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EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries. These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work through these ministries:

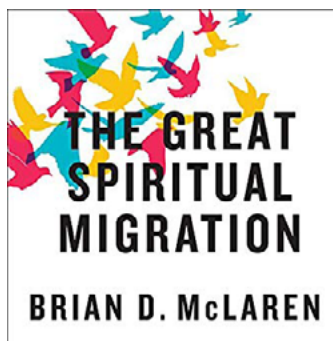


- Disciples Women - leading Bible studies, international journeys, and providing educational materials, to support and empower Disciples women everywhere.
- National Benevolent Association - young adult XPLOR Residents, and health and social service leaders, launching and sustaining ministries in their own communities.
- Disciples Home Missions - Disciples chaplains offering the touch of Christ beyond the Church walls, and Disciples Volunteering connecting with local mission destinations.
- Refugee and Immigration Ministries - offering refugee resettlement and advocacy for immigrants.
- Our General Ministries - abide in each other and in our shared call, by working closely with partners across the United States and Canada, and beyond.
- Global Ministries - collaborating and serving with community organizations around the world.
- Council on Christian Unity - cooperating with ecumenical bodies to further the message of Christ's unending love.

Our general ministries provide other critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions. Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. This Easter Special Offering lets us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through the tending, nurturing, and caring for others. Your gifts to the Easter offering can transform our shared work. Please give generously to this special offering which will be received on April 14 & 21, 2019.

LENTEN JOURNEY SERIES

This week on Wednesday, April 3, our Lenten Journey video and discussion series covering The Great Spiritual Migration based on a book by Brian McLaren will begin at 6:00 and will conclude before 7:00. No dinner will be served. Choir practice will follow at 7:00 as usual.



UPCOMING SCRIPTURE

Lent, Easter and beyond...

April 7	Matthew 25:31-46
April 14	Matthew 21:1-17 & Matthew 26:6-13
April 21	Matthew 28:1-10
April 28	Matthew 28:16-20

Camp	Grade Completed	Dates	Where
Discovery	2-3	June 21-23	Central
Junior	4-5	June 17-21	Central
Chi Rho	6-8	June 3-7	Oakridge
CYF Conference	9-12	June 24-28	Central
Mission Camp	8-12	July 7-13	Texas City, TX
Grand Camp	K-5 and Grandparents	July 9-11	Camp Christian

Summer Camp! If you missed Camp Sunday, it's not too late to register for camp. The church pays ½ of 1 discount rate registration per child. Register at www.okdisciples.org and then

turn in your registration and check to Pastor Sarah to get the discount. Early registration closes April 24. More information can be found in the camping folders outside the Family Life Ministries office.

Children ages 5 through 5th grade

Fun and Fellowship, Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm. April 3, 10, and 17 we will continue to explore the stories of Jesus and what it means when ordinary people take on extraordinary lives. Dinner is provided at no cost, love offerings are appreciated.

Palm Sunday, children are invited during both Sundays to carry palms down the aisle. Meet in the Gathering Space 5 minutes before the service begins.

Easter Sunday, during Sunday School children will be able to hunt Easter eggs hidden by our youth. BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket). Children should meet in their regular classroom; they will be summoned once the hunt is ready.

Help Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

To make the Easter morning egg hunt happen we need donations of Easter eggs and individually wrapped candies that fit inside the plastic eggs. Donations can be dropped in the basket outside Pastor Sarah's office. If you'd like to volunteer to stuff eggs, a sign-up sheet is on the family life board.

Sunday School Teacher Needed

Cathy Schmidt has been bravely leading our youngest children in Sunday School (give her a high five if you see her). But, we need an individual (or two) to lead our Kindergarten to 2nd graders in Sunday School starting in June. If you are interested, or have an idea of a great person to recruit, contact Pastor Sarah.

Nursery Attendant-Looking to Hire Dedicated Individuals

We are in need of individuals who want to be an active caregiver for infants, toddlers, and kindergarteners during worship and Sunday School. If you are interested, or you know someone who might be, stop by and ask Pastor Sarah for an application and more information.

Family Life Council Meeting, April 7 at 1pm in the Chapel

Open meeting for any who would like to attend.

CHAOS Youth grades 6-12

Sunday mornings during Lent, youth are encouraged to join the Disciples 101 course happening in the chapel. Youth Sunday School will resume in the youth room on Easter Sunday, April 21 – youth will meet briefly this morning before going to hide Easter Eggs for the children.

