

**THE SHALOM CENTER IN CHILE** is a new campground purchased by your giving to the Keep The Fire Burning Campaign for Camp Christian. The campground is only five years old yet so much is happening there thanks to our Missionary Partner in Chile, Elena Huegel. Our congregation sent a gift of \$500 from our outreach budget to help with the cost of materials for construction at the camp. Below is a note from Elena:

*Hello from a very BUSY and BLESSED summer season! We have had several camps and delegations with all kinds of amazing experiences. THANKS for your prayers!*

*Please say HI and GRACIAS to the Disciples Christian Church!*

*Shalom! Elena*

**YOU ARE INVITED** to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of friends, food, and . . . shopping! On **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 p.m.**, stop by the Fireside Room for a **BeadForLife jewelry open house**. BeadforLife eradicates extreme poverty by creating bridges of understanding between impoverished Africans and concerned world citizens. Ugandan women turn colorful recycled paper into beautiful beads, and string them into wonderful bracelets and necklaces. The beads thus become income, food, medicine, school fees – and hope. It is a small miracle that enriches us all. All profits from BeadforLife are invested in community development projects that generate income and help the beadworkers work their way out of poverty. The necklaces and bracelets range in price from \$5.00 to \$30.00. For a preview of the merchandise look on their website [www.beadforlife.org](http://www.beadforlife.org).

**ARE YOU A GOLFER?** If so, mark your calendar for the **2008 Cleveland Christian Home Scramble for the Kids Golf Outing** taking place on **Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Elyria Country Club. The \$250 registration cost is all-inclusive. For more information call 216-681-4141.

**Our church family has now given \$3380 to  
Week of Compassion.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

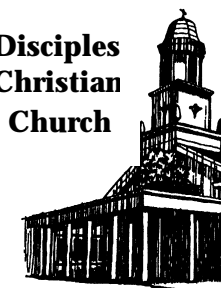
**We are next scheduled to help with  
Interfaith Housing Network  
the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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## HUNGER FOR MUSIC, MUSIC FOR HUNGER

You are invited to spend an evening in support of the  
**Heights Emergency Food Center**  
**Sunday, April 20th from 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

Bring your dancing shoes so you can cut a rug to the musical stylings of **Jazz Time, Jonathan Mosley's Band,** and **Ray's Fabulous Out of Tuners, Don Ehrlich's Band,** along with special guest performers **Kathryn Harsha and Leslie Smith.**

If you are not so light on your feet, not to worry.  
There will be dance instructors to show you a few steps.

**The price of admission is one non-perishable food item.  
Additional funds will be raised through the sale of  
hamburgers, hotdogs, soft drinks, etc., at the event.**

**Babysitting will be provided.**

If you plan to come, bring some friends and please let us know by calling Amy at 216-382-5344 or emailing [amy@discipleschristian.org](mailto:amy@discipleschristian.org).

## FROM OUR PASTOR

What a busy weekend it was in the life of Disciples Christian Church! The CWF Fashion Show was fun for all who attended – such an enjoyable way to raise funds for youth summer church camp. Saturday morning saw 20+ adults and children here in the building and on our grounds painting, dusting, raking, sweeping, etc. Many supported **Mercedes Bell's** Canadian family by attending her memorial service later in the afternoon, and **Mary Sayre's** fellowship team provided a reception for all who came. Still others participated in Saturday's annual 5K run/walk at the zoo that benefits Cleveland Christian Home. Sunday morning worship was beautiful, Spirit-filled, and well attended with several first-time and repeat visitors. Later in Fellowship Hall, 30+ of our newest members and visitors were treated to brunch served by our Membership Committee. Of course, it was not just the weekend that was busy. We see the progress on Sunday mornings in the Fireside Room/Library that represents the daily efforts of **the Haverdill's** and **Bill Laurenson**, who also was out in the rain helping put up the temporary sign that better locates all this exciting ministry.

*Whew!* There's a lot of sweat equity going on around here!

The work of church is in 2008 just as the Apostle Paul described it to that first century church: The gifts Jesus gave were . . . *to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ* (Ephesians 4:12).

One more gathering Sunday morning, also well attended, was a question/discussion forum featuring a panel of three of our ordained ministers – **Al Kean**, **Howard Ratcliff**, and myself. Of course as you would expect from ministers, we didn't get to all the questions in this one session! I look forward to other such opportunities, as I really appreciated speaking to issues related to our ministry, in the company of my colleagues and among members of our congregation. I was given the charge to lead the conversation about *the main role of the pastor*. I had absolutely no hesitation in sharing the many roles in which I serve, but it seemed nearly impossible to narrow to just one. Now that I've slept and thought and prayed, I want to add to Sunday's answer.

