



First Christian Church of Orange
Disciples of Christ

Church Life

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An Invitation

***JANUARY 23, 2011
and
JANUARY 30, 2011***

*Each year during the
month of January our
congregation transitions
into a new year.*



LEADERSHIP SUNDAY

Those elected at the Congregational Meeting last December will be installed on January 23, and begin their work. Likewise, we will acknowledge and offer our appreciation to those who have served this past year.

*In addition to installing and celebrating leadership, we will also consecrate two of our members as Emeritus Elders...
Clyde Barton and Mary Lou Savage.*

In this Church Life, on Page 3, are descriptions of the various ministries with which you can be involved. We hope that you will seriously consider joining one of these ministries. We are called to serve, no matter what our age, economic status or circumstance. On Sunday, January 30, there will be tables in the Courtyard for each of these ministries. Please spend some time talking with the leaders involved and signing up to serve.

If you have served on a committee or team this past year, we ask that you consider continuing in this service, or trying another area for utilizing your gifts. We invite every person in our congregation to be involved in a ministry.

Keeping in Touch...

GUEST COLUMN...

God's Heart Was the First to Break - 01/10/2011

From General Minster and President Sharon Watkins



God's heart was the first to break – when one young man decided to pull the trigger and when his victims began to fall. Now a nation is in shock and grief. We are reminded again how fleeting is life and how enduring the patterns of human nature, both for good and for harm. A US Representative known for her openness, kindness, and care; a child at the very budding of her incredible promise; a deacon and pillar of his local congregation putting his own body between his wife and the shooter... In all 20 persons dead or wounded by one very broken young man. In times like these people of faith turn to God who made us, who loves us still, and we ask, "Why?"

It's still too early to have a clear picture of why. Perhaps it has to do with the general tenor of political discourse where, as Jim Wallis said to me, "We find it too easy to say 'I'm right and you're evil.'" Perhaps there was a particular bent reason in the mind of this young man that pushed him to this specific timing and target. Some will certainly argue that the fault lies with him alone. Others will look more to the societal context that may have given rise to this awful event. There is surely some truth to both perspectives.

In the meantime, as we wait for more information, as we struggle to understand, we pray:

- prayers of praise to God who intends that life would be good and who walks closely with us when it is not;
- prayers of confession of our own tendency to vilify our enemies and to fear those we do not understand;
- prayers of petition for healing for those wounded in the attack, for the families and friends of those who have died, for the family of the man who shot them – and for him;
- prayers for our leaders – spiritual and political – that they will have clear minds and pure hearts, leading the way in cleansing our national political dialogue of hatred, disrespect, and personal attack.

And we act – as Body of Christ and individually members of it – remembering that each time we rise from the Lord's Table we have been reconstituted and recommissioned as Body of Christ for the world. As Body of Christ we attempt to hear one another in respect, and to work with one another to solve the problems that vex us – to be a movement for wholeness. As Body of Christ we seek to reveal the Reign of God at hand, working for justice, peace and care for all our neighbors. As Body of Christ we look upon each one of those neighbors, those with whom we agree and those with whom we disagree, and see on each face the image of God. In this heartbreaking time, let us act in keeping with that image also revealed in us. In God's image, let us be a movement for wholeness and healing and hope.

COME WORSHIP WITH US

"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Arms"

January 16, 2011

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Being a disciple of Jesus is something we generally chose to do. First we were invited, and then we invited others. Most of us had little clue about where it would lead us, yet we still made the decision to follow. When would it end? Do we ever get to retire from this work we are called to do?

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinth. 1:1-9 **John 1:29-42**

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **David and Vickie Burch, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrave, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

January 23, 2011

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary
LEADERSHIP SUNDAY

Jesus begins his ministry by reaching out and calling a group of people to work with him as his disciples. It's amazing how people just got up and followed...

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinth. 1:10-18 **Matt. 4:12-23**

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Gabe Spuckes and Bev Cramer, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrave, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

January 30, 2011

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Have you ever been tent-camping? Most of us have, even if only once before determining never to do it again. And there are rules to follow if you habitat the great outdoors. So what is the Psalmist getting at? Come and see!

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8 **Psalm 15**
1 Corinth. 1:18-31 Matt. 5:1-12

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Michelle Stillson, Nicole Allbee, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrave, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

SERVING IN THE CHURCH...

