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Week of Compassion

News from "House of Hope"

Polycarpe Joseph is Director of FOPJ (Ecumenical Foundation for Peace and Justice). Through Global Ministries and Church World Service, Week of Compassion supports FOPJ's program "House of Hope," a community-based educational program for children performing domestic work ('restavek' work) in Carrefour-Filles, Port-Au-Prince. Though he is still coming to terms with the earthquake himself, Polycarpe Joseph and his 17-person staff team are still finding the ability to serve others in need day after day. All but two members of the staff lost their homes, and are making do living on the streets and in parks. Every day in the middle of the street and surrounded by destroyed buildings, they prepare and serve a hot meal for some 600 people. "We need rice, beans, sardines, cooking oil, sugar and water. Some food items can be purchased in Port-au-Prince but prices skyrocketed. A sack of rice cost \$200 before the Earthquake, \$400 two days ago. We need 3 (50 kilogram) sacks of rice to feed 600 people every day."

Polycarpe went on to say "Food is essential, but we must also work on emotional recovery very soon, now. There will be a lot of people with mental illnesses as a result of the earthquake". That is why this week a group of Haitian volunteer social workers started supporting FOPJ staff in working with children.

"Children should play, sing, dance." Because lack of facilities, activities are taking place in open spaces.



He mentioned the important role of faith and churches now and in the future of Haiti, "the churches have to do important theological and pastoral work. God is life and hope. God loves life; God doesn't destroy it. Churches need to work to promote people's active engagement in reconstruction efforts and healing processes.

"And we all need to pray for dry weather because heavy rains in Port-Au-Prince would be a second disaster."

To help, please make your check payable to First Christian Church, with the memo line reading "WOC-Haiti". 100% of such funds will be used to help in this disaster.

FW 1st provides a nursery downstairs near the Taylor Street entrance for infants through pre-school-age children.

Deadline for newsletter articles is **Monday** by noon.
Please submit articles by e-mail, if possible, or in writing.

CALENDAR REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Sunday School
Worship
Youth Groups
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday Bell Choir

Tuesday House Church

Wed Evening Prayer
Chancel Choir

Feb 5 Noon Music

Feb 6 Men's Breakfast

Feb 8-

Feb 11 Ministers Week at TCU

Feb 14 Choir Valentine Lunch/
Programs

Feb 16 DWF Meetings

Feb 17 Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 21 Cabinet Meeting

Feb 28 Birthday Lunch

WELCOME VISITORS

Jessica Neary

June Jenkins

January 31, 2010
Sunday School 46
Worship 143
Offering 3579

The love of God extended
through our members:
Priceless.

The CCSW Disciples Women's Vision Event for Feb 26-27



The Women's Visioning Event will be held February 26-27, 2010 at Community Christian Church in Richardson. Tickets are \$20 at the door, Friday evening (with meal) and Saturday 9-4 (with lunch).

Disciples Women across the Region are invited to attend the FIRST Vision Gathering for Disciples Women in the CCSW! Adonna Bowman, Executive Director of Disciples Women's Ministries, will lead us through this discovery process! It will involve lots of conversation, study, listening and worship. A hotel has been secured at a discounted rate -- but in order to get that information, you must call and register with Andrea Gantz at 817-926-4687 or ccsw@ccsw.org.

We will begin Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and end Saturday afternoon by 4 p.m. Dinner and Lunch will be provided at Community Christian Church in Richardson.

We are grateful that Adonna can be with us and share from her knowledge to help us get CCSW Disciples Women's Ministries pumped up for 2010!

Ladies of First Christian, if you would like to attend, special hotel rates have been arranged. Details are listed in the e-mail below.

I have secured spots for us at the Courtyard by Marriot in Richardson. Their number is 972-235-5000 and the rooms will be \$59.00 + tax per night, GREAT DEAL!! You will need to call them and identify yourself with the Christian Church in the Southwest group to receive that rate! All ladies wanting to attend will be responsible for calling and booking their own rooms at the hotel! If you have any questions or need to RSVP for the event please let me know!!

