

The Messenger

July 9th 2014



Families and Professionals Minister Settling In

Wow! What a whirlwind the last month has been for us! We have been overwhelmed by the incredible welcome that we have received from FCC Garland! Thank you for making us feel at home from the very beginning. We successfully sold our house in Fort Worth and are getting settled in our rental home in Garland. Andrew, my husband, is working at Texans Credit Union in Wylie as an Assistant Manager. Our three year old son, Asher, is loving this new adventure. He loves coming to his "new church". He enjoyed VBS, and has a blast in Sunday School. He is also looking forward to taking swim lessons for the next couple of weeks. For now, we are using



friends and family to help watch him during the week as we weigh different childcare options. My ordination is right around the corner, and you are all invited to join us for the joyous celebration on July 13th at 3:00pm at Northway Christian Church. Later in July, my husband and I will go on our first "real" vacation since our honeymoon eight years ago, as we travel to the Dominican Republic to celebrate my graduation, ordination, and 30th birthday (July 25th). The Family and Professionals group has also welcomed us with open arms and has begun to share their hopes and visions with us. We are ecstatic to be here, and looking forward to the revelation of God's will for our lives here in Garland!

- Rev. Casey Tanguay

FREE Dinner for Families and Professionals

Join us for dinner and conversation before Movie Night @ 6:00pm on Wednesday, July 9th at the church. Please RSVP so we can plan to feed you and your family! Get to know others in the church of your "Age and Stage", and discuss where and how we see God calling the F & P group into the future.

Contact Rev. Casey for questions and to RSVP, casey@fccgarland.org



Families and Professionals Party

All Families and Professionals are invited to join us for dinner, swimming and all around fun and relaxation at the Dodd's house. Children are welcome. Bring a swim-suit and towel if you want to swim.

Saturday July 19th
5:30pm
4313 Meadowcove Drive,
Rowlett, 75088



Just a Cup of Water (Matthew 10:42)

The Families and Professionals group will be collecting donations of bottled water for *A Cup of Water Mission Day* (Date



TBD). This will be an educational outreach event in which all are welcome to participate as we pass out free cold water with loving messages around the city. Just a small act of love can make a big difference!

Bring your donations of bottled water to the church during the month of July, and then keep watch for more information about *A Cup of Water Mission Day*.



BUY A BRICK

Order forms and a brick sample will be available in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time on Sundays for the next few weeks. The bricks will be installed along the new ramp being built on the south side of the church. Bricks can be purchased in honor / memory of a family or individuals as a lasting legacy. Each brick is \$100. For more information, contact either Kathleen Yant or Eva McKannan.

Kathleen Yant: Email: kyant1@aol.com / Cell: 972.496.0534

Eva McKannan: Email: patevamck@verizon.net / Cell: 972.414.1737.



PRAYER REQUESTS

MARTY ROGERS - CUP OF LIFE

JUDI ARCHIBALD - THE GRAPEVINE

GARY CARROLL - HANDS OF FAITH

DENNIS LEE - HANDS OF FAITH

SHERI DACON - SHEPHERDS

RUTH REMEUR - HANDS OF FAITH

NANCY MACDONALD—SHEPHERDS



SNACKS FOR MISSION TRIP

If you would like to donate individually wrapped snacks to our 17 youth and adults going to Galveston July 13th-19th, please place them in the marked bin in the Fellowship Hall. We would appreciate items like: granola bars, snack pack chips, and fruit snacks. No Gatorade or water, please.



DR. DENNIS KAVANAGH TO BE GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Kavanaugh works with Campus Crusade and will be preaching and teaching Sunday School on **July 13**. He will be teaching on Proverbs 3:5-6,

*Brenda Crosthwaite proudly announces
the birth of her grand-daughter,*

Gia Moore Iovinelli

*Born July 1st, 2014, at 7:53 am
at Medical City Hospital in Dallas.*

*Gia is the daughter of
Sara and Carl Iovinelli.*

CHURCH ENTRANCE (AVE. A) RENOVATION UNDERWAY

The purpose of the construction is to provide a more accessible entrance for our members with physical challenges. A ramp will be added, and repair work done to the sidewalks on the south side of the church. During construction, please enter the church

Disciples Women—Quadrennial Assembly Highlights

Quadrennial Assembly is a Disciples Women's Event which lifts up women from around the world through fellowship, worship, service, and education. It is sponsored by International Disciples Women's Ministries ~ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Disciples Women of FCC Garland were proud to join over 1,100 women from around the world to worship, serve, walk, learn, sing, and celebrate together last week in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme of "I See You," was expanded each day to include, "Through the *Eyes of Grace, Voice of Compassion, Hands of Justice, and Heart of Joy*, culminating in "I See You...Free" on Sunday morning. The powerful preaching of five different women, as well as the inspiring music, and personal testimonies, made each worship experience

memorable and challenging. It was especially exciting to see the momentum build up to the final gathering on Sunday morning, where The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale and the Ray of Hope Christian Church choir, dancers, and praise band enthusiastically led us to celebrate our Freedom in Christ!

