

# The News of National City

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### Gentle Reminder:

# 2012 Welcoming

Happy New Year. New year, new beginnings, and our theme is "Welcoming Our Neighbor, As Christ Has Welcomed Us!"

As the Apostle Paul instructed the Christians in Romans 15:7: "Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

This year we want to grow in the way that we reach out to our neighbors and share with them the love of God – inviting others to come and worship with us, welcoming others into our fellowship for study and growth, learning with others what it means to love God, and caring for others through our helping ministries like the food pantry.

God has not called us to be isolated, individuals concerned only for our spiritual life, but to be actively engaged Christians spreading the light and love of Christ to those around us. How will *you* participate in welcoming others in 2012? Give serious and prayerful thought as we begin stepping out in faith this year.

Begin by inviting someone to come and participate in one of our many varied activities this year, described throughout this newsletter. Opportunities like Friday organ recitals, Disciples 101, Meet-ups, and in February there will be a Marriage Enrichment seminar as well as an opportunity to learn about the new Chalice Fellowship.

And don't neglect your weekly worship, where we have regular opportunities to welcome new persons to the beautiful sanctuary of National City Christian Church.

Let's make 2012 a time for growth and new life as we welcome others, just as Christ has welcomed us – for the glory of God.

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| <b>January 1 - 10 a.m.</b><br>Rev. Beverly Goines<br>Rear View<br>Psalm 32  |
| <b>January 8</b><br>Dr. Stephen Gentle<br>When the Lord Speaks<br>Psalm 29  |
| <b>January 15</b><br><b>Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,</b><br><b>Sunday</b><br>Rev. Jason Pearson<br>Psalm 139:1-6 |
| <b>January 22</b><br>Laity Sunday<br>Mark 1:14-20   |
| <b>January 29</b><br>Dr. Stephen Gentle<br>Love Builds Up<br>1 Corinthians 8:1-13                                     |

## Welcome to New Members



**Carol Richardson**, who lives in DC, joined National City in December with transfer of her membership from Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

She is an ordained Disciple minister. Carol works for the Washington Institute for Natural Medicine. Her parents were missionaries in the Congo.

**Kara Frost**, who lives in Arlington, Virginia, comes to NCCC with transfer of membership from UCC church in Manchester, New Hampshire. She works for Volunteers of America and sings in the Sanctuary Choir here at church.



# A Message From Our Moderator

Happy New Year! We journeyed through the year 2011 with great expectations. Our journey was sometimes uphill and sometimes downhill, but always filled with the joy and love of serving God and his people. The year 2011 taught us to count our blessings in all situations. At times we may have doubted our very existence, but still we persevered.

The year 2012 will test our faith, but we are stronger than even we understand or can even comprehend. Recently, a member reminded me of all the past struggles this congregation has endured and yet we are still at Thomas Circle serving and praising God. Remember "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

The following dates are very important to the growth and stability of our Church:

## **Saturday, January 7**

Ministry Partnership – Orientation and Leadership Development (9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.)

Congregational Board – Orientation and Leadership Development (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

## **Sunday, January 22**

Laity Sunday – 11 o'clock service

Congregational Board Meeting – 12:30 p.m.

## **Sunday, January 29**

Annual Congregational Meeting will include the following agenda:

Lunch served immediately after the 11 o'clock service.

A devotion given by the chairperson of the Board of Elders.

Review of the 2011 budget and the 2012 budget

Update of the 2012 Officiary

Committee Reports (if any)

New Business (if any)

Senior Pastor's Report

[Note: The NCCC 2011 Annual Report will be available.]

I encourage everyone to become actively involved this year because I believe God is going to do a new thing as he says in Isaiah 42:9 "Behold, the former things have come to pass, and the new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Be encouraged,

– Loretta Tate  
Moderator

# News of Our Members

**Beau Underwood** was featured in a December 9 article in the Washington Examiner newspaper. Beau discussed his work with the organization Faith in Public Life, as well as his work as Assistant Pastor at NCCC. He concluded by stating, "At my core, the belief that I hold dear, and that drives me in everything that I do is the sense that tomorrow can be better today, that just because things are one way today doesn't mean that they have to be that way tomorrow."

Read more at the Washington Examiner: <http://washingtonexaminer.com/local/people/2011/12/credo-beau-underwood/1989686#ixzz1h5HxaNKv>

**Kelly Swanson** was featured in an article, "Ring of Hire," which appeared in the Washington City Paper on Dec. 2. "Swanson ranks among boxing's public relations powerhouses. The downtown offices of her firm, Swanson Communications, feature signed trinkets from clients including Rock Newman, Floyd Mayweather, Oscar De La Hoya, and Bernard Hopkins."

