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Dear Friends,

I'm so glad to be chiming in for this month's newsletter to, first of all, say thank you to so many of you for welcoming me into the life of the NCCC community. I can truly say it has been a joy to work with the leadership of this congregation and to see how so many of you love and selflessly care for this community. Any church would be graced beyond measure to have the level of commitment and care NCCC has in all of you!

Second, I must say how lovely it has been to work with a staff so open to new ideas. We've moved, as you may have seen, into a lectionary series-based sermon schedule for worship planning. My goal has been to give us all a framework for experiencing worship, along with some variety in the worship experience that changes every time we switch up the series themes. Again, staff has been game for all the new challenges, and all of you have been so generous in participating (mostly via video!). Thank you, thank you, thank you. When we collaborate like this, we are truly being the church in new and exciting ways.

And finally, I must say a deep thank you to so many of you who care about the physical space we steward on Thomas Circle. Rev. Steve Baines and Moe Jackson are treasures—no doubt about that. Their willingness to both tend to the physical space in new ways (quarantine offers unusual opportunities for fixing and cleaning and organizing!) and to try new things (technological updates to streamline virtual worship, using the steps to welcome our neighbors with excellent music, etc.) have helped us reach a whole new group of people who did not previously know about NCCC. In the middle of all the pain and uncertainty of this current moment, this is truly a gift.

I am beyond grateful to be included in your community for this moment in which we find ourselves. In all of the pain and uncertainty we are all facing, please know that you are effectively being the church...and that is no small thing. I am so grateful to be part of this community that is continuing, and adapting, and being a faithful witness in this moment.

Much love and gratitude,

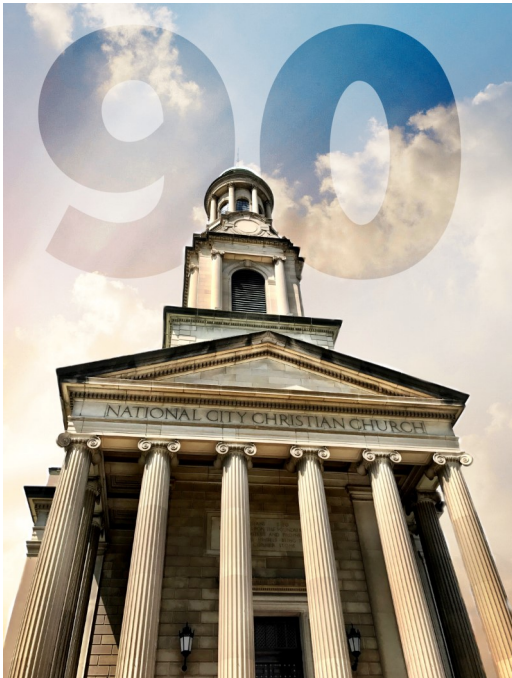
Pastor Amy

90th Anniversary Events

A worship celebration is being planned for All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1, but join us throughout the day on our different social media platforms - Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Website and Email - for memories, photos, and videos of remembrance, celebration and hope! And then don't forget to post your own remembrances on your personal social media platforms. Happy Anniversary!

**90th Anniversary Organ Celebration and Fundraiser:
Featuring National City Organists from Six Decades of Ministry
Sunday, November 1, - 3 p.m. (Facebook and YouTube)**

Join us for a virtual afternoon organ recital featuring the talents of all of our National City organists from the time of Lon Schrieber to the present. You WILL NOT want to miss this time of Anniversary Celebration as our beloved musicians play from the magnificent 5-console, 7600-pipes of the National City organ to other great pipe organs across the country. During the recital, you will have the opportunity to make a live, online gift or pledge for much needed organ restoration to National City's Grand Organ. More than \$45,000 has already been raised and used for repair. Now, we must raise another \$80,000 for the completion of the restoration. Join us and enjoy the great sounds of our former and present organists!



October Birthdays

- 5 Barbara Boward
Jennifer Selde
- 6 Carson Talbott*
- 11 Taylor Tate
- 16 Mona Corneiro
- 21 Teresa Swihart
- 24 Fredrickia Lloyd
Bill Ryan
- 25 Betty Jones
Angelina Ramirez
Beverly Schacht
Wes Strotman
- 27 Jessica Kelley
Marshall May*
- 31 Miriam Gentle
Claudine Nichols

November Birthdays

- 2 Anastasia Parrish (Staci)*
- 5 Chip Talbott
Virginia Taylor
- 7 Mary Ellen Deardorff
Rick Mohn
- 9 Sarah Birdsong
- 10 John Scott Williams
- 13 Nadine G. Bishop
- 14 David McKinney
- 16 Lorraine Magnussen
- 20 Tim Schaefer
- 22 Laurese Dancy
- 24 Beverly Goines
- 26 Sylvia Snyder
Ron Williams
- 28 Tom Beacham
Charles Covington
- 30 Lon Schreiber
Karla Williams

*Indicates student
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Virtual Coffee Hour

Sundays at 11 a.m. Bring your coffee and enjoy virtual conversation with your National City family! We will send out a link on Fridays. Subscribe to our email list via our website, if you haven't already, to receive the link. You can also email Colleen Walsh at cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org to be subscribed to our email list.

