



Waukee Christian Church
Newsletter

Waukee Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Nov. 2011

THANKS-LIVING POTLUCK DINNER

Nov. 6, 11:30am

Bring a dish to share!

Please join us for this celebration.



We will also be packing
Operation Christmas Child Boxes
at 9am and after the dinner.



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See you on Sunday!

Sunday School 9:00am

Worship 10:00am



UNDER THE STEEPLE

By Pastor Larry Squier

Our lives are filled with beginnings and endings. We take that first sip of milk and next thing you know we are eating solid food. We take that first step and before you know it we are running down the road. Every ending is the beginning of something new. And whatever is new will also end. The first day of school commences with high school graduation and the graduation is the beginning of continuing education or a new vocation. And as the old English proverb goes, "all good things must come to an end."

John in his revelation says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." In other words, God is in our beginnings and our endings and nothing begins or ends aside from God being a part of it. To put it



another way, all moments are God moments. So if God is at our start we can be assured God will be at our end. After beginning a three years span of a world changing, life changing ministry Jesus' final words upon the cross are, "It is finished."

So it is that a year from this October I will end my ministry at the Waukee Christian Church and begin a new vocation of retirement.

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Maybe it seems a little odd to call retirement a vocation but people I know that are already in it say they are busier than ever. To end this ministry and finish this last year I would like to call upon the whole congregation to join me in a sojourn of discovery and anticipation. More than anything else I hope it will be a time we have some fun together. There are a lot of things we've accomplished in my tenure and there are plenty of things left undone. Perhaps together we can celebrate our past ministry together and

begin to dream of the new beginning of a new era for this church and its ministry.

As I say, let's have some fun together, before I depart. Assuredly, when I depart it will have to be a final goodbye for it seldom works to have a former Pastor "hanging around" once they've resigned or retired. I would not be available for Pastoral duties such as wedding, funerals, baptisms and the like once October 2012 comes upon us. It will be the end of what has been a challenging and yet cherished ministry with you.

So, what do you say we all get on board and make this last year our best year ever together? If folks will step up in doing their part and fulfilling responsibilities to which you have the gifts and if you will continue to remain faithful in your giving and financial support of this great church, we can enter into my ending and your new beginning with a great sense of accomplishment and consummation.

Ah yes, a new day is dawning on the hori-



zon for the both of us. We don't know for certain what it will bring but we do know that God will be there with us, just as God was in all of our beginnings and endings throughout our lifetimes.

In Christ's love,

Larry



Points to Ponder

By Pastor Nancy Thomas



Someone said to me the other day that I'm usually the only one who moves and dances around to the music in worship. I'm not the only one, but I may be the most active one. I can't help it. No matter what the music, I move. I may quietly sway from side to side or nod my head up and down or tap my fingers and my feet to the rhythm. Sometimes I clap my hands, do hand motions, and move up and down the aisle.

In the book *Prayer for People Who Can't Sit Still* there is a chapter titled "I Hope You Dance." The opening sentence of that chapter says, "Almost everyone dances in church." My first response was, "Oh, no they don't." In my experience in Disciples churches, I don't see a whole lot of movement in the pews, whether the congregation is sitting or standing, even to the beat of a lively, joyful tune. In fact, I often have to search among the faces of the worshippers to find even a smile in the bunch.

I may be exaggerating some, but, unfortunately, not very much.

Dancing as an expression of worship predates churches by thousands of



years. The Old Testament records dancers such as Miriam, Jephthah's daughter, and King David. Even in the first few centuries of the church, circle dancing regularly took place in the church's liturgy. By the fourth century, however, church leaders believed that the practice of religion should be "an intellectual decision, not an aesthetic delight," so dance became unacceptable in worship.

In the twentieth century, dance in worship has slowly regained popularity in some churches, but usually only as a performance art rather than a participatory act. Liturgical dancers can add beautiful, flowing visual expression to a hymn or a scripture. Even the most sedate worshipers might accept a liturgical dance presentation in worship, but for the average person in the pews to get up and move—that's another story.

William Tenney-Brittain, the author of the above-mentioned book, describes dance as a form of prayer that the majority of our churches aren't yet ready to accept. "If your dance prayer is relatively subdued, there shouldn't be much of an issue." But "if you spontane-

ously break into dance steps" during the worship service and "you are standing in the front row," then you will probably have to answer to the pastor and worship leaders.

For those who believe dancing in worship is not biblical, turn to the Psalms. Psalm 149 says, "Let them praise his name with dancing." Or Psalm 150, "Praise God in his sanctuary ... praise him with tambourine and dancing." And remember that God's beloved King David "danced before the Lord with all his might" (2 Samuel 6:14).

There are no rules for spontaneous movement in worship—it's a response to the Holy Spirit moving within you. But there are some gestures that are universal. Raising your hands, clapping your hands, swaying and side-stepping, even bouncing in the aisles all demonstrate joyful worship.

