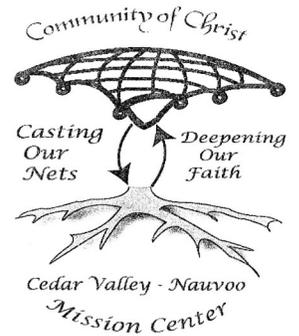


Shout The News



SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2017

Church Responds In Harvey Aftermath

As floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey begin to recede in and around Houston, ministry is being provided by the World Church and local congregations.

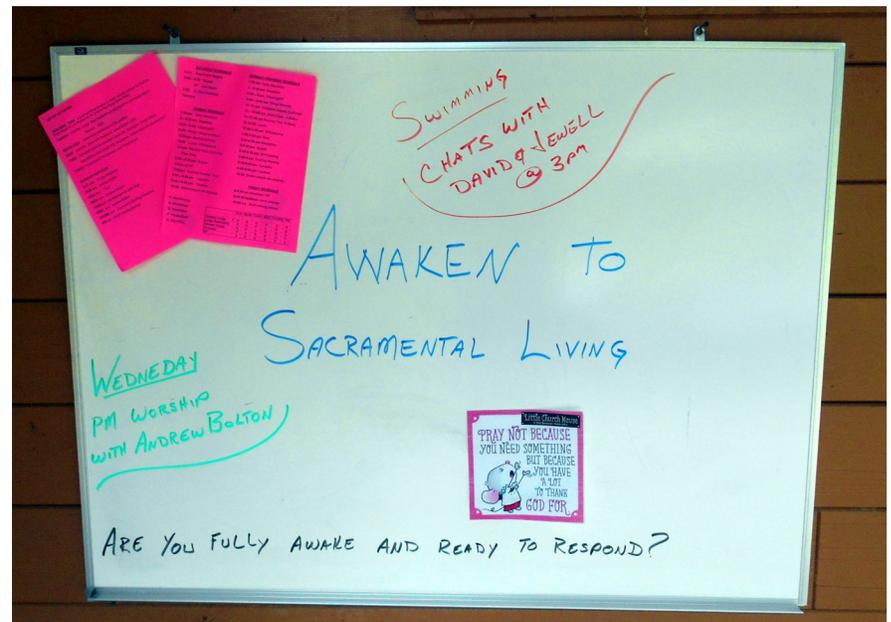
One family received enough food and personal items to last several days after theirs were destroyed. Another family that has taken in individuals seeking shelter will likely receive food as well, according to emails from Tresha Hattar, who has been checking on Houston-area church members.

In the Beaumont area, many church members affected by the storm are staying with family. At least one couple was forced to evacuate after their home flooded, according to Cheryl Saur at the Costal Bend Mission Center. Beaumont members reported their building had not taken on water, for which they are grateful.

Moana S. Faana, field support minister for the South Central USA Mission Field, is directing Community of Christ aid in the area.

The church has committed an initial \$25,000 from Worldwide Mission Tithes for immediate Texas flood relief aid and hopes to receive an additional \$25,000 in donations to be used as needs are identified.

Contributions in excess of \$25,000 will be used for Texas flood relief efforts or go to Worldwide Mission Tithes where aid will be drawn for future disaster relief efforts. For more information, email HarveyRelief@CofChrist.org.



In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, the words on this message board outside the Camp Nauvoo Lodge during Reunion I are especially meaningful. Information on how to contribute to Texas flood relief through Community of Christ is on page 2.

Last Hoorah of Summer

A big thank you for the great turnout Aug. 18-19 for the “Last Hoorah of Summer” at Cedar Valley Grove. The weather was perfect, and it’s safe to say a good time was had by all. Also, thanks to Pat Reaves for promoting the event and organizing a campfire and Saturday afternoon activities.

About 23 came Friday to share pizza, play games and spend the night. On Saturday, after a light breakfast, work began on a long list of maintenance projects and end-of-season clean-up. By noon 33 people had come to work and share a lunch of smoked brisket and pulled pork.

Much was accomplished and great strides made on some big projects. The work list included installing new roofing and bathroom at the guest ministry cabin, splitting wood, deep cleaning the kitchen and lodge, bleaching and storing mattresses, improving the wi-fi system, filling sinkholes, spreading mulch, replacing broken door handles and washing windows.

“While I do believe some were moving a little slower on Sunday, from what I could see everyone had an enjoyable time visiting and working together in fellowship,” said Kent LeVan, CVG resident manager.

“We hope we can do something similar in the spring and again next fall. Again, many thanks to those who came.” -- Kent, resident manager



Cedar Rapids' Bible School was a hit judging by these happy faces.

Events

Temple School Course Postponed

Temple School course SS400 *Introduction to Scripture* has been postponed. The class was scheduled to start Saturday, Sept. 9, in Davenport with Evelyn Dustin facilitating.

If you are interested in taking this all-new course, please call Brenda Mitchell at (319) 390-4307 or email her at mitchellsonzika@mchsi.com.

Textbooks can be ordered from Herald House for \$29.95 plus shipping and handling or in PDF format for \$12.95. Price includes registration.

Muscatine youth are sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show Sunday, Sept. 10, from 5-6:30 p.m. to raise funds for 2018 City Center campers.

Muscatine will **NOT** be having its usual fall bazaar in November. Many of the congregation are dealing with major health issues so this year we are having a "Rocking Chair" Bazaar, without the work, by donating the money normally put into the bazaar effort. Thanks for your past support and watch for a spring fundraiser.

