

**Blessed NOCC Community** Do you have a favorite hymn text? Maybe more than one? I'm talking about the words here more than the music but of course they both tend to enhance the other. For our Lenten Soup Suppers this year I am wondering if 10-15 people (2-3 per week) would be willing to take a few minutes to share their favorite hymn texts---the words, and to share how and why the words of a particular text are meaningful. I'm not sure why, but in recent months I've been paying closer attention to the texts of the hymns Jeff selects for Sunday and wow-----lots of beauty and eloquence and rich theology/spirituality there! If you were wanting to share a favorite hymn text be assured you would NOT be expected to lead us in singing it. The emphasis would be on the words and their significance to you. It MAY be that we do some singing, but this is not part of the assignment I am giving here. Our Soup Suppers begin Wednesday March 13. Then March 20, 27, April 3 and 10. SO PONDER THIS AND LET ME KNOW WHICH DATE YOU PREFER!

**SOUPER BOWL SOUP FEST** THIS SUNDAY 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.

**SCOUT SUNDAY** THIS SUNDAY we will welcome once again our Troop and Pack Scouts and families to worship. We have also invited them to stay for soup!

**YOUTH SUNDAY AT NOCC** is February 10. Let's look forward to seeing some different faces "up front" as we gather for worship that day! Youth will go out to lunch following

**REGIONAL DISCIPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL MID-WINTER RETREAT** is February 22-23 at Tall Oaks. Find out more information here: <https://www.talloaks.org/chi-rho-midwinter-2019>

Go straight to the registration page here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dZGpt52DnhCAOx5I7AxAbqPk5VorInftCWuVcgpW\\_U4/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dZGpt52DnhCAOx5I7AxAbqPk5VorInftCWuVcgpW_U4/viewform?edit_requested=true)

**REGIONAL DISCIPLES SUMMER CHURCH CAMP DATES** are listed on the Tall Oaks Web site. Information packets will be available soon.

**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.

**VITAL CONVERSATIONS FEBRUARY 13** "While the World Watched: A Birmingham Bombing Survivor Comes of Age During the Civil Rights Movement," by Carolyn Maull McKinstry: Join David Nelson and friends at the Antioch Library 1PM

**REGIONAL DISCIPLES WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT** is planned for March 8-9 at Tall Oaks. "Tell Me A Story" is the theme to be explored with Dr. Marti Steussy, Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. Earlybird Registration deadline is February 8. Final registration deadline is February 22. Contact Debbie Herrick for more information. <https://www.talloaks.org/gkc-dwm-retreat-2019>

**WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING IN FEBRUARY** You are invited to consider a special gift to the Disciples Annual Week of Compassion Special Offering which is heavily promoted each February but which receives gifts year round. The Week of Compassion is our Disciples Disaster Relief Ministry which works effectively with various global relief agencies in all those places where people are suffering due to natural disasters such as floods/earthquake and famines. Make your check out to NOCC designated WOC.

**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 745AM Men's Breakfast

Saturday 9AM Centering Prayer

Sunday 9AM Groups for all ages

Sunday 1130AM SOUPER BOWL!

Monday 6PM Troop 900

Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible group

Tuesday 6PM pack 900

Wednesday 7PM Music Ministry

Thursday 6PM Girl Scouts

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10 IS YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday February 10 Northland BIG GROUP (grades 2-12) at Fairview Christian 5-7PM  
Dinner Provided

Sunday February 17 NOCC Youth to MAIN EVENT

## **SAVE THE DATES**

ASH WEDNESDAY OBSERVANCE WITH HOLY FAMILY PARISH MARCH 6 7PM

NOCC LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN WEDNESDAY MARCH 13 6PM

NOCC Eastertide Weekend Retreat at Marillac Center in Leavenworth KS April 26-27

YOU, ME AND THE ENNEAGRAM Led by Lori Hall Dates in May to be announced soon!

## **SUNDAY LESSONS FOR FEBRUARY**

**FEBRUARY 3 LUKE 4: 14-22 SALVATION**

**FEBRUARY 10 YOUTH SUNDAY**

**FEBRUARY 17 1 JOHN 4: 7-12 ATONEMENT**

**FEBRUARY 24 EPHESIANS 1: 15-23 RESURRECTION**

**MARCH 3 1 JOHN 3: 1-3 SECOND COMING**

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

2/1 Nathan Hearst, Rachel O'Hara Crabb, Norma Sollman

2/4 Ann Nelson, Breanna Rodgers

2/8 Autumn Erickson

2/9 William Ng

2/10 Ron Rommel, Jerry Semsch, Linda Tyree

2/13 Belinda Block  
2/14 Bill and Alma Irwin (A)  
2/16 Wes and Linda Tyree (A)  
2/17 Chad Montuori  
2/18 John Stripling  
2/21 David Nelson  
2/25 Terry and Cindy O'Hara (A)

**It is only as a unity in diversity that the Christian community will become an inviting community in a society which is otherwise pretty uniform. Creation is motley and diverse, and the new creation even more so.**

**Jürgen Moltmann**

With you in ministry

Rob