Would you consider being a part of one of these committees? Most of them meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. They are each chaired by a member of the Leadership Board.

Care and Nurture: Provides a welcoming environment for fellowship by putting on receptions, arranging outings, and hosting events at the church i.e. Easter Sunday Reception, Mother's Day Recognition, Dads and Grads Reception, summer Concert on the Lawn, Chili Cook-Off, and Christmas Progressive Dinner.

Christian Education: Provides educational opportunities, including the Searchers Class on Sunday mornings using a variety of topics and people, and oversees the Worship and Wonder program for our children; honors teachers and graduates in worship, and connects campers and church members during camp and conference weeks.

Christian Action and Outreach: Decides which local charities to receive contributions; coordinates the collection of funds for special offerings; puts on projects for the needy; and collects "loose change" each Sunday for Mary's Kitchen, Laurel House, Beverly's House, CASA, Meals on Wheels, AIDS Service Foundation, Project Hope School, FCCO Stephen Ministry, The Sheepfold, Second Harvest Food Bank, and OC Rescue Mission.

Worship: Shapes our morning worship, decides the church décor and designs special services, including festival seasons of the year. In addition there is a Worship Planning Team that enhances and coordinates the scriptures and themes.

Membership: Welcomes visitors and new members; provides a new member get-together; provides name tags for members and regular attenders.

Stewardship and Finance: Reviews income and spending monthly to assure compliance with the budget; plans and executes annual Stewardship Campaign; coordinates and promotes giving within the guidelines of Bequests, Charitable Trusts, and Charitable Gift Annuities.

Buildings and Grounds: Cares for and monitors the buildings and grounds in order to recommend changes to enhance the church; sits on improvement committees i.e. the courtyard remodel; acquires bids for recommended improvements.

Communications: Maintains the church's website; coordinates public relations and publications, and deals with all public areas.

Memorials and Gifts: Reviews monetary needs and determines out of which fund monies should be spent; facilitates the Scholarship Program and all Memorials and Gifts designations.

Special Ministries

There are other ways to be involved in our church and its ministries...

Disciples Women: Our church women get together for lunch each month at noon. They also have 4 smaller groups that meet dealing with spiritual study and socializing. The meeting times vary according to members' needs.

Disciples Men: Our men meet after church two Sundays a month and make sandwiches for Mary's kitchen. They collect coats in the winter; they provide the annual Pancake Breakfast held on the Saturday before Easter.

Diaconate: The Diaconate prepares, serves, and cleans up each Sunday's communion service; as well, they provide a member to accompany an Elder at monthly Home Communion visits. The Diaconate service is a one to three year commitment. If you are interested in this ministry, speak with Diaconate Chair Suzanne Vaugine or Moderator Gabe Spuckes.

Sunday Night Together: This caring ministry provides meals for homeless and hungry people on the 4th Sunday of each month. This is a "hands-on" direct ministry that requires no training!

Music: FCCO has wonderful music opportunities. Our Minister of Music, Dean Shepard, invites you to share your musical talents. He directs the Chancel Choir and 2 Handbell Choirs, and arranges special instrumental pieces. Jazmine Harnishfeger directs the Youth and Children's Choir.

Bible Study: Small groups are offered for learning and support. You are welcome to join, or to offer your talents as a teacher. Speak with one of the pastors about this opportunity.

Tender Mercies Ministry: Provides food and receptions for persons or families experiencing loss or death. A hands-on caring ministry.

Amazin' Grays: Meets once a month for food, fellowship and learning. Coordinated by a team of volunteers.

Office Support: Assistance in the church office with newsletters, mailings, etc. Coordinated by Linda Smith, our Administrative Secretary.

Happenings

DISCIPLES WOMEN

JANUARY STUDY GROUPS

DISCIPLE WOMEN GENERAL MTG.

ALL CHURCH INVITED – MEN & WOMEN
Saturday, January 15, 2011, 9 AM to 12 PM.
"REVELATIONS: REVEALED" Ron Farmer, Dean of All Faith Chapel and Professor of Religion at Chapman University

DISCIPLES WOMEN YOUNG AT HEART GROUP

Sunday, January 16, 2011, 2:00 PM - FSR

DISCIPLES WOMEN KOINONIA GROUP

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 7:00 PM - FSR
FSR - Diane Frances, Hostess

DISCIPLES WOMEN BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 27, 2011, 9:30 AM - FSR

The Disciples Women Study Leader for January is Cheri Stevens.

