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Gentle Reminder:

Easter - it's more than a day

Christ is risen! The celebration of Easter Sunday was magnificent! And what a celebration it was. With over 650 in our three worship services on Easter, 12 persons baptized, and 3 persons joining the fellowship of National City, Easter 2011 was one of our best ever. The music "on the steps" and in the sanctuary and Phillips Chapel was glorious! Alleluias were sung with gusto! Christ is risen, indeed!

Guess what? Christ is still risen! While the size of the worshiping congregations will ebb in churches around the world on the Sundays after Easter, we will still gather each Sunday to proclaim and celebrate the Resurrection. Remember, for the Christian, every Sunday is Resurrection day. The alleluias are still sung with gusto. The numbers may be smaller, but Christ is still risen!

The 40 days of Lenten preparation now give way to the Easter season. Easter is more than a day-long celebration. The Easter season lasts 50 days, and so we call the Sundays in the season as Sundays *of* Easter, rather than Sundays *after* Easter.

For the 50 days of the Easter season we come to worship to celebrate the stories of the risen Christ. For 50 days we gather to be renewed by remembering the growth and the struggles of the early church. For 50 days we come together to reflect again on the meaning of this joyous news that has captured our lives and our church life together – the Resurrection!

May 1

Second Sunday of Easter

"I Doubt It"

John 20:19-31

Dr. Stephen Gentle, preaching

May 8

Mother's Day

Third Sunday of Easter

"Whobody"

Rev. Steven Moore, preaching

May 15

Dog Blessing Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Where Is God When I Suffer?"

1 Peter 2:19-25

May 22

Foundation Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dr. Richard Hamm, preaching

Celebration of Rev. Moore's ministry
at All-Church luncheon

How Well Do You Know Your Church Family?

Question: We have four members of our congregation who are trained pilots. How many can you name? Answers on page 2.

From your Connector Team:

8:30 a.m. service: Barbara Boward, Kelly Swanson, Loretta Tate

11 a.m. service: Kathleen Burger, Beverly & Steve Schacht, Katie Simpson, Alan Williams

How Well Do You Know Your Church Family?

Answer:



Chrys Lemon, who is originally from Texas, has been at NCCC for 25 years. He learned to fly when he was a cadet at the Air Force Academy. Interestingly enough, both parents were pilots. He has flown a small Cessna, a T-37 "Tweet" (twin-engine subsonic jet trainer) and a T-38 "Talon" (twin engine supersonic jet trainer.) Chrys, who is part of the GLBT group at NCCC, heads the Worship Committee, is an elder, serves on Finance Committee, and sings in the Choir. He is an attorney by profession.

Natalie Johnston has been attending NCCC for about 4 years and is active in YADA. She is originally from Georgia. She has had an interest in flying since she was a child and decided to train for her Private Pilot Certificate. She flies single engine Cessna airplanes. Natalie works in Regulatory Affairs for the American Association of Airport Executives.

Norman Kruse, who is originally from Erlanger, Kentucky, has been attending NCCC since 1953 (58 years!). As Norman recounts, "When I was drafted into the Army, I was in Signal School for 6 months and decided to start on my license. I was shipped overseas before much progress, and after I returned to the USA, restarted training. I eventually

joined a flying club and had my license four months later. We used the airplane for vacation trips to Missouri and Florida to visit family. Soon, it was apparent that safety required an instrument rating. The requirements for that are so great, and my experience so diverse, I also got my commercial rating at the same time. The license is "Commercial Pilot, Aircraft, Single Engine, Land, Instrument."

Norman currently serves as an elder, leader of the shepherding program in Maryland, and actively visits some of our older members who do not get to NCCC regularly. He is retired from Potomac Electric Power Co. after 40 years in the Substation Test Department and Senior Training Supervisor the last 12 years there. He continues to be a chief election judge in Prince George's County.

Terry Tullia, who is originally from Georgia, trained as a US Air Force pilot. He has about 3600 flight hours in Air Force training aircraft, many variants of the C-130 airlifter & a military version of the Beech Super King Air.

Terry has been attending NCCC since 2002. He currently serves as deacon and volunteer to prepare breakfasts at N Street Village. He describes himself as a multi-talented jobseeker.

