

Hi friends-----in my previous email I attached by mistake this coming Sunday's worship guide which is a work in progress.

I intended to attach worship guides from the previous two sundays----as below----apologies---R

Blessed NOCC Community I had a VERY fruitful, soul-stretching time in Atlanta last week working with some wonderful people! One of them, my new friend Blake, has posted a photo of us all on my Facebook timeline. We all learned a heckuva lot about a particular approach to leadership which makes room in groups "for the soul to come out." You will hear more about this from me I am sure! The event was led by folks from the Center for Courage and Renewal and the Academy for Spiritual Formation (I've been associated with the Academy for 25 years) As a result of this conference, I will be doing some new kinds of projects with the Academy from time to time.

Just after returning from Atlanta, I and some of our youth and parents went to hear our new Disciples General Minister/President speak at Community Christian Church last Sunday. As a part of our Disciples Regional Board, I also had a chance to meet her on Saturday. Good News---our larger Disciples family is being served well by a very intelligent (Graduate of Harvard and University of Chicago) and spiritually grounded pastor and executive. We can be proud that she is the first African American woman to lead an American church body.

GO CHIEFS! Enough said? But this is my way of reminding you of our SOUPER BOWL soup fest on Sunday February 3 following worship. We are seeking volunteers to bring soup and bread for this event. Everyone is invited to wear the colors/jersey of your favorite team (college or school etc---any sport) to church that day. Donations will be accepted for HARVESTERS. Thanks to our Community Life Ministry Team for planning this fun time together.

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER AT NOCC You've heard about centering prayer, maybe the time has come to learn more! Our former clergy intern Kevin Kelley has recently been trained to teach centering prayer and will be leading this workshop with Rob's supervision. Saturday February 9 beginning at 9AM until noon. We have a handful of folks coming and welcome more. Contact Rob to sign up. This is a free event.

CHERITH BROOK WISH LIST As you can imagine, our friends at Cherith Brook are dealing with cold weather issues and needs related to feeding the homeless folks who stop in for a bite to eat and a shower. So shower supplies always needed, along with personal hygiene items. Cold weather items such as chap stick, cold meds, sleeping bags,

blankets, socks are always welcome. Items for the house/kitchen include rice, salt/pepper, sugar, creamer (Roasterie donates coffee) dish soap, and energy saving light-bulbs.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday----NO Centering Prayer

Sunday Groups for all ages 9AM (weather watch)

Sunday NOCC Youth 530PM Headed to ORANGE EASEL in Parkville area

Monday 6PM Troop 900

Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible group

Tuesday 6PM pack 900

Wednesday 7PM Music Ministry

Thursday 6PM Girl Scouts

NEXT SUNDAY NOCC AND NORTHLAND YOUTH MEET AT PARK HILL CHRISTIAN 5PM GRADES 2-12

YOUTH HEADS UP

YOUTH SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10

NOCC YOUTH SEEKING FOOD HELP as they host the NORTHLAND YOUTH at NOCC Sunday February 10 5PM Contact Sara

Regional Mid-Winter Retreat for Grades 6-8 at Tall Oaks February 22-23 Contact Sara.

**I am not interested in power for power's sake,
but I'm interested in power that is moral, that is right and that is good.
Martin Luther King JR**

With you in ministry

Rob