**Eric Woodard** has published a book, "Your Last Day of School: 56 ways you can be a great intern & turn an internship into a job." Check out Eric's starring roles & comedic debut in the YouTube video, "Internships through American History." Eric works for the State Department as executive director, US National Commission for UNESCO.

# Administrator's Report

It's been a special challenge during the month of December to keep administrative tasks balanced with musical tasks, but several jobs *DID* get accomplished this month. Much more work will begin after the holidays are over and we have rested from our Christmas and New Year's celebrations. During the month of December, the following areas were addressed and work completed:

- Conference call with the Foundation board members and approval for \$85,000 draw on the endowment to go to contract for emergency work on the Beasley building roof, fire detection alarm upgrade, and boiler repairs that have been deferred for many years.
- Carried out final inspections and consultations with contractors and Mo Jackson for work on roof, fire alarm system, and boilers.
- Work with third and fifth floor tenants on minor repairs and upgrades to their offices (new ADA compliant door handles, partitions, window blinds and curtains, and new carpeting).
- Upgrade of postage meter, so that postage used for congregation and Foundation can be accurately tracked and carefully budgeted for the first time since the postage machine was purchased.

- Completion of the makeover of the Food Pantry and fundraising for the new flooring to be installed in summer 2012.
- Secured April 24, 2012, fundraising organ recital (played by Charles Miller) for the Foundation to be held at the new concert hall in Kansas City, Missouri.
- Plans for complete reorganization and inventory of all Christmas decorations and replacement of worn out/tired/old decorations.
- Oversight of additional yardwork by NCCC volunteers headed up by Timothy Edmonds.
- Consultation with Washington DC District 3 police officers on compassionate ways to discourage the homeless from loitering on, and damaging, the church steps, porch, and courtyard.
- Audit paperwork completed for NCCC's workers' comp insurance.
- The confirmation of three new wedding events on the NCCC calendar for 2012.

If you have any questions or concerns about the NCCC facilities or notice things that need to be repaired or improved, please don't hesitate to call!

– Charles Miller

## Parking Garage Reminder

We kindly remind all those who visit the church during the week (business hours) and wish to park in the garage that you use *ONLY* the spaces marked with a yellow cross. These have been specially set apart from the staff parking spaces and those that are rented out to our tenants. Please help us also during the week by using the underground parking while here *ONLY* for church social functions or church-related business. There are no problems with parking during the evening, of course. Thank you for your help in keeping our rather limited parking situation as smooth-running as possible.

## Unused Gift Cards

Do you have gift cards that were given to you over the holidays or past few months that you're not able to use and are just sitting around your house? If you would like to give them away, we can use them at NCCC for our ministries to the homeless and underprivileged and even here in our own buildings. Our Food Pantry, as an extension of their work, is coordinating this new initiative.

- ◆ Starbucks cards can be used to purchase small bags of coffee beans
- ◆ Home Depot cards can be used to purchase paint to renovate our meeting rooms, bathrooms, and work spaces.
- ◆ Bed, Bath, and Beyond cards can help purchase towels for N Street Village
- ◆ Macy's gift cards can help purchase socks and underwear for the homeless
- ◆ Amex cards can provide food for our Food Pantry.
- ◆ ANY and ALL gift cards can be used in some very helpful way.

If you have cards that you would like to donate, bring them to NCCC and leave them at the receptionist's desk clearly labeled FOOD PANTRY. Lorraine Magnussen and Barbara Boward will be able to put these to immediate good use. If you have questions, call Charles Miller at 202-797-0103.

# January Events



## A Birthday Celebration on January 8

The NCCC family is invited to a special reception following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, January 8, to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dorothy Davis. Music is the theme and the congregation is welcomed, if able, to wear white and black – to be like human “musical notes” to surround Dorothy. Ice cream and other refreshments will be served and the reception will be serenaded by music sung by NCCC soloist Alia Waheed.

## New Year’s Breakfast Sunday, January 8

All are invited to welcome in the New Year at a breakfast at 9 a.m. with the Christian Pathways Sunday School class. Bring a dish and join the group for breakfast. For more information, check with Bill Travis or Shirley Kruse.

## Ice Skating with Chi Rho on January 8

The Chi Rho (middle school) group will be ice skating after church at the Sculpture Garden on January 8. All are invited to join in the fun.

## Nursery Open House on January 8

If you have children who are infants through preschool, come and meet Sana Kifafi, our nursery attendant, and other families with young children at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 8.