*I realize that this is not easy work. We are a multi-generational church, turning around and towards God's plan for our future. I saw how wide our age span is this particular Sunday morning. The main role of this pastor? **To lead her congregation into this future with hope and without fear.***

As I begin my second year as this pastor, my eyes are fresh and full of forward vision, my energy level is high, my commitment strong, and my passion for the gospel is infinite. Hope? *Oh, my yes!* Fear? With God's Holy Spirit working among and through us and bringing us strength enough to focus outward while going deeper into our faith, *what could we possibly fear?* As for the wide span in ages? That's what makes this *fun, don't you think?*

*Pastor Kris*

**SO MANY CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE** here at Disciples Christian Church; it's hard to keep up with them. New positions, new name, new library, new sign, new kitchen. NEW KITCHEN, you say!?! Well, we don't exactly have a new kitchen but we have a clean kitchen and that's good enough!!! CWF decided that one of their 2007/2008 goals would be to have the kitchen thoroughly cleaned. So we had several estimates from cleaning companies ranging from \$200 to \$800. One of our members, **ShaRee Hansen**, decided that those estimates were far too high and offered her time and cleaning/organization skills to do the cleaning project herself. So at her leisure (she only has a full time job and two young children) she began cleaning and organizing the kitchen in late December and recently completed her do-it-yourself project. Things are easy to find and the kitchen sparkles. ShaRee refused to accept payment for her hard work and we are totally grateful for her loving commitment to our church. We also need to thank ShaRee's children, **Grace and Matthew**, for helping their mommy with her work. Our Lord blessed us when he guided ShaRee to us. Thank you for a monumental job well done.

**THE DISCIPLES' BOOK CLUB** meets this **Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the Chapel to discuss **The Race** by Richard North Patterson. Can an honest man become the President of the United States? In a timely and provocative novel, a maverick Republican candidate takes on the ruthless machinery of

American Politics. Please join us - everyone is welcome. Happy Reading!

**FROM AMY CAMPBELL - Pastor Kris** and the **Outreach Committee** have blessed me with the opportunity to attend the Weekend of Compassion Conference in Nashville, Tennessee the weekend of April 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>.

Amy Gopp, who preached at Disciples Christian Church not too long ago, is hosting the event. She describes Weekend of Compassion as, "a forum for exchanging ideas, empowering each other and inspiring the church." She says, "Together, we will celebrate ways Week of Compassion is a catalyst for changing the lives of so many who suffer in the world as well as the lives of those who give. We will explore outreach possibilities across our denomination and revitalize our commitment to mission in the world."

I am excited for this opportunity to work with other lay leaders, clergy and youth to lift up the mission of Week of Compassion and share our creative ideas with one another!

**ARE YOU – OR IS SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY – GRADUATING SOON?**

We want to recognize and honor our graduates and we need your help! Please provide us with the name of the graduate, the school from which he/she is graduating, the degree being received, and any plans that have been made for the graduate's immediate future (more school, job, etc.). Please call or email your information to **Amy** at 216 382-5344 or [amy@discipleschristian.org](mailto:amy@discipleschristian.org).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN WALLING, CHARLOTTE MATES, AND LEXI DEET!** They, along with their sponsor, **Jeanne Deet**, will attend the **Great Lakes PeaceJam Conference** in Kalamazoo, Michigan on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

PeaceJam is an international education program built around Nobel Peace Prize Laureates, who work personally with youth to pass on the spirit, skills and wisdom they embody. The goal of PeaceJam is to inspire a new generation of Peacemakers who will transform their communities, themselves and the world.

This year at the PeaceJam Conference, our young people will meet and work with the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Shirin Ebadi of Iran. Shirin Ebadi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts for democracy, peace, and women's rights in the Middle East.

Please keep Jeanne and our three youth in your prayers as they travel to Kalamazoo and participate in this wonderful event. They will leave on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> after school and will return Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

**CAMP CHRISTIAN, A MINISTRY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO**, is celebrating the *First Annual Camp Christian Reunion* the weekend of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Camp in Magnetic Springs, Ohio. Many of God's people have been touched by the work of the camp, relationships have been formed, and many have found their call to full-time ministry there. Their reunion planning team wishes to call as many of the alumni as possible back to the camp for this

occasion, along with those who have never attended camp, to join in the fun!