Remember the children's song: "When you're happy and you know it—clap your hands, stomp your feet, shout hoo-ray." Let's be happy when we worship and show it! Clap your hands, tap your feet, and shout Amen! Or Hallelujah! Or even Woo Hoo!



ACTIVE TEMPO

KIDS NIGHT OUT!

Friday, November 4th

(a change from the usual)

5:30pm - 10:30PM



Pizza ~ Popcorn ~ Drinks ~ Movie

Fun time for the kids

Date night for parents

Introduce new families to our church

Fundraiser



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Call Joyce Breckenridge
515-943-1149

Suggested Minimum Donation \$10 per child or \$20 per family

Additional Volunteers Needed!

SHOPS ON T AVENUE

Saturday, November 12, 9am to 2 pm

Please bring baked goods, jams, pickles, canned goods, and craft items to sell. We will also be auctioning “themed gift baskets.” To make a basket, such as a book-lovers basket, fill a basket with some books (used are great), add packets of cocoa, and a mug and you have a gift basket. The possibilities are endless...maybe you have a gift certificate you haven’t used or jewelry you don’t wear. Just look around, you don’t have to spend a lot of money to make a basket. We’ll also have vendors bringing their wares for sale. Right now we have a person who makes jewelry and one who makes concrete yard art. If you know anyone who sells handmade items, we are looking for more vendors. Contact Tammy Hardersen @ 987-5380 or Marlene Risinger @ 987-4789 if you have any questions.



Stewardship Campaign Begins October 30



The theme for the 2012 Stewardship Campaign is “To God Be The Glory.” On October 30 through November 6 members will receive their Stewardship letter and Pledge Card. All of us can surely reflect on the many ways in which God blesses us and our church. In response we give back to God a portion of that blessing, “To God Be The Glory. As you receive your campaign letter and card, please prayerfully consider how you might gift your church as it serves in Christ’s name.

C.W.F.

The Christian Women’s Fellowship will meet Thursday, **Nov. 2 , 9:00am** at the church. Naomi Brumfield is hostess and Pastor Nancy provides worship/study.

All ladies are invited.



DECORATE FOR ADVENT



It’s hard to believe, but it’s time to think about decorating the church for the Advent season. Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities on **Sunday, November 20 at 4:00pm** followed by a soup supper.


W.O.W.

Women of Waukee group will meet **November 10, 7:00pm.** at Pastor Nancy’s home, 2376 NW 162nd Lane, across from Earl May and Stivers.

All women are welcome to join us.



NOVEMBER 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Sat |
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| <p>6</p> <p>9:00 DCC Packing Party 10:00 Worship Service 11:30 THANKS-LIVING POTLUCK DINNER</p>  | <p>7</p> <p>6:00 pm Just For Kix</p> | <p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Knit Wits 10:00 Tea at 10 5:30pm Dance class</p> | <p>2</p> <p>9:00 am CWF 6:15 pm EDC Children</p> | <p>3</p> <p>6:00am - Dance class 10:30 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm Just For Kix</p> | <p>5</p> <p>4</p> <p>5:30- Kids Night Out 10:30pm</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 7:00pm Board Mtg</p> | <p>14</p> <p>6:00pm Just For Kix</p> | <p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Knit Wits 10:00 Tea at 10 5:30 pm Dance class 7:00 PRC mtg —Nancy</p> | <p>9</p> <p>6:15pm EDC Children</p> | <p>10</p> <p>6:00 am - Dance class 10:30 Prayer Group 5:30pm Just For Kix 7:00 W.D.W.</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:00 - 2:00 Shops on T Avenue Fundraiser 9-11:30am Waukee Serves Meals from Heartland</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 4:00pm Decorate church 5:30pm Soup supper</p> | <p>21</p> <p>6:00 pm Just For Kix 7:00 Elder's Meeting</p>  | <p>15</p> <p>9:30 am Knit Wits 10:00 Tea at 10 5:30 pm Dance class</p> | <p>16</p> <p>6:15 pm EDC Children</p> | <p>17</p> <p>6:00 am - Dance class 10:30 Prayer Group 5:30 pm Just For Kix</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10-2 Foltz reunion</p> |
| <p>27</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 4:00 Legacy Pt. Service</p> | <p>28</p> <p>6:00 pm Just For Kix</p> | <p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Knit Wits 10:00 Tea at 10 5:30 pm Dance Class</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>  | <p>26</p> <p>25 OFFICE CLOSED</p> |
| | | <p>29</p> <p>9:30am Knit Wits 10:00 Tea at 10 5:30 Dance class --</p> | <p>30</p> <p>6:15 pm EDC Children</p> | |  |

Psalms 128:1-2 “¹Happy is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways. ²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you..”