## Disciples Women Meet on Tuesday, January 10

Rev. Beverly Goines will present the program on the seventh Beatitude on Tuesday, January 10, when Disciples Women meet in the Music Suite at 11 a.m.

All are invited and encouraged to bring a sandwich and stay for lunch. Group 1 will host the meeting and provide soup.

The group, which normally meets the first Tuesday of each month, rescheduled this meeting to the second Tuesday.

## Tubing for Chi Rho on Saturday, January 21

The Chi Rho (middle school) group will be going tubing on Saturday, January 21. Let Teresa Swihart know if you plan to attend this event. Adult drivers may also be needed for this one-day trek to western Maryland. Please let Teresa know if you are available to help out and how many people your car can comfortably hold.

# Birthdays

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| 5  | Maurice Lee  |
| 6  | Fay Arrington<br>Marian Smither                      |
| 7  | Kelly Swanson  |
| 9  | Dorothy Davis  |
| 10 | Charles Deardorff                                    |
| 11 | Bill Travis  |
| 12 | Nicholas Bullock<br>Darin Skelly<br>Beverly Williams |
| 13 | Kathy Mosley   |
| 14 | Steve Schacht  |
| 16 | Carol Gesell<br>Becky Kelley                         |
| 18 | Josie Grinner  |
| 19 | James Green  |
| 22 | Drusilla McCain<br>Erin & Kelsey Stewart*            |
| 23 | Joy Fulgham  |
| 29 | Bob Mansker  |
| 31 | Rick Casey   |

\*Indicates a student

# Magical Mystical Musical Machine

Our Friday noon time organ recitals will take a “Winter’s Nap” during January. Recitals resume on Friday, February 3!



# Not Just A Memorial, But An Event!



Dr. King

National City is hosting the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., service for the Capital Area Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Come out and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King with other Disciples of Christ pastors and congregations on Saturday, January 14, at 2 p.m.

The theme is “The Fierce Urgency of Now.” We want those in attendance to know that the work Dr. King started is not finished and that there is much for each of us to do. We are not just memorializing Dr. King’s life; rather we are offering opportunities for everyone to make a difference in the world right now because the need is still great and extremely urgent.

We will have voter registration forms for those in need of them, a list of suggestions for community volunteering opportunities, and we ask that everyone bring canned goods to benefit the Bradley Christian Mission Center at Pilgrimage Christian Church and the National City Christian Church Food Pantry.

The preacher for this wonderful afternoon is Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, President of the Disciples Justice Action Network.

– Beverly Goines

## King James Version Exhibit

### Closes January 15 at the Folger Library

“Hail to the King! Long live the King!” No, we haven’t given up on American democracy and turned monarchist, although some days it is tempting. Rather, we salute the “King” of bibles, the King James Version.

Many in National City grew up with the KJV, including us. It just celebrated its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As 2011 passes to 2012, it is fitting that we stop, remember, learn, and give thanks.

This old bible is still very much with us in the **Christian lives among us it helped form**, in the **beauty of its language** and in the **phrases we hear** almost daily in our culture. **Christian lives formed**: each Sunday we still pray its words, “Our Father who *art* in heaven, *hal- lowed* be *thy* name, *thy* kingdom come...” That’s lan- guage straight from 1611. **Beauty of language**: in our estimation no translation will ever surpass in beauty or replace in memory its 23 Psalm or the Christmas story in Luke. **Phrases in our culture**: read the story below. Every italicized phrase is directly from the King James Version of our bible.

*I know for a certainty... for everything there is a sea- son. From time to time, at my wit’s end, I stand in awe of those, old as the hills and at death’s door, whose motto is still “eat, drink and be merry.”* They know

they may not have followed *the strait and narrow* but have *fought the good fight*. These people, *the salt of the earth*, deserve our *tender mercies*. *God forbid* they *give up the ghost* before *putting their house in order*.

The way we stopped, remembered, learned and gave thanks for “the King” was a visit to the Folger Library’s exhibit, *Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible*, celebrating the bible’s 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We recommend it. But hurry, the exhibit closes January 15. It begins with eight or so short video clips. These alone are worth the trip, but are only warm ups to the treasures you will see: the bible carried here on the Mayflower, one used by another “king,” Elvis Presley. You will see the typeface of the “Naughty Bible” that ruined a printer’s career. He left out the “not” in the commandment, “Thou shalt not commit adul- tery.” You will see the bible translated by Tyndale who paid with his life for publishing this work that was the basis for the scholars who translated the King James Version. So much to see, to learn, to celebrate! We read every word of every plaque.