Additionally, there are those who have served Camp Christian in one capacity or another and on whose broad shoulders they stand as they seek God's guidance in moving Camp Christian to the next level in its Kingdom building purpose. **Howard Ratcliff** is one such person! During the Reunion, Howard, a member of Disciples and a former director of Camp Christian, will be honored as one who whose sincere, unpretentious and enduring leadership, demands recognition.

The planning team invites us, as Howard's church family, to share in the excitement and to join them at the Camp Christian Reunion. For more information, look for the Reunion flier on the bulletin board near the office door or go to [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) where you can also register.

**I HAD EXPECTED THE SYMPATHY AND KINDNESS** I received but my church family came through with banners flying. The whole family thanks you dearly.  
**Jim Farmer**

**LADIES – PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE RAINCOAT IN YOUR CLOSET** as it may not be yours. When **Lois Valentine** went to get her khaki colored raincoat on April 6<sup>th</sup>, she found instead a similar one. If yours has "VAL" where the label is located, please bring it back – yours is waiting for you here at church. Thanks!

#### UPCOMING WORSHIP:

- **April 13** – **Rev. Dr. Howard Ratcliff** will preach in Pastor Kris' absence, "Hearing Voices?"
- **April 20** – **Pastor Kris** continues her sermon series, "Loving the Church That Isn't Here – Ready, Set . . . Go!"

#### ADULT EDUCATION AT 11:30 A.M. IN OUR CHAPEL:

- **April 13** – Pastor's Panel: Part Two
- **April 20** – **Janice Zielger** begins a two part Bible study titled "Supporting Characters in the Old and New Testaments" – Part one: Ishmael and Esau – the Other Brothers
- **April 27** – Part two: Barnabas, Paul's Advance Man

Janice has been teaching adult Bible studies for over twenty years, most recently at Valley Lutheran Church in Chagrin Falls. She has also taught Sunday School, run Vacation Bible School programs, and served as a lay minister. Her life-long friend, **Nancy Kidd**, introduced her to our church. Janice is the Vice President for Education and Public Programs at the Western Reserve Historical Society where she has worked for thirteen years. Her programs there have received national recognition in social studies, math and science. A graduate of Hiram College and Case Western Reserve University, she lives in South Russell with her husband, Richard, and has two daughters and sons-in-law along with five month old grand-daughter. Janice is looking forward to meeting Nancy's church family in our upcoming Bible study time.

#### JOINING OUR CHURCH FAMILY BY PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM ON PALM SUNDAY were:

- † **Christopher Isaac Bell**, son of **Steve and Pat** and brother of **Brent and Morgan**;
- † **Amy Marie Biscoff**, wife of **Bill** and mother of **Brandon and Brian**;
- † **Brandon William Biscoff, Bill and Amy's** son and **Brian's** brother;
- † **Melanie Rose Cohn**, son of **Abe and Amy** and sister of **Kelsey**;
- † **Alexandra Rose Iosue**, daughter of **Amy** and sister of **Victoria**;
- † **Christopher Alexander Ladaika**, son of **Christopher and Kara Lee** and brother of **Hannah and Lily**.

We thank God for blessing us with these new brothers and sisters in Christ.

**WE GIVE THANKS TO OUR PUPPET MINISTRY** for their gift of age appropriate Bibles to **Chris, Brandon, Melanie, Alexandra**, and **Chris** and of a leather journal to **Amy** on the day of their baptisms. Each was engraved with the recipient's name and they will surely serve as both beautiful and usable keepsakes of their baptismal experience.

**SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAYS** - We've got some special music coming up! Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, **Jonathan Mosely and Scott Ruhe** will join us on guitar and trumpet in the service. It's sure to be an uplifting and exciting service! May 11<sup>th</sup> will feature our wonderful **Children's Choir** in celebration of Mother's Day. Then on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the **Bell Choir** is going to have a Bells Blowout Sunday. Look for more details to come in the next few weeks.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- **Betty Lescoe**, recovering at home following eye surgery – Betty is **Carol Reed's** mother and **Emily and Patrick Reed's** grandmother
- **David and Karin Shumway** and **John Shumway** following the recent death of father and grandfather, **Willis Shumway**
- **Joe Bagrich**, for upcoming surgery
- **Donna Beckner**, medical procedure
- **Shirley Rice**, tests
- **Camille Newlon**, tests
- **Margaret Beer**, released back to Candlewood.
- **Nell Rose Riel**, Fairmount Health Center
- **Frank and Averno Jayne**, AlterCare of Mayfield Village
- **Violet Radomilovich**, home
- **Nursing Home Residents: Barbara Seaver**, Summerville of Mentor; **Ollie Schroeder**, Burton Health Care Center; **Barbara Harold**, Grande Pointe