SAVE THE DATE - QUILTS FOR VALOR!!

Saturday, February 5, 2011, 9:00 AM to 12 PM - FSR. We will be making quilts for our veterans.



AMAZIN' GREYS

This year, **Chapman University** will be celebrating 150 years of offering quality education to students. Since its founding in 1861, Chapman has had a fascinating history of name changes, location changes, growth and development. On January 19, 2011, Dean of the Leatherby Libraries, Charlene Baldwin, will take us on this unique journey. Lunch is at 11:30 AM, in the Fireside Room. Cost is \$8.00. Be sure to make your reservation by calling Marge Carter or the Church office (714-538-9681).



I can not begin to thank each of you for all the lovely cards and messages I received for my birthday, so please accept this for my appreciation. You made my turning 90 very special instead of as scary as it sounds.

Bless you for your thoughtfulness.

- Mary Ida McReynolds



SEARCHER'S CLASSES

LUTHER AND OUR PROTESTANT HERITAGE with ROY BULLOCK and GAYLA McDOWELL

A six-week series began in the Searcher's Class on January 9, 2011. Mark your calendars so you don't miss another session: **January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 2011, at 9:00 AM in Room 2A.**

One of the thought provoking topics we will discuss is comparing and contrasting the life and work of Martin Luther with Jesus. I have found this most intriguing. In a recent conversation with Gayla McDowell, I learned of her interest and background in studying Martin Luther, so I asked her to co-lead the sessions with me. She has an impressive background in several areas of academics studies, and we look forward to working with and learning from her.

2011 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 16, 2011 at 4 PM, Pasadena Christian Church, 789 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA. (North of the 210 (Foothill) Freeway) **Guest Speaker:** Belva Brown Jordan, M.Div., Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services, Instructor in Ministry Studies.

JAM GROUP

The Jam Group started in the fall of 2010, as another way for our congregation to get involved in leading worship. We meet every other Sunday from 2:30-3:30 PM, in the Chapel. Meetings will resume on January 23. We play tradition Songs of Worship music, as well as other more contemporary pieces. All members are welcomed to join us, regardless of experience. Come check us out and have fun singing and playing your favorite songs!
- Jazmine Harnishfeger



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

After a brief hiatus, Young Adult Bible Study will resume this Sunday, January 16, 2011, at 8:30 PM, in Room 2D.

More Happenings and News from the Pews

December 26, 2010

Communion Prayer

Thank you God for your gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We come to this table of hope to nourish ourselves.



As we partake of this bread and this cup, let us remember your everlasting love for us. And, in the sharing of these elements, we recapture who we are: We are a community who have been reconciled to one another; who forgives our wrongs against each other; who speak out against violence and injustice; who share our resources with one another; who know that in Christ all our differences are nothing before your all-encompassing love. So, that regardless of background, bank account or job, race, gender or nationality, age, education or politics, we are yours in Christ. Be our guide as we continue thru our daily lives remembering that this bread and cup sustain our spirit of peace and compassion. Amen.

- Linda Tuman

Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on these gifts; that your divine love which flows through us guide these offerings to those you want us to reach. May they see a light in the darkness - the real light that comes into the world and shines on all people and enables us to feel Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love, and to glimpse God over and over again each day. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen. Suzanne Vaugine

SAVE THE DATE(S)

For the Leadership Board:

January 22, 2011 - FCCO New Leadership Orientation, 8 AM to 9 AM (FSR)

January 22, 2011 - FCCO Leadership Board Retreat, 9 AM to 3 PM (FSR)

January 22, 2011 - New Diaconate Training, immediately after Worship (FSR)

January 23, 2011 - Leadership Sunday

February 18 to 21, 2011 - FEB Camp at Pilgrim Pines

March 11 to 12, 2011 - PSWR Disciples Women Convocation, Doubletree Hotel, Orange

March 18 to 19, 2011 - Founders Day at Chapman University

April 29 to May 1, 2011- PSWR Men's Retreat at Loch Leven

July 9 to 13, 2011 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY in Nashville, TN

OUR CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for: **Mary Walker, Gwen Shaw, Mary Dotson, Ken and Lois Worden, Paul Roberts, Doris Luraschi, Nikolas Mills, Betty Gregg,** and . . .

