

Blessed NOCC Community Have you received an email recently from WORDPRESS? This email will contain a password randomly assigned to you which will allow you to login to the protected content on our expanded church website. This protected content includes our NOCC directory, a separate contact roster for our Board members and Elders, and current/past issues of the church newsletter. Later this year, we have plans to add photos to our church directory, which will GREATLY assist us with matching names and faces. The directory also includes birthdays and anniversaries. If you have NOT received an email from WORDPRESS----check your Spam or Trash boxes first. Then let me know.

Our expanded site offers lots of new content which we hope will be of interest to you and, of course, those who come to our site in search of more information about us. I feel pretty good about how we are presenting ourselves to the world through our website. My hope is that you will familiarize yourself with the content there so you can enthusiastically respond to someone in your world who may ask about your church. "Take a look at our website!" I hope you will say. "It offers lots of information about our ministries, our preschool, our small groups, our staff, PLUS you can read our pastor's recent sermons and check out his blog!"

TOMORROW: INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER--STILL TIME TO SIGN UP 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 9AM until noon. We have 15 folks coming and welcome more. Contact Rob to sign up. This is a free event.

YOUTH SUNDAY THIS WEEK Let's look forward to seeing some different faces "up front" as we gather for worship on Sunday! Youth will go out to lunch following

CELEBRATING FAVORITE HYMN TEXTS 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 THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM FOR A SOUL AND STOMACH WARMING EVENT!

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/1dZGpt52DnhCAOx5l7AxAbqPk5VorInftCWuVcgpW_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.

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 9AM-NOON Centering Prayer Workshop

Sunday 9AM Groups for all ages

Sunday 1015AM YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP

Monday 6PM Troop 900

Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible group

Tuesday 1230PM Women's Bible Group

Tuesday 6PM pack 900

Wednesday 1PM Vital Conversations

Wednesday 7PM Music Ministry

Thursday 6PM NOCC Board

Saturday 9AM Centering Prayer

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

REZOUND BELL CHOIR IN CONCERT AT NOCC PALM SUNDAY APRIL 14 2PM

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!

God constantly introduces a strong light into the soul...pouring himself into the soul with light so much that it spills over into the faculties and the outer self.

Meister Eckhart

With you in ministry

Rob