Music News & Events

Friday Noon Recital Series Grant Award

The DC American Guild of Organists Foundation (a foundation that was formed following the 1982 national AGO convention to manage the profits made at that convention and offer grants for music development projects) awarded NCCC \$3,000 to support artists' costs, pipe organ display & education, and advertising for the Friday Noon-time Organ Recital Series. Minister of Music Charles Miller applied for a grant for \$1,800 to build a new, portable display rack for sample organ pipes to be used as part of the pipe organ history and building display that is on view each Friday. The Foundation board was so pleased with the grant application and the church's mission at promoting the pipe organ and its music to the community that they gave us \$1,200 more than was requested. We are grateful to have this recognition and financial support. Please attend a recital on Friday to see this unique pipe organ display or see Charles Miller for more details.



YouthCue donation to Pipe Organ Fund

The NCCC music ministry is also the recipient of a generous \$1,000 donation to the pipe organ maintenance and restoration fund. Founded in 1990, YouthCue, Inc., is a San Antonio, Texas, based non-profit, multi-denominational organization which seeks to foster the growth and development of church and school youth choirs throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Over the past four years, YouthCue has brought 400-member choirs to perform at National Cathedral and, for these performances, has used the NCCC sanctuary as their rehearsal hall. Their gift comes to NCCC as a thank you for the church's gracious hospitality. The YouthCue gift will be added to existing funds and used to restore, clean, and revoice the commanding, horizontally projected Trompette en Chamade rank of pipes of the Pearl Neugent Norden Gallery Organ during the summer of 2011.

Special May Concerts at National City Christian Church

Sunday, May 8, at 4 p.m.

Mother's Day and 15th Anniversary Concert

Children's Chorus of Washington

Joan Gregoryk, director

Ticketed event (tickets will be sold at the door)

www.cchorus@homestead.com or 202-237-1005

Wednesday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Fessenden Chamber Ensemble

Music of Ravel and Francaix

Ticketed event (tickets will be sold at the door)

www.fessendenensemble.org

Saturday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

The Washington Sinfonietta

Joel Lazar, principal conductor

Music of Fauré, Schumann, and Mendelssohn

Ticketed event (tickets will be sold at the door)

www.washingtonsinfonietta.com

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine Noon Recital and Demonstration Series

Fridays from 12:15-1 p.m. FREE

May 6

David Baskeyfield

2010 American Guild of Organists
competition winner, Rochester, New York

May 13

John Lowe

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church,
Gainesville, Florida

May 20

Michael Lodico

St. John's Episcopal Church,
Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C.

May 27

Henk Devries

St. Peter's Church,
Zuidbroek, The Netherlands



Young Adults News



YADA Holds Its Fifth Annual Spiritual Retreat

Over the weekend of April 9-10, twelve young adults from National City left the District for picturesque Elkton, Virginia, to participate in the fifth annual YADA Spiritual retreat. The weekend was filled with learning, openness, questioning, peacefulness, and fun. Our lovely own Dr. Peter Morgan was our fearless spiritual guide for the weekend. Dr. Morgan showered us with wisdom about how we can be spiritual leaders in our communities with his outstanding program “Leader as Shaman.”

We were blessed to have a great combination of YADA veterans and new faces make the trip. Despite the treacherous drives to Elkton on Friday, we quickly recovered and immersed ourselves in spiritual growth by asking the big questions, went retro by listening to stories of religious and personal growth over the radio, and went on our own “vision quests” to reflect on hymns and scriptures that are meaningful in each of our lives. On Sunday morning, Dr. Morgan, with the help of Alan Williams, Shana Pereira, and Beau Underwood, led a beautiful and moving communion service.

In our downtime we ate tons of food, played crazy games of charades, watched bad movies, and of course shared lots of laughs. The only complaint that we all had was that the weekend ended too quickly.

–Trevor Dane

Mark Your Calendars



Disciples Women to Meet May 3

Rev. Lari Grubbs, regional minister for the Christian Church Capital Area, will present a program on Disciples Women in Mission on May 3 at 11 a.m. in the Music Suite.