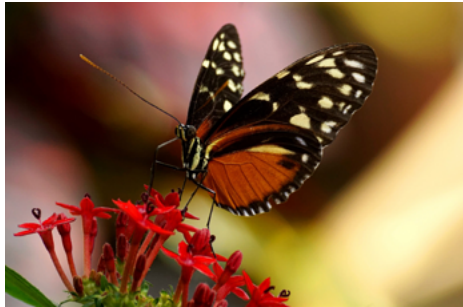
- **April 2 6-7:30 pm**, meet at the Edmond Dog Park for Dog Park Worship. Bring your pooch, if the park's their thing. Signed release by guardian is necessary.
- **April 13-14, starting at 6 pm**, Youth lock-in. Details to come. Any parents, guardians, or other adults who enjoy losing sleep please let Sarah know if you'd like to be a sponsor.
- **April 21**, Happy Easter! No CHAOS this evening
- **April 28, 6-8 pm**, meet in the youth room. We will play some games and then begin Youth Sunday Planning.
- **May 5, 6-8 pm**, Youth Sunday planning
- May 12, no CHAOS
- **May 18, 10 am-12 pm**, Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Youth & Grad Sunday, May 19 Combined Worship

Calling all graduates. Do you know a high school or postsecondary graduate. We'd like to know about them. Send their names and blurb about their accomplishment to Pastor Sarah.

EASTER MEMORIALS

Part of the Easter tradition at SHCC through the years has included honoring loved ones with Easter lilies purchased to decorate our sanctuary. A few years ago, the Worship and Environmental Stewardship Committees made a joint decision to continue the tradition by purchasing plants "with a purpose" instead of lilies. Recognizing that the butterfly, like the lily, is revered as meaningful Easter symbol, the committees decided to dedicate the memorials to create a butterfly garden.



Raised gardens on the south side of our building were designed by our Master Gardener, Ted Drab, and filled with plants that attract and feed a variety of pollinators suffering declines in our state and nationwide. Each year, some new plants are needed to

insure a healthy variety.

All summer and fall, different plants bloom as butterflies, bees and even dragonflies come to feed.

Children from CDC and SHCC Sunday School classes enjoy visiting the beds to learn about the importance of pollinators and see all the beautiful flowers.

Beginning March 31, we invite you to consider honoring loved ones this Easter by filling out the order form and returning it to the

SHCC office. And then, be sure to take time to stop by the garden to see the amazing variety of butterflies and blooms you have made possible in memory of someone special!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that SHCC has a wedding coordinator? Well, it does! Janella Tears meets with couples to plan their weddings when they will be held at Southern Hills. She is available to attend the rehearsal,

wedding service, and reception. She works closely with the officiant and works to make the ceremony all that the couple wants. This is not a paid position, but rather a service to our members and non-members.

Janella and Rev. Rob are in the process of composing SHCC's Wedding Policy. If you or someone you know is planning their wedding, they may call the church to set an appointment.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Southern Hills Christian Church presents Joseph Haydn's "Seven Last Words of Christ" as the centerpiece of our Maundy Thursday observation. This year's service will be an interpretation of Holy Thursday with Tenebrae.



Members of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and the Tulsa Symphony, will present the music of Joseph Haydn as a string quartet.

Prior to the extinguishing of lights in memory of Christ's passion, or "Office of Tenebrae," we will recall Christ's institution of the Lord's supper and partake of communion in the gathering area. As we gather, there will be scrumptious breads and juices to choose from as we enjoy the companionship of one another. All are welcome as we remember the events that transpired leading to Christ's betrayal, denial, and death. Join us at 6:30, as we break bread together prior to the 7:00 pm Office of Tenebrae (Ceremony of Shadows), which dates back to the fourth century.

DISCIPLE WOMEN

Activities for April:

- **Book Group** - Monday, April 8, 12:00 pm in the Chapel. Bring your lunch and join us for a lively discussion.
- **Disciple Women Fidelity/Charity Group** - Tuesday, April 16, 1:30 pm in the Parlor
- **WOW Lunch** - Wednesday, April 24, 12:30 pm. Location TBA

TLC CARDS ARE COMING!

Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time to work on your yard. TLC garden center has everything you need to make your yard beautiful. They have flowers, shrubs, trees and seeds for your vegetable garden.

The breakfast planning committee will be selling TLC gift cards beginning April 7 until May 12 for \$20.00 each. We make \$4.00 from each card we sell and that money will go to the Weekend Breakfast Fund. Look for Kay Boise and Marilee Hattendorf after the 9:00 am service and Georgia Shaw after the 11:15 am service to buy your cards. Thank you for supporting the breakfast.

WOMEN IN DISCIPLES HISTORY

Sunday April 7th: Women in Disciples History - A special presentation on Women in Disciples History, taught by Professor Lisa Barnett, PhD, from Phillips Theological Seminary. All ages (including youth) are welcome. This presentation will be during the regular Sunday school time of 10:15-11:00 am, in Fellowship Hall. We need to have an estimate of class size in order to determine how to set up the room, so please sign up at the table in the gathering area, or speak directly with Lisa Wynn who is coordinating the event, or email her at ljwynn@cox.net.



