

**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**SUNDAY, JULY 20**



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** There will be a blood drive collected by the American Red Cross on Sunday, July 20, in the Social Hall, 8 AM – 1:30 PM. Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) to schedule your donation or note sign up sheet in the Lobby. Walk-ins welcome.  
*Dick Meyer.*

**SOCIAL WITNESS 2008 FILM SERIES - July 20** After the worship service, the Board for Social Witness will show “This Holy Place: The Stones Cry Out” in the CCC conference room. This short video (sixteen minutes) was produced by the Middle East and Europe office of Global Ministries, the joint ministry of the UCC and the Disciples of Christ.

“What does ‘the Holy Land’ mean to you? The land of the Bible and sacred places? Or a land of tragic violence and enduring conflict? When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the Pharisees told him to quiet the crowd’s Hosannas. Jesus responded – ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.’” The film addresses the Israeli occupation of Jerusalem and the West Bank from the perspective of the occupied. As Christians, we are asked to consider what is required to seek justice in this land we call ‘holy’.

**NEW ART EXHIBIT** Celebrate the gift of creativity in our midst! Works by members of the CCC community grace the walls of the Tate Gallery during the next months. Enjoy pieces by Laura Boyer. Liz Gipson, the family of Susan Henderson, Chuck Mason, Nathan Rolls, Terry Strand, Susan Gray, and the family of Jeanne Young.

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES** for the new year and quarterly statements  
are on the table in the lobby.  
Please take yours with you to help save postage.

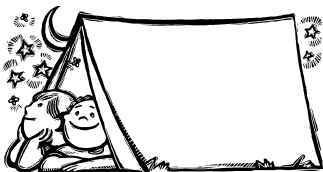
**URGENT! Summer Sunday Church School teachers and volunteers are needed.** CCC provides church school in the summer months typically staffed by persons that are not our “regular” program year volunteers. We like to give those teachers a well deserved break. A prepared curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, is provided. This resource is user friendly with numerous activities focused on the day’s scripture reading. Persons in high school and older are eligible. At least one person of the two person team must be an adult and CCC member.

There are three groups: Nursery, infant-age two; Preschool, age 3-K; Primary, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The Nursery requires at least one adult and the classroom’s require two people. We cannot offer the program if we do not

have adequate staffing. Now is the time to experience the joy and wonder of children discovering what God's love means. Please help us be the church our children need.

There are numerous openings on the summer church school volunteer list. Please sign up today in the entryway, near the exit doors. We are also recruiting teachers and shepherds for the fall. Stop by the table in the entryway and sign up to help. Thanks!

### THIS WEEK



**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMP** takes place this week at the Retreat House. Campers can receive mail at:

Name of Camper  
CCC Retreat House  
c/o General Delivery  
Yellow Spring, WV 26865

**TUESDAY MORNING TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION** meets on Tuesday mornings from 7:00 – 8:00 AM in the Meditation Room

### COMING EVENTS

**ALL ABOARD THE PEACE TRAIN - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - COMING AUGUST 4 - 8 FOR 3 - 8 YEAR OLDS** Don't miss out on this action packed week riding the Peace Train. Brochures/Registration forms are on the bulletin board. Sign up early! **Volunteers are needed to help with crafts and to lead small groups.** If you can volunteer, or for further information, contact Kristina Aabel at (301) 680-0911 or Anne Weissenborn at (301) 681-6042.



### **BEAUTIFUL BETHANY WITH CCC FRIENDS...SIGN UP BY JULY 20!**

Sign up for Bethany Beach weekend, August 15 to 17, 2008. This is a great opportunity to stay with CCC friends and families at the Christian Church Conference Center in beautiful Bethany Beach, DE, just two blocks from the ocean. Come enjoy the beach, sunsets, rocking chairs on the porch, private rooms for each family, community playground right on the grounds, good meals, and more. Cost for the weekend, including five meals, is approximately \$113 per adult, \$55 for ages 5-15 and free for under age 5. Sign up on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Milkie at 301-585-2273 or [mmilkie@socy.umd.edu](mailto:mmilkie@socy.umd.edu).

**CCC BOOK GROUP** The CCC Book Group will next discuss *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. We will meet at 7 PM September 7, at the home of Mary Stone. Copies of the book should be readily available at the branches of Montgomery County Library.

**SOCIAL WITNESS CONCERNS** The UCC's Stillspeaking Ministry is planning a new national advertising campaign in September using the "Steeple" ad, provided sufficient contributions are received from individuals and congregations. "Steeple" opens with a young child reciting "This is the church, this is the steeple," and continues with "all the people" while emphasizing the diversity of our denomination. To watch the ad and/or to make a contribution, go to <http://ucc.org/news/in-wake-of-steeple.html>.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### **Sunday, July 20 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 A.M. American Red Cross Blood Drive – Social Hall
- 8:45 A.M. Adult Education – *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room
- 10:00 A.M. Service of Worship
  - Nursery and childcare provided for infants – toddlers/twos
  - Summer Church School for 3 year olds – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- 11:30 A.M. Social Witness Film Series – Conference Room
  - "This Holy Place: The Stones Cry Out"

### **Monday, July 21**

- 10:00 A.M. Senior Adult "Bible Exhibit" meeting
- 7:30 P.M. Board Meetings (check to see if your board is meeting)

### **Friday, July 25**

- 7:30 P.M. Exploring Experiences of the Sacred – Room 206

### **Sunday, July 27 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:45 A.M. Adult Education – *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room
- 10:00 A.M. Service of Worship
  - Nursery and childcare provided for infants – toddlers/twos
  - Summer Church School for 3 year olds – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders

### **Monday, July 28**

- 7:30 P.M. Simplicity Circle – Room 206

### **Summer Camp**

July 20 – July 26 Elementary School Camp



Rev. Susan A Henderson, 301-585-8010, Ext 223 Office hours Tuesday through Friday noon  
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*You are welcome at any time to join the electronic **prayer chain** by contacting the church office*