



Vital Spark June, 2016



Dear CCC Family,

When I first came to Community I knew that it was a gift to share the calling of ministry with someone as talented as Darla. She is a loyal and dedicated servant of the church, a much beloved member of our community, and a modern day prophet. And while we celebrate with Darla and her recent calling to First Christian Church in Crawfordsville, Indiana to serve as their new Senior Minister, we are simultaneously happy and sad-happy for Darla, sad for us. Darla will be missed. Her final Sunday at Community will be July 24th. We will have a grand celebration that day and send her and her family off in style. But leading up to that final Sunday, please take the time, as I know you will, to celebrate with her, pray with her, and maybe even cry with her, knowing, all the while, that there is a church in Indiana that is getting ready to receive a fine, fine Minister.

On a different note, I want to thank everyone who took the time to participate in our booth at Ballwin Days. While the weather was indeed hot, we had a wonderful experience. We met new friends, shared stories about who we are and what we are trying to be, and watched with joy as the children played the games and received their prizes. Plus, we all looked great in our matching CCC t-shirts. Thank you to the Disciples Women for the financial funding that made the booth possible. Thank you to Janet Staicoff and Paulette Thorne for their leadership and organization. Thank you to Molly Duncan and Lisa Belue for setting up the games. And thank you to everyone who participated in the booth and braved the hot temperatures: Steve Staicoff, Pennie Anderson, Laurie and Jeff Clifton, Dick and Diane Hall, Scott Douglass, Ron and Maribeth Hollon, Glenna and Torie Allen, Darla Goodrich, Carl Quicksall, Ted and Cindy Herman, Doug and Lori Hoover, Andy Hoover, Paula and Mike Hartman, Pam Welker, Anna and

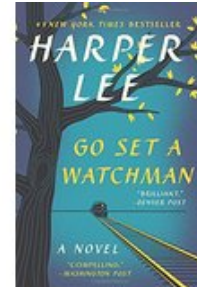
Grace Welker, Julie and Les Swaney, Joan Tichacek, Sandy Schleusner and crew, Laura McDurmont, Chris Fairchild, David and Alec Belue and Alissa Boyce.

And finally, I want to share with you that beginning this Saturday I will be out of town for a week enjoying the beauty and tranquility of the Rocky Mountains with Paulette, our children, and my family. We will take some time to simply relax, hike, swim, read books, and eat good food. I am already excited to worship with you in the month of July--welcoming the children to VBS and working our way through our sermon series on hope.

Blessings to each of you,
Jacob

CCC Book Club in July

Our book discussion group will meet July 18 to discuss "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee. Join us in the Library at 1:30 pm.



Any questions,
call Brenda Richardson at 636-386-5279.



Summer Course starts July 21st

New course presented by Bob McClelland on the "Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" begins July 21st. Please sign-up in the Narthex.

As a German Lutheran clergyman, Bonhoeffer stands as a giant among the shapers on contemporary theological thinking.

Please join Bob for this enlightening class!

VBS News!

VBS is quickly approaching! Plans are humming along and we are getting excited for what we feel will be a very special event at CCC. Our "surfers" will be meeting at the Surf Shack on July 11-15 from 9:00 am till noon. Here are a few notes to keep in mind:

Each day we ask everyone to wear the following colors: Mon.-red, Tues.-yellow, Wed.-

purple, Thurs.-green, and Fri.-blue. (This is optional, don't worry if you don't have one of the colors.)

Our mission project will once again be collecting school supplies and food items for Circle of Concern. We will also be collecting an offering for those who prefer to give money. (Circle can use this to buy items that aren't donated.)



On Thursday evening at 7:00 we will be gathering for a short program where the children will sing songs they have learned at VBS. This will be followed by refreshments.

It's not too late to sign up! The more kids we have, the more fun it will be! Bring your friends!

Laurie Clifton and Susan McGehee, VBS directors

Stable Sale needs YOU!

WE NEED HELP!!!! Now that summer is here, maybe some of you aren't as busy or maybe are even off for the summer. The Stable could sure use your help on Monday or Thursday. Here's why . . . of the 19 regular stable workers: the youngest is 66, the oldest is 85, and the average age is 75! We need you to help bring our average age down!!!!



St. Louis Pridefest 2016

We will share a booth with several other churches (Webster Groves and Union Ave. to name a couple) and serve communion to those attending the festival. Hope you can join us this weekend, June 25 and June 26!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45aaaf2da6fb6-stlouis1>

Mission Team Update

As you may know several of the Mission First team members have adopted a girl's dorm at Epworth Children's Home. As we have gotten to know more about this great organization that provides hope and support for struggling children, it has come to our attention that they have some needs that we know we can help them with.

First, they would like to set up a 'store'. The kids living there could earn points and use them to purchase things from the store. These are not big ticket items but things that the kids need and would otherwise have to buy themselves. We will have a designated basket in the hallway closet across from the library to collect donations of: soap (Axe, Bath and Body Works, Dove, Caress), toothpaste (Crest, Colgate), deodorant (Dove, Old Spice, Axe, Secret), face wash (Neutrogena, Garnier), and body lotion (Vaseline Intensive Care, shea butter, Bath and Body Works, Jergens).

Second, the boys living at Epworth would LOVE for some guys to come and play basketball with them. Anyone volunteering must be over 21 years old. An hour of your time would mean the world to them!

Lastly, the girls in the Knobel dorm would be thrilled to get cards from anyone in the congregation. If you would like to send a card to say you are thinking about them the address is:

Epworth
Webster Groves Campus
Knobel Girls
110 N Elm Avenue
Webster Groves, MO 63119

These are easy ways to make a difference in a child's life! Please contact Lisa Belue, Molly Duncan, or Tracey Hammack for more information.

Ballwin Days

Thanks to all who braved the heat and helped volunteer at our booth at Ballwin Days!

We had fun and made some great connections to the community.
Enjoy some pictures!



**The Vital Spark deadline for July will be
July 21st!**

DW Stable Corner

The Stable recently donated 4 sewing machines to the St. Louis nonprofit organization Charity Sharity. They collect portable sewing machines that are used locally as well as being sent to Haiti to be used in mission schools. The Haitian women can make money as well as sewing for their homes and families. Locally, a number of new sewing classes are being offered for girls and women. One machine went to a high school senior who was identified by her Home Economics teacher as having real potential; unfortunately her family could not afford to buy her a sewing machine. Another lady works with offenders who are making the transition from prison back to life on the outside. The artistic efforts involved in sewing help with self esteem and goals in life.

Thank you's from CCC Members

"Thank you for the calls, prayers, and cards
from so many of you during my recent illness."
-Mitzie Bryant



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