We attended several different workshops, including "Massacre of Nanjing", where we learned that a Disciples missionary was one of the few foreigners who stayed in the city after Imperial Japan conquered Nanjing during the Second Sino-Japanese War in 1937. A small international coalition of businessmen, doctors, and missionaries formed a demilitarized area in the western quarter of the city, and protected thousands of Chinese citizens and non-combatants from the atrocities being committed elsewhere.

Other workshops gave us steps to heal past wounds and to thrive, using our gifts to serve the Lord in the present and in the future.

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Names in order from L-R: Kathleen Yant, Nancy Worden, Jo Brister, Martha Williams, Cindy Kyle, Judy Ross, and Marilyn Camp.



Disciples Women of FCC Garland sent seven members to join over 1,100 women from around the world in worship, service, and celebration at the Quadrennial Assembly last week in Atlanta, Georgia.

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A few of us were able to visit and serve the "City of Refuge," a shelter for women and children, where we saw dozens of children eating lunch with caring staff. While there we helped in the kitchen, prepared supply bags, and sorted clothes. The best part was being able to help a few of the women choose outfits, and hear their excitement about going to church and interviewing for jobs. Quadrennial ladies brought a total of over 400 books, 650 pieces of underwear, 550 pairs of pairs of socks, and 840 hygiene items for this ministry.

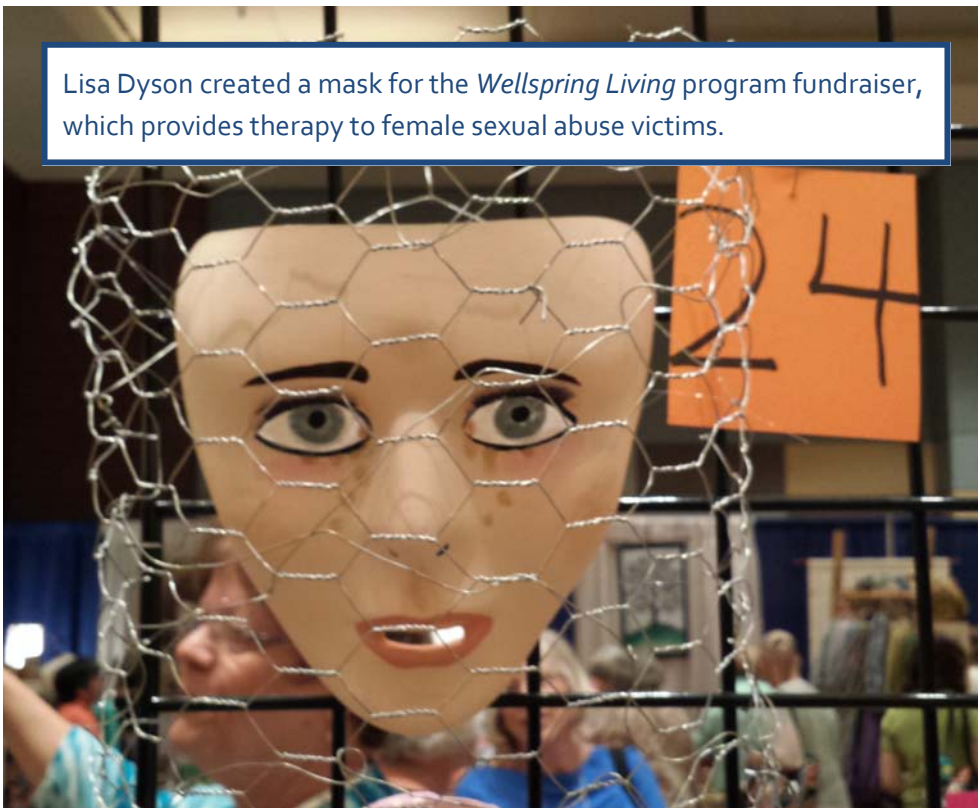
There were several opportunities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act. One lady attended a church service in the oldest black church in Atlanta, along with 300 others from Quadrennial, where they celebrated civil rights through voices of the movement, including an a cappella trio singing from the balcony. We also visited the Martin Luther King Jr. History Center, and some of us were especially fortunate to tour Martin Luther King's childhood home.

Two of our own ladies participated in the walk against trafficking with more than 350 other ladies, which raised over \$6,400 dollars for *youthSpark*, an Atlanta organization that works against human trafficking. Our own Lisa Dyson also created a mask representing Human Trafficking, which was one of 37 *Masks for a Cause*. These masks raised more than \$1,000 for the *Wellspring Living* program that provides therapy to female sexual abuse victims. Our church also gave 157 eyeglasses, which were included in the 2,200 pairs given to the Lions Club.