Andrea Gantz, Administrative Assistant, Christian Church in the Southwest. phone- 817-926-4687, fax- 817-926-5121



Eugene Naham has another treat for us for Friday, Feb. 5. The artist is William Mattox, Baritone, accompanied by Galen Dean Peiskee. Will is completing his Masters degree at TCU at the

conclusion of this spring semester, at which time he will move back to Ohio to participate in Dayton Opera's Young Artist Program and Columbus Opera's Outreach program. He also hopes to spend another summer in Graz, Austria, studying voice with Mr. David Brock of TCU. His program includes two songs from Mozart's The Magic Flute, two arias from Ambroise Thomas' Hamlet, and works from Don Pasquale and Billy Budd. As always, this program concludes with a light lunch in our fellowship hall, and free parking at The Tower garage if you are not already downtown. We hope to see you on Feb. 5.

THE CON-DUKE-TOR

If you were in the Sunday morning worship service at Fort Worth, Downtown, First Christian Church . . . you experienced a response to the last two anthems, closing our Christmas Tide. "All Ye Good People:", a Slovak carol of Joy for the Birth of the Christ Child and the dramatic setting of "One Amazing Night" . . . the night of all nights were both so presented with love and devotion by our choir.

Did you notice our "3" new choir members in the choir loft?? I know many of you count the number of choir members in the loft each Sunday!! Your must admit . . . our dedication to our church music ministry is "overwhelming". I do hope you "SHARE" your comments of appreciation to OUR choir. I love each of them!!!

The focus of our Advent and Christmas evangelistic program was to 1. invite new people to visit us, 2. accept a new Christmas CD , 3. fellowship with our church family and 4. join our happy congregation.

Our new choir members:

Jessica Neary, a tenor (joining our other female tenor) from Vermont. Guess what, her high school band director was Charles Duke!

Jan Ojeris, an alto and a former member of my Castleberry High School Choir [Do you realize there are now "17" of my former students in our 45 voice choir?]

Nancy Vaughn, a soprano, has visited our church for summer musicals and pageants as a guest of Lynn Wiseman. They have worked together in the educational field.

So, welcome to these 3 new choir members.

Sunday, February 14, Valentine's Day, the choir will present two "sweetheart programs" plus worship service:

- 10:50 Worship. The two anthems "If We Only Have Love" and "I Love to Tell the Story" (new medley)
- 12:30 Lunch in Anderson Hall
- 2:15 Concert at Cooper Villa in Arlington for Kristy Keener's mother, Mrs. Catherine Libotte
- 3:30 Concert at Tanglewood Oaks for Joe Don's mother, Cleo Conger

At Wednesday evening's choir rehearsal,, we previewed our new Easter Cantata, "The Passion and Glory of the Risen Christ" to be presented on Palm Sunday, March 28. We also previewed the anthems for the 6 Sundays of Lent . . . beautiful, worshipful music.

**Keep Singing,
Charles Duke & His Happy Choir**

ATTENTION CONGREGATION!

The choir would like to invite "YOU" to "SING" the introit with "US" . . . this Sunday!!!

Love lifted me,
Love lifted me
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me . . .

Love lifted me,
Love lifted me
When nothing else could help
LOVE . . . LIFTED . . . ME!

Come on . . . Lift your voices and
"SING".

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**Serving for
MORNING WORSHIP
February 7, 2010**

Senior Minister, Tom Plumbley

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-13
The Psalm: Psalm 138
The Epistle: I Corinthians
15:1-11
The Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Sermon Focus: Edgy faith
Acolytes: Ryan Thomas and
Ryan Watson
Elder Loaf: Susan Warren
Elder Cup: Tom Warren

Deacons: Christy Suggs (1L), Barbara
Batts (2L), Jesse Burns (3L), Bob
Frankenfield (4L), Joryn Koski (1R),
Pamela Kemp (2R), Chris Gonzales
(3R), Wini Klein (4R)

Communion Preparation & Clean-up:
Bobby Franks



**Sunday Schedule
February 7, 2010**

<i>Elders Meet for Prayer</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>
<i>Cherub Choir</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
<i>Worship</i>	<i>10:50 am</i>
<i>Choristers</i>	<i>11:30 am</i>
<i>Youth Chorale</i>	<i>Noon</i>
<i>Youth Groups</i>	<i>12:30 pm</i>
<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Plumbley, Senior Minister
Dr. Ted Klein, Associate Minister