So, stop, remember, learn, and in your prayers say, “Hail to the King of bibles! Long live the King!”

– Lynne and Peter Morgan

# Hanging of the Green



## Food Pantry Before



# Christmas Luncheon

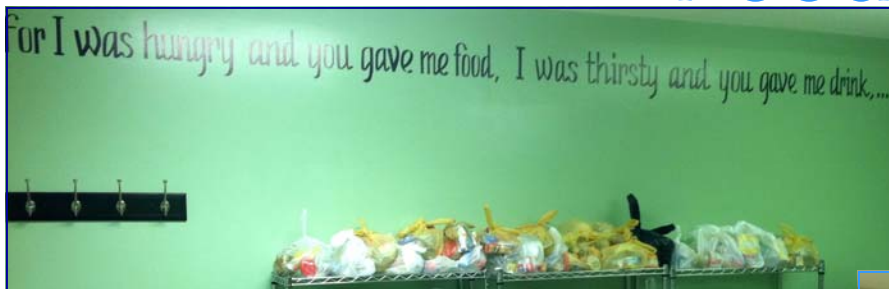
Much merriment was made and delight discovered with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus at our annual Christmas lunch on December 11.

The children, along with a few brave adults, presented a rendition of Clement Clarke Moore's "Twas the Night Before Christmas," complete with tiny and some not-so-tiny reindeer, a snow angel, children – played by Rev. Gentle – hanging their stockings and temporarily getting all snug in their beds while all the commotion was going on overhead. Ma was nowhere to be found but Pa definitely sprang from his bed, threw open the windows, and pulled up the sash. Santa Claus, when he finally arrived, showed all where the bowl of jelly resided in his stomach area and pointed out the location of his rosy cheeks somewhere behind the beard, his cherry-colored nose and droll little mouth. Afterwards, the children had chats with Santa while sitting on his lap.

Many thanks to all who were able to participate and bring this poem to life!  
– Teresa Swihart



## Food Pantry After



Thanks to Charles Miller and all his helpers for a wonderful Christmas gift of refurbishing the Food Pantry – a beautiful job – God bless each of you.

– The Food Pantry Staff



# Meet-Up Events

Looking for something fun and inexpensive to do?

Want to make new friends and meet other church members?

If so, Meet-Up with us.

Pick one date, or pick them all.

We'd love to have you!

Contact Rev. Beverly Goines for more information at [gobjae@aol.com](mailto:gobjae@aol.com)

## January 21st

Meet at the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center for a free concert. (Sat.)

## February 19th

Bundle-up! We are going to lunch, then taking a walking tour of a few of the sites on the African American Heritage Trail. (Sun.)

## March 31st

Get your kite! We're going to the Kite Festival on the National Mall. (Sat.)

## April 14th

We're going to see the National Cherry Blossom Parade. (Sat.)

## May 13th

Lunch on Capitol Hill and visit the flea market at Eastern Market. (Sun.)

### Souper Bowl Sunday Coming February 5

Once again, soup made by Theresa Beaton will be for sale after both services on Sunday, February 5 – Souper Bowl Sunday.

Many thanks to Lynne Morgan for initiating this several years ago. We've been enjoying delicious soup and helping in mission work ever since.

### Chalice Fellowship Being Formed

Throughout the years, many members of our church family have generously included National City Christian Church in their wills, to insure ongoing work of our church community in years to come. A new group, The Chalice Fellowship, is being formed to honor members of our church family who have made provision in their wills for National City Christian Church.

If you have included NCCC in your will, please email Kathleen Burger at [Kathleen.BurgerGerada@gmail.com](mailto:Kathleen.BurgerGerada@gmail.com), so that you may be honored for your commitment to our church.

### Valentine's Day Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Attention all married couples: mark your calendars for Saturday, February 11, 2012. National City Christian Church is offering a seminar to help married couples assess their relationship strengths and growth areas, and develop plans to enhance their marriage bond. You will have the opportunity to examine your communication, conflict resolution, and financial management skills, as well as reflect upon your role relationship and spiritual beliefs.

The cost is \$45 per couple and it includes a detailed customized computer generated assessment of your relationship, lunch, and hopefully a greater depth of understanding, appreciation, and love for the person to whom you have committed your life.

Make this a Valentine's Day you won't forget!

The seminar is from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. And, all married couples are welcome, whether it's been a few months or 60 years!

Please contact Beverly Goines at [gobjae@aol.com](mailto:gobjae@aol.com) as soon as possible to register and to schedule a time to complete your relationship inventory!

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or to Colleen Walsh at [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)