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"I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122

Here's some news that we hope will make you glad! Beginning on Pentecost and Capital Pride Sunday, June 9, the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services will meet together during the summer months for one, joy-filled, and inspirational 10 a.m. worship service.

Incorporating the Gospel Choir and the Sanctuary Choir, its section leaders, and organist under the direction of Valeria Foster, this special initiative is part of our exciting Epiphany planning. The hope is that regular worshipers of either service will get to know each other better and that all will come to a greater appreciation for the different styles of worship offered on Sunday morning. Hymn and music selections will be a blend from both services.

The nursery will continue with its normal hours. Choir rehearsals will still be held on Tuesday evenings for the Gospel Choir and the Sanctuary Choir will rehearse a little earlier at 9 a.m. on Sundays. Iglesia Cristiana Nacional will continue to meet for worship in the Community Room at 11 a.m.

The hope is that our neighbors around the church and those visiting Washington, D.C., will find the worship service and time attractive. Members and friends are encouraged to invite their friends and loved ones. Along with the different time, our worship leaders are planning some unique worship experiences. The hope is that worshipers from both services will get better acquainted and deepen church relationships.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, Tony Johnson will also share in a "blessing" of our new worship time through sacred dance. At the end of the worship service, all are invited to the steps to enjoy ice cream sundaes and toppings. Wear red and arrive on time, for the new summer worship hour of 10 a.m.!

- Dr. Stephen Gentle
Senior Pastor

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June Birthdays

- 4 Duane Cummings
- Mike McMahon
- James Ferguson
- Barbara Kelley
- 5 Hedrick Mitchell
- 8 James Dennison
- Richard Fogle
- 9 Sara Ketchum
- Annice Majette
- Brenda Thompson
- 10 Helen Gray
- 11 Terri Malone
- Alexis Taylor
- 12 Patrick Malone
- 13 Evan Zasoski
- 14 Greshaun Fulgham
- 15 Jane Baines
- 16 Stephen Gentle
- 18 Jessica Cannon
- 19 Lauren He*
- 22 Ann Neeriemer
- Travaughn Lovick
- 23 Ray Valido
- 26 Gentry Alexander
- Kathleen Swihart
- 29 Ana-Elisa Gentle
- Gina Ramirez*
- 30 Doug Cook
- Elizabeth Ayers

July Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Kruse
- Sophia Neal*
- Arnie Porter
- Brooke Talbott*
- 2 Jefferson Beeker
- Barbara Collins
- Marian Huish
- Idia Rodriguez
- 3 Carla Wilson
- 5 Challys Gretsinger
- Kathleen Walker
- 7 Lauria Carey
- Natalie Carson
- Anthony Mague
- 8 Bill Rowland
- 10 Andy Ridgeway
- 11 Paula Engle
- Joe Mokodean
- 12 David Walker
- 13 Jim Kluckhohn
- 15 Connie Mausbach
- 16 Kathleen Simpson
- 17 Quinn Malone
- 21 Theresa Beaton
- Connie Gentle
- 26 Sarah Hedlund
- 27 June Chewing
- 31 Courtney Jones
- Laura Zasoski

* Indicates a student or child

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Disciples Women To Meet June 4

You are invited to join Disciples Women on Tuesday, June 4, at 11 a.m. as Rev. Steven Baines leads the discussion on Pentecost.

The meeting will be in the Music Suite. All are invited to bring a sandwich and stay for fellowship.

Call-In Prayer Day and Time

If you would like to join our weekly prayer, you are invited to call in on Saturdays at 8 a.m. for community prayer. Call 712-775-7031 and use code 371015. If you have questions regarding the prayer line, contact Loretta Tate.

Volunteers Needed for Pride!

National City will once again bring hospitality and welcome to the center of Thomas Circle with our colorful celebration colors on the church steps. We will also brighten the faces of hundreds of thousands of people, children and families during the day at Capital Pride Festival on Sunday, June 9. The LGBTQ community welcomes all to come celebrate the Pride weekend in conjunction with Pentecost weekend in the Liturgical calendar. The spirit will rush out of the doors of the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 9, and overflow through the streets of Pennsylvania Avenue where National City will once again have a prime booth location as sponsor of the festival. The festival theme this year is appropriately named, SHOUT! If you are willing to shout Christ's welcome to all for a few hours at our booth, please contact Rev. Steven Baines at Sbaines@nationalcitycc.org or 202-232-0323, ext. 102.