A contemporary service, led by Sharon and Danny Lasswell, will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m., at **Carthage** Community of Christ.

Thanksgiving dinners are planned for Sunday, Nov. 19, following morning worship in both **Davenport** and **Moline**. Visitors are always welcome.

JAM Kids begins Wednesday, Sept. 13, at **Coralville** Community of Christ. JAM Kids is for children in grades K-6 and meets the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. This year's theme is "Listen for God's Voice."

Also, Coralville will serve as the host site for the warm clothing distribution /Coats for Kids in Johnson County. This interfaith event will be held 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 14.

City Center Ministries will be having its kids' Christmas Store Dec. 2. Donations of gift items and/or money are appreciated. It is anticipated that about 30 children will be shopping for family, friends and loved ones.

How to support Harvey relief efforts

To give through eTithing:

- Log in or select Give Without an Account.
- Choose Disaster Relief in the drop-down menu.
- Click Next and Texas Flood Relief appears.
- Enter the amount you wish to give.
- Click Next.
- Enter your payment information.
- Click Submit

To contribute by check, write Texas Flood Relief on the right side of your tithing envelope.

Prayer Requests

Bill & Kathy Albright
Jeff Alpin
Dorothy Birky
Charles Burgess
Phyllis Carle
Steve & Linda Comstock
Marilyn Farrar
Tom Foss
Mandy Grimm
Becky Gregory
Herb & Angela Iles
Alecia Inskeep
Beverly Koshatka
Karol Krotz
Bob Laudie
Judy LeVan
Dave Loy
Jacob Luce
Lisa Martin
"Mac" McDonald
Bobbi Mitchell
Meredith Mitchell
Barb Pace
Julie Ricketts
Muriel Sackfield
Bob Taylor



**Reunion
Snapshots
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We had an amazing Junior Camp with 36 campers at CVG this year! The kids had a blast! Using a space theme -- "To the edge ... encountering the God of the Universe" -- campers learned about living together in community. They acquired new skills in archery, crafting, photography, creating a camp log, and disk golf, not to mention participating in some amazing events like a scavenger hunt and a water fun day with a waterslide and water games. They trained to be Jedis, played black light games, competed in some Minute to Win It activities and shared some great talent at the talent show.

Thank you to all who volunteered to be with us for the week or a few hours. We couldn't have had such a great camp without you! -- May the force be with you,

Monica LaRoque and Lisa Hill, camp directors

Sacraments

Ordinations

Todd Batey, ordained to the office of elder, July 9, by Jim Coil and Don Richardson, Nauvoo.

Births

Megumi Amanda Thompson, daughter of Eiko and Darrin Thompson, Coralville, July 22.

Blessings

Ricio Solinas-Robertson, July 30, by Pam LaRoque and Monica LaRoque, City Center Ministries, Davenport.

Deaths

Jerry Naylor, Cedar Rapids, July 9.

Pat Salsberry, Davenport, July 14.

Sharon Jackson, Moline, July 1.

Warren Hinkle, Davenport, July 21.

Maurice Russell, Canton, July 28.

Velma Ruch, Lamoni, July 29.

Jessica Alred, Pekin, Aug. 8.

Donald Salsberry, Davenport, Aug. 23.



Happy Birthday, Bette

Bette Williams, left, celebrated 80 years young with family and friends on July 23 at Brookstone senior living center, Aledo, IL. Here Bette visits with Jackie Johnson. She also celebrated her birthday during Reunion 2 at Cedar Valley Grove, where she attended every reunion since they began being held there over 50 years ago.

Something to Shout About

City Center Ministry sent 24 kids to camps and Spec. “This is truly a highlight for our kids and they look forward to attending. Thank you to everyone who helped with tuition and support.”

City Center held its end-of-summer picnic Aug. 26 at Scott County Park. Around 70 people came and enjoyed swimming, crafts, lots of food and a closing campfire.

Muscatine commends Mandy Grimm, Deb Wykert and Anita Zahniser for stepping up to the plate and serving as camp staff and offers cheers to campers Anna Comstock and Bryce Grimm, junior camp; and Laura Comstock, junior high camp.

Davenport enjoyed several outings this summer including a swim party at the home of Mike and Cindy Crotty in July and a mini-golf party in August. A ride on the Channel Cat Water Taxi is planned for September.

The Nauvoo congregation hosted a “Cooling Station” on Sunday, Sept. 3, during the Nauvoo Grape Festival. Lunch items, baked goods and cold drinks were served as well.

Coralville is happy to have new ovens in the kitchen.

Muscatine is happy to share that Bryce Grimm is no longer allergic to dairy products.

Elyssa MacCormick, daughter of Mike and Jennifer, was selected by McKinley Middle School administrative staff to receive the Wanda Taylor Humanitarian Award. Wanda spent several years in the Cedar Rapids congregation and taught school in Cedar Rapids until her death in 1993. The award is given annually in memory of the sensitivity, sincerity and dedication she had to her students. The committee looks for these: gentle spirit, unselfishness, motivation, and determination.



50-Gallon Donor

Bud Brown of the Mt. Pleasant congregation gave his 50th gallon of blood June 1. Behind him are 10 pails that Pastor Shirley Spray used to illustrate his gift of life. Bud also volunteers at the blood center in Burlington.