Call-In Prayer Time on Saturdays

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.

Music at Midday Launches into Fall

The Fall 2020 season of Music at Midday is off to a great start and will continue with weekly performances every Friday at 12:15 p.m. through December 18, with the exception of November 27 (Thanksgiving weekend). These concerts are free and open to the public, although we are happy to receive your donations in support of the series.

We are holding live, in-person, socially distanced concerts, with positions roped off where audience members may sit. Masks are required to enter the building and we have them available for those who need them.

We are also recording and broadcasting our weekly concerts on the NCCC YouTube and Facebook, so that if you don't feel comfortable attending in person, or in the event that restrictions in the District of Columbia prevent us from opening the church, you will be able to enjoy Music at Midday concerts from wherever you are. We will send email notifications of upcoming concerts and of any changes in our schedule. Check for the latest news about concerts on the church's website and on the Facebook page for Music at Midday at National City Christian Church.

Plan now to join us for these exciting concerts that have been planned for October:

October 2: Baltimore organist **Theodore S. Davis** will perform works of two twentieth century composers—Florence Price (African American) and Henri Mulet (French).

October 9: The organ duo of **Tyler Canonico** and **Jordan Markham** (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania) will perform a program of music to delight you, including works of Joel Raney, Felix Mendelssohn, Charles Callahan, and Robin Dinda.

October 16: Chicago pianist **Mark Valenti** will perform a transcription of J. S. Bach's Organ Prelude in G minor along with piano music by Samuel Barber and Claude Debussy.

October 23: Organist **Russell Weismann** (Washington, DC) will present a program of organ music by Arthur Foote, César Franck, J. S. Bach, and Franz Schmidt.

October 30: Organist **David Brock** (Zephyr Springs, Nevada) returns to his native Washington to perform works of César Franck and Dietrich Buxtehude.

Rev. J. Michael McMahon, D.Min.
Artistic Director, Music at Midday
National City Christian Church

Christian Pathways Sunday School Class

Features Biblical Leaders

For the months of October and November the topic is "Who Will Tell My Story." This is a 45-minute class on various Biblical leaders who rose up to the occasion when leadership was needed. There are nine different discussion leaders who will bring a different perspective on each Biblical leader. All classes are on Zoom and begin at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

Recently, I had the opportunity to view the amazing Broadway play "Hamilton." I had read the reviews and heard of its impact on its audiences. But, to see the play was an eye opener. For those who have not had the chance to see the play, let me say you are in for a treat.

The play tells the story of the life of Alexander Hamilton, one of the founding fathers of America. The play is a musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Miranda was inspired to write the musical after reading the 2004 biography "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow. The show is a magnificently arranged musical of rap, hip-hop, rhythm and blues, pop, soul, as well as traditional-style show tunes. Miranda described "Hamilton" as being about "America then, as told by America now."

This magnificent adaptation of American leadership started me to wonder about the leaders in the Bible and how they rose up to the occasion to lead God's people. How God chose these men and women and how they (some with reservations) carried out their missions from God.

So the Christian Pathways Sunday School Class will be featuring each week a study on various leaders of the Bible with the theme "Who Will Tell Your Story?" The discussion leaders will be telling the stories of these leaders and discussing the highs and lows of their leadership.

I am looking forward to the next three months. I hope you will join us. Each week I will send out a notice with the Zoom information. Please feel free to invite your family or friends.

Loretta Tate

October 4

Barnabas

Bridges the gaps of differing opinions

Leader: Terri Malone

October 11

Jael

A devout woman convert known for her beauty

Leader: Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines

October 18

Gideon

Judge of Israel and Military Commander

Leader: Tom Kelley, Jr.