All are invited and encouraged to bring a sandwich and stay for lunch. Group 3 is the host and will provide additional fare. Ann Capiello will lead the devotions.



Our Annual Dog blessing

Our neighborhood outreach to community dog owners will be held on the steps of National City Christian Church at 10 a.m. on May 15. Invite neighbors and loved ones to bring their canine companions to the steps to enjoy the beautiful outdoors of Thomas Circle and affirm the love that God has for all creation.

Dr. Gentle blesses one of many dogs at our 2010 Dog Blessing.

May Birthdays

| | | | |
|----|-----------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Allison Craig | 17 | Byron Cotton |
| | Sue Kirkman | | Miriam Perkins |
| 2 | Wayne Sharp | 18 | Sarah McCue |
| | Beau Underwood | 19 | Jane Campbell |
| | Kevin Wilson* | | James Kelley* |
| 7 | Steven Moore | 22 | Teri-yae Yarbrough* |
| 8 | Charlie Daniel | 24 | Tom Kelley |
| 9 | Courtney Aklin | 26 | Monique Ashton |
| | Emma King | | Diana Morse |
| 11 | Kristin Cambell | 27 | Sushi Maru |
| | Diane Faires | | *child or student |
| | Tawanna Lloyd | | |
| 13 | Art Bishop | | |
| | Justin Hedlund* | | |
| | Joe Reef | | |

For additions or corrections, please contact Kathy Swihart at kswihart@nationalcitycc.org

Welcome to New Members:



NCCC extends a warm welcome to **Jessica Max**, who made a confession of faith and became a member of our congregation on Sunday, April 10. Jessica, who is from Connecticut, lives close to the church. She has her own consulting company, specializing in IT recruiting. She has been reading the Bible all the way through, reporting that she is now 92% through this project!

On Easter Sunday, we welcomed nine new members:

Allison Shepard and **Zeke Roeser**, who are engaged to be married. Allison is an events planner and Zeke is a lawyer.

Brian Robertson, who is engaged to Yada member Eva Moore. They plan to be married in November.

Polly He and her daughter **Lauren He** were baptized at the 7:30 a.m. service. Polly and Lauren live nearby on Massachusetts Avenue.

Fredirickia Lloyd, daughter of Tawanna Lloyd of Washington, D.C.; **Quinn Malone**, daughter of Patrick and Terri Malone of Gaithersburg; and **Melissa and Kevin Wilson**, the daughter and son of Carla and Bill Wilson of Annandale, Virginia, and the grandchildren of Kathleen Swihart, were baptized at the 11 a.m. service.

¿Que Pasa? the Hispanic Congregation



American Citizenship – Luz Cash, with great emotion, shares with the Hispanic Congregation that she was granted American citizenship.



Bible Study – The Hispanic Congregation met at the home of Catherine Gordon for Bible study during Lent.

The News of National City is a monthly publication.

Please submit articles for the June Newsletter by May 15 to Diana Morse at morsediana@comcast.net or to Colleen Walsh at cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org

Hilda's Fair Trade Gift & Coffee Shop



Fair Trade Event Held May 1 in Alexandria

On Sunday, May 1, Ten Thousand Villages of Alexandria will host a Fair Trade promotional sidewalk sale along with Hilda's Fair Trade Shop starting at 9 a.m. Ten percent of the proceeds from Ten Thousand Villages artisan sales will be donated to National City Christian Church.

Stop by the 14th street entrance to Hilda's to learn more about Fair Trade and support the efforts of fairly paid artisans in more than 30 developing countries by purchasing their handcrafted goods.

Founded in 1946, Ten Thousand Villages encourages artisan partners to use environmentally friendly processes, sustainable natural resources, and recycled materials to ensure each product offered has been crafted responsibly. Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit program of Mennonite Central Committee.



Street Team on Palm Sunday and Easter

Barbara Boward and her sister Lorraine Magnusson brought back The Street Team for Palm Sunday and Easter. On Palm Sunday they welcome Fred Bates and Heran Gigena. Lynn Parrish joined The Street Team on Easter. They passed out eggs filled with pocket crosses and 'Testamints' candy generously provided by Anita Drew. Thanks to all for this great service!