A THANK YOU FROM THE PARKS FAMILY

Dear Southern Hills Friends,

We would like to say thank you for the outpouring of love and support to our entire family and for helping us honor the life of our precious daughter, Ashley Marie Parks. From Rob's Eulogy and the telling of Ashley's story to make her known to those that did not know her sweet and thoughtful self, to Carolyn and all the special friends that fed us the most wonderful and beautifully prepared luncheon, to Iris and others caring for the children during the service, to Bryant playing beautiful music and Chuck in the sound booth, to Ann-Clore and Cathy helping to display the pictures, to the wonderful hugs, words of love and care and thoughtful cards, we were so very touched and grateful from the bottom of our hearts for each one of you.

I have been loved by the people in this church for 48 years, but never have I felt such love before and never have we needed it more. These lyrics have played over and over in my head "In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me...."

Thank you and with much love,
Donna and David Parks, Zachary Parks,
Amber and Gabe Johnson, Isaac, Ian and Audrie,
Jo Ethridge and family.

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Location Key:

BK Boka Keene
 BV Bradford Village
 C Chapel
 CR Conference Room
 P Parlor

S Sanctuary
 YR Youth Room
 GA Gathering Area
 FH Fellowship Hall
 TR Toddler Room
 WW Worship & Wonder

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 5:00p Refuge Fellowship 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	2 Newsletter Published 7:00p Scouting BSA	3 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Lenten Journey Series (P) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	4 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Girl Scouts (P)	5 2:30p food prep	6 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
7 Lisa Barnett Preaching 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 SS w/Lisa Barnett (FH) 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 1:00p Family Life Committee (BK) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 6:00 CHAOS Youth Group (YR)	8 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 12:00p WOW Book Club 6:00 Big Theological Questions (The Patriarch) 6:00 Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	9 Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Lectio Divina (C) 7:00 Scouting BSA 7:00 Outreach (BK)	10 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Lenten Journey Series (P) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	11 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 7:00 Stephen Min. (P)	12 2:30p food prep	13 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast 6:00 pm Youth Lock-in
14 Palm Sunday 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 3:30 Communion Service (BV)	15 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	16 Newsletter Published 1:30p DW Fidelity/Charity (P) 7:00 Scouting BSA 7:00 Breakfast Planning Committee (BK)	17 10:00a Bible Study (BK) 11:00 Overeater's Anon (C) 5:30p Fun & Fellowship (FH) 5:30 Praise Team (S) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S)	18 Maundy Thursday 3:15p Tai Chi (GA) 6:00 Girl Scouts (P) :30 Holy Thursday with Tenebrae (S)	19 2:30p food prep	20 7:30 - 8:15 Free Breakfast
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28 Earth Sunday 9:00a Traditional Worship (S) 9:15 Worship & Wonder 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 PLARN Demonstration (FH) 11:15 Contemp Worship (S) 12:30p Elder's Meeting (P) 3:30 Communion Service (BV) 4:00 Leadership Council (C) 6:00 Youth Sunday Rehearsal	29 9:00a Tai Chi (GA) 6:00p Plarn Workshop (BK) 6:30 Cub Scouts	30 Newsletter Deadline 7:00p Scouting BSA				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Service Times

Sunday 9:00 am - Traditional Service
Sunday 10:15 am - Sunday School
Sunday 11:15 am - Contemporary Service
Sunday 3:30 pm - Communion at Bradford Village

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/07 - Family Life Committee Meeting, 1:00 pm in the Boka Keene Room
- 4/09 - Lectio Divina - 6:30 pm in the Boka Keene Room
- 4/14 - Palm Sunday
- 4/18 - Holy Thursday Service with Tenebrae, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- 4/21 - Easter Sunday
- 4/28 - Earth Sunday - PLARN Sleeping mat workshop, 10:15 in Fellowship Hall
- 4/28 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 in the Conference Room
- 4/28 - Leadership council Meeting - 4:00 in the Chapel

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 3/24	79
9:00 AM Traditional 3/24	100
11:15 AM Contemp. 3/24	46
3:30 PM Bradford 3/24	13
Total Worship 3/24	159

Sunday School 3/31	79
9:00 AM Traditional 3/31	120
11:15 AM Contemp. 3/31	52
3:30 PM Bradford 3/31	13
Total Worship 3/31	185

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PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Susie Park; Elsie Knight; Alice Smith; Joe Jones; Verna Manning; Bob Hoemann; Michael Bohn, David McWilliams; Ruth Harness; Bud Kahmar; Jo Kirtley; the Parks family