowship among three streams of the Stone-Campbell movement, the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, the Churches of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

McDonald of Lexington, Ky., serves as a Disciples representative in the Stone-Campbell Dialogue. He was a minister in Disciples churches for 42 years, retiring in 2008. He worked at Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Lexington from 1995 to 2008. For more, go to www.worldconvention.org/executivedirector.htm

Faith Community Health Care Call Reaches 300,000 People

Disciples were among hundreds of thousands of people of faith who participated in a health care call-in and live audio webcast about health care reform. The Aug. 19 call included comments from President Barack Obama as well as leaders from numerous religious denominations and organizations.

An estimated 144,000 listened to the webcast that helped launch the "40 Days For Health Reform" campaign, which can be viewed at faithforhealth.org The campaign's goal is to get more people of faith to urge Congress to complete the work on health care reform. It is now estimated that since last Wednesday's airing, the broadcast has been played a total of 300,000 times.

General Minister and President Sharon Watkins participated on the call. Cynthia Hale, senior pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Decatur, Ga., also was among faith leaders on the call and read scripture. To listen to the faith community conference call or find out more, go to www.disciples.org/ogmp, and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Disciples Women Are Gearing Up For '2010 Quadrennial Assembly'



Disciples women have gathered every four years for worship, study and mission for more than half a century. Registration is now open for the next major gathering of

women, the "2010 Quadrennial Assembly," which will take place June 23-27 in Greensboro, N.C. The Quadrennial Assembly gives an opportunity for women (and a few men) to enjoy outstanding speakers, gifted teachers, inspiring music and an opportunity to enlarge their circle of faithful women.

The theme of the gathering is "Awake! Awake!" Since 1957 the Quadrennial Assembly has allowed women from across the United States and Canada and beyond to become friends. Keeping in line with the Quadrennial Assembly's theme, women will be challenged to awake to new ways of living out their Christian faith in these days and "for such a time as this." To register or get more details, go to: www.quadrennial.org

Depend on God and each other through prayer and fellowship.

Need the gifts and vision of others to join with our own

Act to better God's world

Love, celebrate and nurture God's children

communion

Deepen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, study and

Overcome our human imperfections to spread God's love

Open our hearts and minds to God's direction for us

Welcome all

At Woodland, we

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