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# The Vital Spark

NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Dear Community Christian Church,

As I write this article, we have completed day two of Vacation Bible School. My three-year-old Ella, a participant of VBS, just told Paulette that we “Go beyond with faith.” We are indeed, as a community of God’s people, moving beyond with faith.

I want to share several updates:

The elimination of our remaining debt is now VERY close to completion. We have raised 68% of the remaining funds and need roughly \$60,000 to fulfill our goal. I know, that with faith and prayer, this can be accomplished. If you haven’t yet, will you please consider making a financial contribution?

The first month of July will see the start of a new sermon series, “Nevertheless, she persisted.” This series is designed for us to intentionally listen to six women of the Bible who each have their own stories to tell. Hagar, Esther, Ruth and Naomi, the Syrophenician woman, the Samaritan woman, and Mary Magdalene. These women all have a unique and wonderful story to tell. I think it will be an engaging series.

The start of the community garden has been delayed, by none other than Bermuda grass. Our garden consultant has assured us that until we eradicate all of this invasive grass, our efforts of growing a garden and vegetable will be futile. So the current plan is to put large tarps over the garden area in the next several weeks, leave the area covered until next spring, and then, once the Bermuda grass is gone, beginning planting. It was a setback, but we want to be sure that our garden is met with success and waiting seems like the most prudent choice.

As always, I’m grateful for this Community and the many ways we celebrate God’s faithfulness.

Summer blessings to each of you,

Jacob

# Thank You

I appreciate all of you faithful donors. So many of you rise to the occasion every time. With summertime upon us, the need is especially great for blood donors and blood donations. Giving this way is a great way to celebrate our good health. This past Sunday we collected 22 pints of blood, which will be used to help as many as 66 people. If you weren't able to donate this past Sunday, please consider finding a drive nearby within the next few weeks and donating (call 1-800-GIVE LIFE). Our next CCC blood drive is September 22.

Liz Dupuis

Blood Program Leader

I just wanted to take a moment to thank Community Christian church for the scholarship. I am very grateful for getting the opportunity to receive this award. I will put it towards book and other expenses in college.

Anna Welker

I am so blessed to have wonderful friends and family during what was a very stressful time in my life with my Mother's passing. I frequently tell people that I am not only a member of CCC but that CCC is part of my family.

The cards and well wishes meant a lot and made the journey a bit easier. Thank you all.

Linda Helm

## Book Discussion Group

The CCC Book Discussion Group will be meeting on July 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the CCC Library for conversation about the book *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. Please contact Betty Quicksall if you need a copy of the book and Brenda Richardson for additional information about the group.

# VBS 2019

With the help of many adult and youth volunteers, the kids participating in VBS this week are having an awesome time learning to *“Go Beyond with faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness and hope.”*



## ST. LOUIS PRIDEFEST

June 29 (11-9) and June 30 (11-7)  
at Soldier's Memorial Park  
in downtown St. Louis

Booth workers from local  
DOC congregations and  
parade participants needed

Register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448a8ad2da7fe3-docpridefest>

# Mission Team News

## #CourageouslyServing

Brenda Booth of Isaiah 58 Ministries will be here next Sunday, June 30, to share information about Isaiah 58 Ministries with us during the adult SS hour – meet in the library at 9 a.m. Please plan to come learn more about CCC's involvement with this organization and the services they offer to residents of St. Louis.

A huge "Thank You" to all of our community members who generously donated to the Clean-Up Buckets pop up Mission project. We are so excited to have been able to completely fill 15 buckets and will deliver them to the Salvation Army for immediate distribution to local families in need of assistance. A continued thanks to those who support the Hanna Woods food bags with food and monetary donations. Our congregation has filled bags during June and will do so again in August, providing badly needed support for families experiencing food insecurity in the Hanna Woods school family. Your help is greatly appreciated!

We also want to express our gratitude for the congregational support of our recent special offerings as shown below.

Week of Compassion—supports disaster relief	\$570.95
Easter - supports general church ministries	\$1,066.00
Pentecost - supports new church start ups	\$712.00

## Fellowship Opportunities

All ladies of the church are invited to lunch on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at La Bonne Bouchee, a French patisserie and café, located in Creve Coeur. A carpool will leave from CCC at 11 a.m. or you can meet the group at the restaurant at 11:30. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Liz Dupuis or Deb Gray.

On July 13th Disciples Men are hosting breakfast and a special program being presented by Mr. Mark Anderson, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a call he accepted in January 2011. All men and women are invited - a sign up will be available in the Narthex soon. Coffee and fellowship at 8, breakfast at 8:30 and program begins just after 9.

# Haygoods Christmas

## Show Tickets



On Dec. 20, 2019, The Haygoods Show, one of the most popular shows in Branson, will be performing their Christmas Season Show at the Rickman Auditorium in Arnold, MO. As most of you know, I have been working with this show for over 10 years. They have set aside a group of 60 tickets for me and they are giving me a price of \$30.00 per ticket. I have already received 33 ticket orders - they are going fast. Last year this show sold out quickly. If you are interested in attending the concert, please call or text my cell phone and leave the number of tickets you desire along with your phone number and I will get back to you to confirm your order. I will need the money by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> so I can pay for them. Once the 60 tickets are gone, that will be all I can get. Looking forward to a big group from CCC.

Ric Degitz

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