October 25

Miriam

Exodus Leader

Leader: Loretta Franklin

November 1

Alexander Campbell

Founder of the Christian Church (DoC)

Leader: Rev. Steven Baines

November 8

Jeremiah

Means God will elevate

Leader: Rev. Dr. Michael McMahon

November 15

Isaiah

Leaders rise to the occasion

Leader: Kent Woods

November 22

Daughters of Zelophehad

Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah

Leader: Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea

November 29

Elijah

Binds the ties of love and courage

Discussion Leader: Charlie W. Daniel



Mark Your Calendars for "Generous Hearts"!

Generous Hearts is a special online Wednesday Night Bible Study series that begins November 4th at 6:30 p.m. through November 18th and hosted by National City's own Rev. Dr. Amy Butler and Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines, and Rev. Randy Johnson of the Christian Church Foundation

Just after the election, we'll come together to examine the fundamental way God has created us for interdependence. The second week we'll talk about the many ways that we can cultivate the practice of generosity in our lives. And, the third week, we'll discuss the fact that our impact in the church and society doesn't have to end when our lives do.

Beverly J. Goines

Board of Local Trustees—Charitable Arm of National City

The Board of Local Trustees for NCCC (BOLT) is a committee of seven members of NCCC who serve as the charitable arm of NCCC. The members have been elected to administer funds that have been donated to the BOLT. Most of the income from these funds is available to address the charitable and/or educational needs of the Church community.

Requests may be communicated to the BOLT through a member of the Ministerial staff, through requests made to the Diaconate or directly to a member of the BOLT. Further information can be obtained from a minister or BOLT member. The current members of the BOLT are: Gentry Alexander, Tom Kelley, Lorraine Magnussen, Ann Neeriemer, Loretta Tate, Shana Williams, and Carla Wilson.

The NCCC Local Trustees e-mail address is BOLT@nationalcitycc.org.

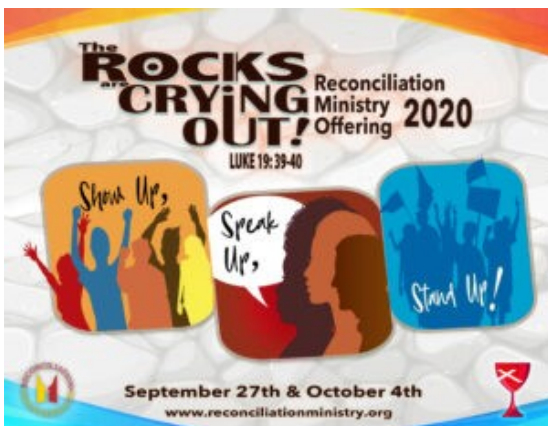


Welcome to Anna Meyer Our New Seminary Intern

During our worship service on September 27, Pastor Amy introduced Anna Meyer who will join us for the academic year as a seminary intern. She lives and works in New York and is a ministry student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Deloris Ruddock** and family on the death of her sister, long-time member **Peggy Washington**, in New York on September 24. There will be a private service of inurnment at National City's Columbarium at a later date.



It has been 20 years since we proclaimed our anti-racist and pro-reconciliation identity. We keep trying it on to see if it fits. Over and over again, we find that it does. On September 27 and October 4, we will receive the special offering for Reconciliation Ministry in congregations.

This year's theme is fitting for our response to the sustained unrest that has propelled the many to engage in social activism in small towns and major cities. *The Rocks Are Crying Out: Show Up, Speak Up, Stand Up*, based in Luke 19:36-40, reminds us, that like those first century disciples following Jesus into Jerusalem, we must lift our voices to acknowledge the divine message and the divine messenger that is Christ with us. We are the ones to break the silence of oppression and suppression of human dignity based on the color of a person's skin or their nation of origin.

The harmful impact of systemic racism has been laid bare in the health disparities of those impacted by the novel coronavirus, compelling us to **'speak up'** naming the conditions that unjustly impact poor, black, and brown communities. The extra-judicial treatment of black and brown bodies has compelled many to **'show up'** in peaceful protests to affirm equitable treatment by law enforcement and to affirm human dignity for ALL. We, too, are compelled to **'stand up'** to witness to Christ's profound love on behalf of those who are without hope because of historic economic oppression and wealth disparities in our communities.

Your generosity to Reconciliation Ministry strengthens the work and witness of congregations to be the vicarious presence of Christ where we serve. Your giving promotes programs that provide anti-racism and pro-reconciliation education and resources such as our "Choose Your Own Adventure" online bible study created by Disciples Peace Interns. Your giving promotes inclusive worship and relationship-building through programs such as One Bag of Tea conversation starter program.

Your generosity strengthens our voice to shout "Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed are WE, the ones who come in the name of Lord!"