Easter Cards

Ron Moser assists June Chewning in selecting Easter cards to send to friends and family after church on Palm Sunday. Colleen Walsh shared her artistic talents by designing and printing beautiful Easter cards for our church family to select for mailing. Thank you, Ron. Thank you, Colleen!

Something Moore: Nothing Moore...

I've been delaying writing this as I'm not sure what to say. Three and a half years ago you welcomed me, this East Coast man with a good dose of Hoosier, in your midst and now it is time to say goodbye. I would be lying if I said I have loved every minute being here at National City. After all we had a curve ball thrown at us and thankfully God allowed me to use gifts for accounting I thought I had carefully tucked away.

I will miss all of you and the staff. I will miss spending time in the neighborhood where I have grown in my understanding and passion for the plight of the homeless. I will definitely miss living next door to the church where I had the shortest commute I'll probably ever have during my ministry.

It really has been an amazing journey filled with moments of surprise, chaos, joy, sadness, fear, hope, grace and love. While I will carry so much with me, it is your grace and love which I shall always cherish. In the midst of adversity, your grace and love have always been present. While I was the "unofficial" Operations/Financial Officer, you allowed me to be your pastor as well. One of the greatest and most humbling roles of a minister is being invited into the most sacred spaces of people's lives. Thank you for inviting me in and letting me stay awhile.

Blessings for the journey,

– Steve

NCCC Congregation Statement of Activities for the month ended March 31, 2011

| INCOME | 2011 | Budget | Actual | Difference |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Budget | Jan-March 2011 | Jan-Mar | |
| Pledges and Gifts | 525,000 | 131,250 | 97,296 | (33,954) |
| Flower Income | 4,000 | 1,000 | 590 | (410) |
| Music Gifts | 1,500 | 375 | 50 | (325) |
| Food Pantry | 2,500 | 625 | 3,642 | 3,017 |
| Other Income (*) | 25,000 | 6,250 | 2,704 | (3,546) |
| TOTAL INCOME | 558,000 | 139,500 | 104,282 | (35,218) |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Salaries and Benefits | 457,000 | 114,250 | 108,643 | (5,607) |
| YADA | 1,500 | 375 | 1,550 | 1,175 |
| Music | 20,000 | 5,000 | 3,701 | (1,299) |
| Flowers | 5,000 | 1,250 | 888 | (362) |
| Website | 3,000 | 750 | 0 | (750) |
| Accounting | 8,500 | 2,125 | 0 | (2,125) |
| Coffee Hour and Meals | 5,000 | 1,250 | 2,193 | 943 |
| Supplies, General | 5,000 | 1,250 | 434 | (816) |
| Worship Supplies | 3,100 | 775 | 337 | (438) |
| Food Pantry | 7,000 | 1,750 | 1,928 | 178 |
| Printing | 8,000 | 2,000 | 0 | (2,000) |
| Postage | 5,000 | 1,250 | 0 | (1,250) |
| Advertising | 500 | 125 | 242 | 117 |
| Telephone | 10,000 | 2,500 | 1,416 | (1,084) |
| Fees and Charges (Payroll) | 4,000 | 1,000 | 2,130 | 1,130 |
| Misc Expenses | 1,800 | 450 | 0 | (450) |
| Interest | 5,000 | 1,250 | 901 | (349) |
| Disciples Mission Fund | 7,500 | 1,875 | 0 | (1,875) |
| Reserve Fund | 1,100 | 275 | 0 | (275) |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 558,000 | 139,500 | 124,363 | (15,137) |
| NET DIFFERENCE | 0 | 0 | (20,081) | (20,081) |
| (*) "Other Income" includes: | | | | |
| Meals | \$1,123 | | | |
| Chair Recovering | \$325 | | | |
| YADA Retreat Registrations | \$225 | | | |
| Misc | \$1,031 | | | |
| | <u>\$2,704</u> | | | |
| Over and Above: | | | | |
| Line of Credit Gifts | \$1,300 | | | |
| Blanket Sunday | \$854 | | | |
| Week of Compassion | \$2,171 | | | |
| WOC - Tsunami/Earthquake | \$1,362 | | | |