PEOPLE PULSE

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|-------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| 11/1 | Babet Reynolds | 11/20 | Howard Wilson |
| 11/3 | Gerrit Hansen | 11/20 | John McKinney |
| 11/4 | Tom Dean | 11/22 | Darnell Jackson |
| 11/7 | Tony Martelli | 11/24 | Hope Stevens |
| 11/7 | Lora Pierce | 11/25 | Jerry Pierce |
| 11/10 | Magan Dare | 11/25 | Anthony Alberts |
| 11/12 | Jerry Morris | 11/28 | Vonda Brock |
| 11/16 | Jordan Hansen | 11/30 | Cecil Reynolds |
| 11/17 | John Irwin | 11/30 | Laura Helmus |
| 11/19 | Ron Hardersen | 11/30 | Brian Nowosatka |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-------|----------------------------|
| 11/8 | Lee and Linda Foltz |
| 11/17 | Orville and Lois Bannister |



PRAYER LIST

- Men & Women in uniform serving our country
 Tonya & Steve Harrington
 Bill Devries
 Elizabeth Sodawasser
 Pat Vestal
 Margaret Koepfel
 Dan Gardiner
 Sharon Sindergard family
 Marge Phillips family
 Jody Beaman
 Vivian Wilson
 Chuck Sorenson family
 Mary Stevens family
 Steve Keller
- William T. Lindma
 Bruce Kuehl
 Randy Wright
 Will Ratcliff
 Patti Johnson
 Vivian Daugherty
 Katherine Speer
 Madelyn Mathison
 Lisa Hiatt
 Roland Hester
 Carolyn Allen

CONDOLENCES

We offer our deep condolences to the families of loved ones who have recently passed away:

Mary Stevens (Don Dowell's sister)



Could you Help?

The church is in need of a portable Pack 'n Play for our **Kid's Night Out** ministry. We could actually use two . If you have one gathering dust or cobwebs in your basement, we could use it for those occasions when a toddler needs to lay down for a nap.

Thanks ahead of time for whoever might be able to fill this vital need.

PASTORS RELATIONS COMM.

Now Serving for Pastor Larry are:
 Tom Wilkerson, Gene Sapp, Shari Burgus, and Gene Stanbrough
 Now Serving for Pastor Nancy are:
 George Risinger, Jack Carpe, and Darcey Gruber

ELDERS SERVING

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| <u>November:</u> | <u>December:</u> |
| Kyle Brock | George Risinger |
| Laura Helmus | |



MINISTRIES

THANK YOU

To the wonderful Women of Waukee Christian Church's Christian Women's Fellowship:

Thank you so much for inviting me to meet you all and for giving me the opportunity to share my experiences in Haiti with you.

I enjoyed visiting with you and certainly enjoyed the meal! ☺

Thank you also for your financial gift. It will go towards the purchase of a water filter and other essential hygiene/sanitation items. I look forward to sending you photos of the next trip we take to Haiti to show what you've done to improve conditions and share God's love in Haiti! From Shannon Neff

Sister Church Relationship with Ragolapalli Village, India

Please check the Bulletin Stand in the foyer of the church for information regarding an Indian Pastor who's children received "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" gifts from us. He would like to be in touch with us and correspond as well as pray for one another's church and ministry. If you would like to be a "pen pal" for the church and write monthly to his church, please see Pastor Squier.

SHARE YOUR FEAST

Waukee Area Christian Food Pantry needs your help. Items like boxed stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, relishes, casserole ingredients, pumpkin pie, crackers, beans, muffin mix, fruit, jello, or cash are all needed by NOV. 14 to fill Thanksgiving Feast boxes. Things can be dropped off on Mondays 4-6pm or Thursdays 9-11am. Help would also be welcome to help with filling, loading, sorting, etc. For info call Melissa @ 515-321-0894. Thank you!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A Big thank you to everyone who has given to this worthy cause.

On **November 6th, during the Sunday school hour and after the ThanksLiving dinner**, you are invited to the packing party to fill a few boxes with gifts for the children and help prepare those boxes for delivery to the collection site. It's a great experience!

The 2011 goal is to fill 250 shoe boxes.

We hope this will be a continuing tradition at Waukee Christian Church!

(We extend our sincerest thanks to the Keller family for coordinating this ministry for so many years. What a great job they have done!)

CLEANING MINISTRY

Last spring Brad Neese came in every week to clean the church for us and earned his hours for the Silver Chord community service award at Waukee High School. Recently, Joyce Breckenridge contacted the adult coordinator for that program in an effort to bring in another student to help us a few hours a week. We hope this will be a solution to our custodial concerns.

CHILDCARE MINISTRY

Thank you to Joyce Breckenridge, Suzanne Koch, and Naomi Brumfield for volunteering in the Children's Garden childcare area in October. Joyce has contacted Waukee High School to see if there are any qualifying students who wish to earn their Silver Chord award by helping the church with our childcare needs.





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NOTICE:

**If you no longer wish to receive the WCC
newsletter, please notify the office. Thank you.**

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday School classes 9:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

... MISSION STATEMENT ...

In our service to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,
we strive to be faithful to the Lord's Table and Scripture.

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