General Assembly 2017 is over but it was definitely one for the history books! The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) elected our new General Minister and President, Rev. Theresa Hord Owens, who is the first African-American woman to head, not only our denomination, but the first African-American woman to lead any mainline protestant denomination. This is not the first time that the Disciples of Christ have made history; however. Our outgoing General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, became the first female to lead a mainline denomination when she was elected in 2005.

In addition to the election of our new General Minister and President, numerous resolutions were approved that re-affirmed our commitment as a denomination to honor and respect all persons and celebrate the diversity of gifts that we each bring to the table. With its basis found in Jesus’ prayer in John 17:20 – 21, the theme that we would all be “ONE” resonated throughout the Assembly during the business sessions, various workshops and nightly worship services.

Undoubtedly, Disciples will be talking about the 2017 General Assembly for years to come! (More information about our new General Minister and President is available on the disciples.org website: http://disciples.org/office-of-the-general-minister-and-president/rev-teresa-hord-owens-elected/)

Reverend Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, Outgoing General Minister & President

Reverend Dr. Sotello Long, Newly elected president, Disciples Home Missions
A Note from the Pastor:

Being able to attend this year’s General Assembly was something that I won’t soon forget. It was incredible to witness history in the making and to be surrounded by Disciples from all parts of the United States and Canada. There are not enough words to adequately describe the range of emotions that were felt by everyone in attendance. There were quite a few tears shed in the midst of the joy and laughter that was shared.

One of the most emotional moments for me; however, came as our international guests were recognized during the Tuesday night worship service. As the guests were introduced by name, title and denominational affiliation, each one came forward with a cloth representing his or her country of origin. Each of the cloths was then placed around the table that was at center stage – the table which is the true center of our worship.

But in the midst of the celebration of the diversity of our international friends who had come to join with us in our time of worship, there were names called of persons who were unable to attend because they had been denied entrance into the country. The beauty of the event became tarnished by the harsh reality that we are not yet truly “One;” as evidenced by the fact that several of our brothers and sisters were denied visas to come into the United States of America to attend an ecumenical worship service.

It is safe to say that the irony was not lost on anyone. And it is proof positive that there is still work for us to do. May we never lose sight of Jesus’ prayer for us all, “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that ALL of them may be ONE…” (John 17:20 – 21a).

May it be so.

Your Pastor and friend,

Rev. Heidi
Blessed to be a blessing: The Help Me Learn donation box will remain in the narthex through Sunday, July 30th, to receive your gifts of school supplies for the Geauga County children in need as they prepare for the coming school year. A list of suggested items can be found below:

Crayons (minimum box of 24)  Pencil boxes or pouches
Colored Pencils  Rulers (wood or plastic)
Markers  Notebook paper (wide and college rule)
Pencils  Spiral notebooks (wide and college rule)
Pens (blue, black and red)  Composition notebooks
Erasers  Graph paper
Highlighters  2-pocket folders (with and without brads)
Glue  3-ring binders
Glue sticks  Back packs
Compass  Dry erase markers
Protractors
Scissors
Index cards (large and small)
Flash drives
A Little LIGHT Humor…

As seen on church signs:

- Free trip to heaven. Details inside!
- Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin – Robbins.
- Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- Sign broken. Message inside.
- If you’re headed in the wrong direction, God allows u-turns.
- Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.
- The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday.
- Christians keep the faith… but not from others!
- Seven days without prayer makes one weak.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Worship Service (Summer Hours)          Sundays – 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages             Resumes in September
WOW Bible Study for all ages            Every First Sunday 12:15 p.m.
Official Board Meeting                  Every Second Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Ledgewood Men’s Fellowship Free Breakfast Every Third Saturday 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Disciple Women’s Bible Study            Every Third Saturday 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 4th
Independence Day commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 by the Continental Congress.

Friday, July 21st
Family Fellowship Fun Night join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship starting at 6:30 p.m.

LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH MONTHLY
FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
SATURDAYS, JULY 15TH & AUGUST 19TH 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

What:  Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage,
salmon, orange juice, coffee and tea

When: Saturdays, July 15th & August 19th, 2017
serving from 8:30 am until 10:30 am

Where: Ledgewood Christian Church
8261 Kinsman Rd. (Rt. 87 just west of Rt. 306)
Novelty, Ohio 44072

Who:  Friends and neighbors – Come one, come all!!

Any questions- please call Rev. Heidi 216.376.8875

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Deb Kazamek	Jul 8
Bill Perdan	Jul 12
Erin Marie Angle	Jul 14
Wayne Erickson	Jul 15

Tom Kazamek	Jul 18
Bonnie Howland	Jul 20
Linda Mislosky	Jul 28

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Libby Cohn	Aug 20
Elizabeth Angle	Aug 27
Lee Miller	Aug 28

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Linda & Lee Miller	Jul 10
June & Jeff Angle	Jul 12
Twannany & Cedric McMillon	Jul 12