**THE MUSIC SEARCH COMMITTEE** is off and running! While we will miss Kathryn and Leslie's leadership, this is an excellent opportunity for the church to continue moving the music ministry forward. We have started to post the job descriptions with various local and national organizations. We have also received inquiries from interested candidates. If you have questions, please see Search Committee co-chairs **Kim and Cy McFarlin**. Thank you for your prayers in this process.

**DISCIPLES FELLOWSHIP RETREAT - May 23–25<sup>th</sup>** – A gathering of Disciples, families, and friends of all ages at Camp Christian, Magnetic Springs, Ohio - **Laura Kaufman in concert!** We are truly blessed to have Laura (Unger) Kaufman (a fellow DFR camper herself!!) And her husband Doug bringing us their beautiful music and sharing their testimonies. Laura has been busy since age 14 releasing albums and following her calling. Last year she was honored to be the opening act for the Christian group "Selah". Visit her website to learn more about her and get a sneak preview of what you're in for: [www.laurakaufman.net](http://www.laurakaufman.net). Along with enjoying Laura and Doug, we will be breaking off into various groups of different activities, including fishing, Bible study, basket weaving (bring \$5 to cover the cost of materials), knitting/crocheting (bring your own project to work on if you'd like), games, etc. Go home feeling refreshed and renewed after spending time with fellow Christians. What a great way to get away from the hustle and bustle of your everyday life and enjoy the out-of-doors! This is also a great opportunity for you and your family to come and experience camp together so your children will know what to expect when they attend partnership, Chi Rho or CYF camp. Hope to see you there!! Dead-line for registration is May 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Bev Sajna [440-333-1264/sajhome81@yahoo.com](tel:440-333-1264) or Bob Stands [440-236-5778/bobs@estabr.com](tel:440-236-5778)

**FROM ARLENE PIMENTEL, DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLES MISSION FUND to Pastor Kris:**

Dear Kristine,

*Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth.* These words from a Swiss theologian are so true.

On behalf of the seventy plus ministry partners receiving support from your DMF gifts, I would like to thank you personally for your congregation's contributions. I am pleased to acknowledge your church as one of the **Top 250 congregations** in contributions to Disciples Mission Fund in 2007. This commitment demonstrates your leadership and the depth of your faith journey.

Thank you for your stewardship of the Gospel and your global neighborhood by sharing faithfully from your congregation's abundance. When your congregation supports DMF, you are supporting a global witness from your doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

I encourage you to share this news with your leaders and to celebrate the many ministries your gifts are supporting. In 2008, we look forward to celebrating your increased giving to DMF and your continued faithfulness.

*As gratitude follows grace like thunder follows lightening*, know that I pray God's continued blessings upon you and your church. God's blessings.

**LIFE SHARE COMMUNITY BLOOD SERVICES** will sponsor a blood bank collection at St. Louis Church, 2475 North Taylor Road, on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. You may park

and enter behind the church. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Questions? Call 888.543.3742.

**FROM JAMES RUNYON, DIRECTOR OF CHURCH RELATIONS AND MAJOR GIFTS AT CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME:**

Dear Friends,

A minister recently told me "my congregation is committed to Cleveland Christian Home because it is our ministry – we believe it is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others." He is correct! Each day we do make a difference in the lives of those we serve by showing them that there are people in their community who care about them. Through your financial support you share a common belief with this congregation that together we can make a difference and help our clients change their lives for the better.

Thank you for your gift of gently used clothing and women's coats, dropped off by **Bonnie Goldner**, to help support CCH's mission to provide a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families suffering from mental illness, abuse and neglect. Our important work continues because of friends like you.

P.S. Please call me if you would like to tour Cleveland Christian Home or if you need more information about our programs and services. I may be reached at 216.688.4140 or by email at [jrunyon@cchome.org](mailto:jrunyon@cchome.org).