Tom Gregg - recovering from fall from which he suffered a fractured right shoulder and bad cut on his right hand. Also prayers asked for Betty's and Tom's caregivers, **Joseph and Rebecca.**

Mark Kamp - recovering from surgery to repair broken ankle.

Eileen Vincent - will have 4 surgeries on January 11, 2011, at 11:00 am., at St. Joseph Hospital.

Dennis Layton - Lymphatic cancer. (Suzanne Vaugine's friend)

Bruce Williams - prayers for step-brother who started Chemo for his lung cancer. (Christine Baker)

Olivia Updegrove - dealing with postpartum depression.

From Sunday:

Family of Rhodes Brown - life support discontinued. (Derwood Johnson's brother)

Bill Nothwang - younger brother, Keith (Age 71) passed away in Santa Rosa from skin cancer.

Ron Sands - is home from hospital. Will continue with heart monitoring at St. Joseph Heart Center. (Janet Sands)

Chris Coleman/The Other Guy - Chris was in an accident Friday night. Chris is just sore. The other party pulled out in front of him and Chris T-boned the Honda with his F-150. The other guy was to have reported to the Army on Saturday, but his broken shoulder will prevent that. (Judy and Paul Coleman)

OUR CELEBRATIONS

From Sunday:

Floyd Hedrick - my granddaughter, Michelle and daughter-in-law Jasmin are here with me today.



Kids & Youth!

REGULAR SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

3:30 PM	CHILDREN'S Choir (Chapel)
4:00 PM	KIDS' Groups
4:30 PM	YOUTH Choir (Chapel)
5:30 PM	YOUTH Groups

DISCIPLES WOMEN - AN INVITATION

As Membership Chairman of the DISCIPLES WOMEN in our church, I would like to invite you to join us! The DISCIPLES WOMEN meet to seek spiritual growth, provide service to others, and to develop closer friendships with the women of our church.

Here is some information about DISCIPLES WOMEN:

We all gather one time a month for our General Meeting. This is usually on the second Thursday of each month, for a luncheon meeting, at 12:00 Noon, in the Fireside Room (FSR). Lunch is \$6, unless you help provide the food. Now and then we have a meeting after church which is open to the entire congregation.

Within DISCIPLES WOMEN, we have 4 smaller groups who gather for fellowship, fun, worship, study, and food, on a monthly basis. The groups include:

LONG (Olive and John Long) **Group** – meets in the FSR or in members' homes the first Wednesday at 11:00 AM. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided by the hostess.
Contact: Marylyn Owens;

PAL (Pearson-Atherton-Learned) **Group** – meets for a brunch at members' home's the first Thursday, at 9:30 AM.
Contact: Carol Quartucci;

YOUNG AT HEART Group – a gathering of young women who meet the third Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM, in the FSR.
Contact: Michel Johnson; and,

KOINONIA Group – meets in members' homes or in the FSR on the third Wednesday at 7:00 PM, with refreshment provided by the hostess.
Contact: Joyce Miller.

Information about this meeting is always in the weekly email, the Church Life (bi-monthly newsletter), and in the Sunday Bulletin. You are welcome to come at any time. No reservation is needed.

The contact women will be glad to help you in any way possible! Please feel free to visit any or all of our small groups.

We know you will be a wonderful addition to DISCIPLES WOMEN!

Cindy Hendershott
Disciples Women Membership Chair, 2010-2011

Who We Are

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Bookkeeper.....	Wini Chuidian
Minister of Music & Arts.....	Dean Shepherd
Organist.....	Phil Chap
Children & Youth Choir Director.....	Jazmine Harnishfeger
Children & Youth Choir Accompanist.....	Pam Wykoff
Chi Rho Coordinator.....	Natalie Nevin
CYF Coordinator.....	Nicole Allbee
JYF Coordinator.....	Dana Gray
YD Coordinator.....	Sandy Reeley
Custodian.....	Miguel "Mike" Cosme



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