Spring Concert Season Closes With Four Memorable Performances

It's hard to believe that our 2018-2019 concert season is drawing to a close. Don't miss out on this month's performances. These four final concerts will leave you counting the days until the next series begins in September.

Music at Midday concerts are held each Friday at 12:15 p.m. and last just 30 to 45 minutes, just long enough to lift your spirit and prepare you for the weekend. The concerts are free, but we welcome your gift to sustain this self-supporting series.

Check out these wonderful performances for the month of June:

June 7: To celebrate **Capital Pride** weekend, Chicago organist **Alan Hommerding** is performing a program entitled "Isn't It Romantic?," featuring music of the nineteenth century. Works of Mendelssohn, Bizet, Brahms, Liszt, van Eijken, and Boëly.

June 14: **Eric Bowman** (Ranson, West Virginia) will perform organ works of John Dunstable, J. S. Bach, Lawrence Schreiber, Lucy Ann Warriner, and Leon Boëllman, including the *Prière à Notre-Dame*.

June 21: Eastman doctoral candidate **Amanda Mole** will perform organ works of Felix Mendelssohn, Franz Liszt, and Josef Rheinberger.

June 28: New York City organist **Aaron Comins** will devote the entire program to Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, performing his own transcription of this beloved work.

- J. Michael McMahon



Campbell Building Update

The Campbell Building sale closed Tuesday, May 7, and the sale proceeds were wired to the Christian Church Foundation (CCF). In accordance with the NCCC Foundation Board of Trustees' previously adopted instructions, the funds were deposited into the Foundation Permanent Fund at CCF and invested half in the Campbell Fund and half in the Beasley Fund.

This sale marks a bittersweet moment as we bid farewell to a building that served the congregation in so many ways over the decades. At the same time, the sale relieves the NCCC Foundation of the financial burden of an aging structure in need of repairs and improvements that likely would have exhausted the Foundation's limited resources. The sale has transformed this potential liability into the source of funds to strengthen the NCCC Foundation endowment.

I know that the other members of the Campbell Building Taskforce, Jane Campbell, Dick Hamm, and Stephen Gentle join me in thanking each of you for your insights, suggestions, and support in guiding this project to a successful conclusion.

- John Arterberry
NCCC Foundation Chairperson



Christian Temple youth of Baltimore, MD. visited National City Christian Church on May 18 for an extended tour of our facilities and historic John Russell Pope-designed sanctuary. Rev. Rick Powell, Senior Pastor, said the experience is one the youth always look forward to as they learn more about what being a disciple of Christ is all about and what becoming baptized in the Disciples of Christ means in the larger worshiping community. The four youth will be baptized into the family of Christian Temple later this summer.

Congratulations to Our Graduates

Gina Ramirez graduated on May 18 from the George Washington University with an Associate of Art degree as part of the George Washington Early College Program. On June 15 she will also graduate from School Without Walls. This fall she will be attending North Carolina State University. Gina has been a part of the Sanctuary Choir since May 2017. She also participated in activities organized by Teresa Swihart, including dressing as Moana for the movie night and reading to the kids on the Breakfast with Santa event.

Justin D. Hedlund graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Tampa in Tampa, Florida, on Saturday, May 11. He majored in biology and minored in Spanish. His parents are Eric Hedlund and Sarah Hedlund, and his grandparents are David and Kathy Walker, David and Betty Lollis, the late Jane Lollis, and Ronald and Barbara Hedlund.

Kevin Wilson will graduate June 1 from the University of Delaware with a major in civil engineering and a minor in sustainable infrastructure. He will be working as a bridge inspector for Pennoni. Kevin is the son of Carla and Bill Wilson and the grandson of Kathleen Swihart and Betty Wilson.

Rachel Brooker Langston graduated from St. Johns College in Annapolis with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She is the daughter of Ken and Emily Brooker Langston.

If we missed sharing about your graduation, contact Diana Morse at morsediana@comcast.net and congratulations to all of our graduates and their accomplishments.



Dog Blessing



Welcome to Evan Miles Selde born on May 2!



Our expectant mothers celebrated Mothers Day



Aixa Diaz is honored by students for Teachers Appreciation Day.