Christy Suggs, Youth Director

**Charles E. Duke,
Senior Minister of Music**

**Jan Shelton, Minister of Music
for Children and Youth**

**Mary Mason, Director,
Burnside Handbell Choir**

Peggy Grogan, Secretary

Janet Mengis, Bookkeeper

George Clemons, Custodian

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PRIME TIMER ACTIVITY

The HALTOM HIGH Players put on an excellent staging of "The Music Man" last Sunday. Our Nicole is a real trooper on the stage. She sings, dances and wears a variety of costumes in the show. Grandparents Ed and Mary Ruth and Mother Ruth had every reason to be proud! We will have photos up on our board next Sunday! We are planning a "Brown Bag" Sunday afternoon fellowship for later in February, We will keep you posted.



**CHOIR VALENTINE
PROGRAMS**

Sunday, February 14,
the choir will have lunch in Anderson Hall at 12:15 and then perform at an Arlington nursing home at 2:15 pm. At 3:30 pm, a second performance will be at Tanglewood Oaks Nursing Home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Adult Classes for All Ages

Loyal Fellowship Class, meets in Chapel on ground
Campbell's "Christian System"

Teacher: Ted Klein Contact: Frank Harris

Round Table Discussion Class,

meets in the Library

Discussing Selected Topics

Teacher: Sharon Cox Contact: Sharon Cox

Seekers Class, meets in Philathia Room, ground floor
"Peter and Paul"

Visitors invited! New insights!

Contact: Kristy Keener and Ed Kolbe

Sojourners Class, meets in room off

Anderson Hall North

Study of Luke

Contact: Barbara Batts

Children and Youth

Preschool, meet in classroom at 9:30, class 9:30-10:00,
choir 10:00-10:30

Teacher takes children to class-Marsha Stallard

K - 5th Grades, meet in Disciple Road Temple 9:30

Shepherd (Carey Roberts) takes children to class

Disciple Road, Rotation model Sunday School

Parents pick up children at 10:30

Junior High - Chi Rho, meet on 2nd floor,

Chi Rho Room,

Ronda Park, teacher

Senior High - CYF, meet on 2nd floor, Youth Lounge

Ruth Cooper, teacher

**THE WORLD IS A BOOK,,, AND TO NOT
TRAVEL IS TO READ ONLY ONE PAGE.**



Alberta & Jim Atchison	Elizabeth Bookwalter	
Ashley Crews	Kyle Crews	Don Davis
Gonzales family	Leona Guyton	Ruth Karbach
Pam Kemp	Golda Koski	
Mary Louise Long	Betty Marcell	Jon Marshall
Lois Marie Morrison	Parnell family	
Dorothy Plumbly	Harold Recer	Maidee Todd
Mary Wilcox	Margie Wilson	
The unemployed within our congregation		

NEW CONCERNS

Marie Wood (mother of Patty Plumbly);
Tee Hamilton (Grogan friend); Dyan Wood (Kemp family);
Walter Gray (uncle of Liesl Gray);
Pamela Lambert-Turner (friend of Liesl Gray).

Linda Adkins	Stan & Karen Anderson
Debbie Bernovich	Deborah Besadesky Mary
BihmJohn Bullock	Jennifer and Josh Crispen
Selma Cunningham	Jacqueline Davis
Deena Heide-Diesslin	Ruth Heide Emily Hickman
Jim Jones	Jones family Sherry Long
Lindsay Lockett	Reuben McKenzie
Leo Moreno	People of Haiti
Christopher Omar	Cheryl Walters Parr
Larry Pugh	Dean Ragland Jason Russell
Tom Stoker	Grant Story
Capt. Tony Tinderholt	Marsha Workentine
Coleson Young	

FW1st, for God's will to be done and not our own
Names will remain on our printed prayer list for two weeks
unless we receive an updated request.



Friday, February 5, 2010 is National Wear Red Day®

Use Your Heart and Your Head to Prevent Heart Disease

- February is American Heart Month and the first Friday in February is National Wear Red Day®. Wear red on Friday, February 5, for heart disease awareness. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women (and men) and there is something you can do about it. CDC wants to remind you to take steps to lower your risk for heart disease.
- eat healthy
- be smoke-free
- be active
- get your check-ups