Cindy Kyle and Karen Rawlins take a moment for fellowship between conference proceedings.

Lisa Dyson created a mask for the *Wellspring Living* program fundraiser, which provides therapy to female sexual abuse victims.



It was also fun seeing old friends from different places, meeting new ladies, and getting to know each other better. Some of the women participated in the meals program, which gave them a chance to meet new ladies and teen "stewards," who cheerfully helped us out all week. Staying together, some even four to a room, made "getting to know each other" quite easy! Some of us also enjoyed the city of Atlanta, "hiking" to the world's largest aquarium, the CNN building, and Coca Cola headquarters!

We appreciate the prayers and support of this congregation and our Disciples Women circles, and hope to use what we have learned both in our church and in the community.

--Jo Brister, Marilyn Camp, Cindy Kyle, Judy Ross, Martha Williams, Nancy Worden, Kathleen Yant



You Are Invited

What: Casey Tanguay's Ordination

Where: Northway Christian Church

7202 W. Northwest Hwy.

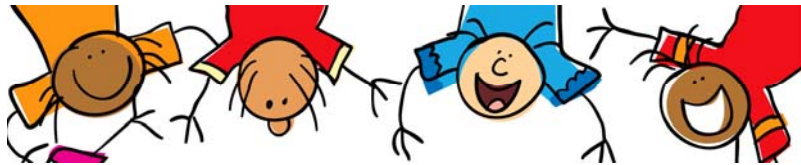
Dallas, Texas 75225

When: Sunday, July 13th, 3pm

Youth Ministry Month - A few words from YYA Minister, Rev. Allison Ray

As your youth minister, it is my passion to make sure we have the best youth program possible. Our youth know they are loved and that every member of this congregation cares about them and their spiritual growth. Lately, I have been reading Sustainable Youth Ministries and discovering ways in which we can continue to strengthen our program. With the addition of our new Families and Professionals Ministry, we are in a wonderful position to take our youth program in exciting new directions while maintaining a connection with our past.

Youth Ministry Month will serve to reinforce the relationship between the youth program and the greater church. Be sure to be at church all month to support our youth and learn how we can grow together!



Summer Family Activities

Movie Night at 7pm: August 6th

Game Nights at 7pm:

July 20th, August 20th

SNEAKER SUNDAY – JULY 27TH

Start your collection of shoes and socks now! We will have a two tier contest: Sunday School classes from young adult down are asked to collect socks and underwear. Each pair will count as one. All adult classes are asked to collect sneakers. There will be one winner for each section. Please have all items in you classrooms prior to the service on July 27th. The winning classes will have input into what is served for breakfast. Let's outdo ourselves this year!!!





A Letter from Allison Ray, Youth and Young Adult Minister

As we approach the half-way mark for summer youth activities, I want to take a moment and thank the congregation for supporting my time away from the building to be with our youth at camp and mission. This summer has been fun and busy. Many of you have already seen the pictures from Vacation Bible School either in church or on our Facebook page. We were able to welcome over 50 children into our building to learn how God loves them. As the MC for VBS, I am in a unique position to see all the energy the children bring and the depth of knowledge we are able to share. All of the children who spent time with us learned not just that God loves them, but we do too. Following VBS, I went to Disciples Crossing in Athens, Texas to spend a week with our 10th-12th graders at camp. Throughout the week, Rev. Paul Carpenter of Highlands Christian Church taught us how to be Garden

Dwellers and strengthen our relationship with God. We spent time in small group discussing how we get in the way of God's plan for us and how we can be intentional about creating space for prayer and communication with God in our lives. Looking towards the next few weeks, I leave on July 13th with 18 of our youth and adults for mission trip to Galveston, Texas. We will be commissioned in worship on the 13th and leave during Sunday School. During the week, we will work with Galveston Urban Ministries on home renovation projects and a street camp for local children. Mission Trip is one of the highlights of our youth year as it really fosters a sense of community and bonding among our 6th-12th graders. My final trip this summer is July 21-26th. Monica Martinez (our Youth Ministry Council representative) and I are travelling to Ceta Canyon south of Amarillo for a week long leadership seminar. Monica and I will join youth from the entire Southwest Region to learn how to be leaders in our home churches as well as our individual Areas. While at Ceta Canyon, we will begin to plan the three major youth events enjoyed by the Area (Fall Retreat, Midwinter, and Camp). Thank you so much for supporting the youth program by allowing me to participate in these events. I look forward to returning home with some tiredness but much excitement for the year ahead!

-Rev. Allison Ray



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