



Christian Church in Nebraska eUpdate: Keeping Disciples informed

Feeding the Flock

Richard Hull, Interim Regional Minister

“Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.” Matthew 6:26



I preached at First Christian Minden last Sunday. I drove to Great Island on Saturday and had dinner with pastor Julie Western and her husband. Sunday morning before worship, I went on a Crane Tour and got a close-up look at a Great Nebraska Phenomenon. The migration of thousands upon thousands of Sand Hill Cranes plus a whole lot of Snow Geese. WOW!

And how impressive the way Nebraskans work to protect the environment to safeguard the migration path so the birds have a place to feed. If Jesus is right in the above scripture (and who am I to argue with Jesus) here in Nebraska we are doing the work of our “heavenly Father.”

And it is being done in other ways through the mission of congregations like Grand Island and Minden and no doubt in your congregation. It must be a good feeling to be a Christian in Nebraska.

Update on eUpdate

Some people are finding that their eUpdate from the Regional Minister’s Office is going to their spam/junk box. Please ask your congregants, pastors and others to check the spam/junk mail box and authorize receipt of this valuable piece of communication.

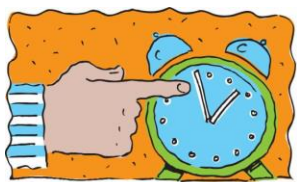
The Easter Offering Supports Disciple Mission across North America and Around the World

Save the Date
for the 2018
Easter Offering!

RECEIVED IN MOST
CONGREGATIONS ON
MARCH 25 & APRIL 1
Supporting Disciples General Ministries

Overflowing

Don't Be Late for Worship



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks AHEAD 1 HOUR before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10th. Preachers please note!!!

New Tax Law Presents an Opportunity

The Christian Church Foundation reports that the new tax law “*expanded the deductibility of current year cash gifts from 50% of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) to 60%. Gifts of appreciated assets remain deductible at 30% of AGI, with carryovers possible for gifts over those AGI limits.*”

So, those you who have been giving only 50% of their income to church and philanthropic because of limited tax deductions may now give more!!!

Young Adult Internships Offered

The Office of Disciples Volunteering seeks young adults (age 20-26) for mission leadership this summer. Summer internships are available at mission destinations across the country. The deadline has been extended and interviews will be scheduled as applications are received. Learn more about this exciting opportunity and apply at <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/mission-internships/>. Contact Josh Baird - jbaird@dhm.disciples.org - with questions.

Disciple Yearbook Reports Are Due March 15

Each congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is expected to complete the annual yearbook report. The report has been sent to the congregation by US Postal Service. It also can be completed on-line as well by going to:

<http://disciples.org/yearbook/>

Thank you for helping.



Disciples Men's News

Paul Few, Disciples Men's Ministries Coordinator

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*****RESCHEDULED*****
DUE TO FEBRUARY WEATHER CANCELLATION.

DISCIPLES MEN'S WINTER RALLY

“TELL YOUR STORY”

RESOURCE LEADER

REV. STEVE MASON

Senior Pastor at

SouthPointe Christian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

Session 1: “Stories All Around

Session 2: “Yes, Your Story Matters”

Session 3: “Shouting in the Wind”

SATURDAY – APRIL 21, 2018

9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Registration Fee - \$15.00

(includes lunch and refreshments)

Click below for full Brochure & Registration

Form: [2018WinterRallyBrochureAPRIL](#)

RALLY LOCATION: First Christian Church

114 N. 8th Street, Nebraska City, Nebraska

YOMC

Youth and Outdoor Ministries NEWS:

2018 International Affairs Seminar Ready to Go! - Four youth and 3 sponsors from Nebraska will join youth and sponsors from Colorado & Wyoming on March 17-24, 2018 in New York City and Washington, D.C.

The Nebraska crew will fly out of Omaha and the Colorado/Wyoming crew New York City. They will get acquainted and embark on an adventure of learning, sharing, and faith growing. *This year's theme is "Being a Faithful Global Citizen", based on Galatians 5: 13-14: "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

Activities in NYC include worship at Riverside Church, touring the 9/11 Memorial Museum, Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, and the United Nations, plus visiting and learning about several vital church ministries that demonstrate loving neighbor as self. A Broadway musical, "Phantom of the Opera" will conclude the NYC visit. The next morning, the crew will take Amtrak to Washington, D.C. to tour the Arlington Cemetery, the National Mall, Museums and Ford's Theatre. In Washington, participants will visit with their senators and congressmen as well as volunteer at the DC Food Kitchen. Each evening time is allotted to "unpack" the day, discuss what they have learned and how it impacts their faith. In addition to all the learning and sightseeing, participants will experience different kinds of foods and travel through the two cities by foot, taxi, bus, and subway (or metro). They will stay at the Vanderbilt YMCA in NYC and Shalom Place (St. Luke's Mission Center) in Washington. *It is a whirlwind adventure!*

Please keep all these young people and sponsors in your prayers as they embark on this life-changing experience!!

YOMC Contacts:

D'Arcy Blosser, Chair - yomcnebraska@gmail.com or 402-423-1300

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KAMP KALEO



**Kamp Kaleo
Spring Work Weekend
April 6-8, 2018**

(ALTERNATE WEATHER DATE: APRIL 13-15, 2018)

**Come and
Join Us!**

Help wake up the camp for camping season. There will be a variety of things to do to ready the camp for the summer. We'd like to get a camp full of volunteers to help wake up the camp - there will be a variety of skills needed to wake up Kaleo including both inside and outside work. Please email kampkaleo@gmail.com if you plan on coming so we can plan how much food we'll need to feed our great volunteers! (and please bring your own bedding). Come enjoy the beauty of Kaleo in the Spring! Hope to see you there. Click here for [Brochure!](#)

Summer Camps 2018

Camp fees include a Kamp t-shirt.

All payments must be made prior to the first day of camp.

The summer camping programs at Kamp Kaleo are overseen by the Youth and Outdoor Ministry Committee (YOMC) of the Christian Church in Nebraska Region and the United Church of Christ Tri Conference.

Go to www.kampkaleo.com for more information or contact:
Camp Administrator, at 308-346-5083 D'Arcy Blosser,
YOMC Chair, at yomcnebraska@gmail.com

Register Online:

www.kampkaleo.com

46872 Willow Springs Road
Burwell, Nebraska 68823
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Click [>HERE<](#) for Full Brochure!

2018 Kamp Calendar

May 29-June 1 Adventures in Community
June 3-8 Middle School Kamp
June 10-15 High School Kamp
(June 17-22) (St. Elizabeth Burn Camp)
(June 24-29) (Lions Kamp)
July 1-3 Little Kampers
July 8-13 Faith & Fine Arts Kamp
July 15-19 Junior Kamp

Kamp Kaleo Notes:

Immediate Need: Kamp Co-Directors - we are still in need of a few camp co-directors! If you would like to work with a co-director to plan and oversee any of the following camps, please contact us ASAP:

Junior High Camp
Faith & Fine Arts Camp
Adventures in Community Camp
Junior Camp (one more co-director needed)

We are actively recruiting counselors and companions for all of the camps (except Little Kampers). Contact us if you'd like to help!

Next Youth & Outdoor Ministries Committee Meeting will be Friday, April 6 - 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Kamp Kaleo.



Disciples Women's News

Teresa Olberding, Disciples Women's Ministries Coordinator

NEBRASKA DISCIPLES WOMEN

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THE
FOLLOWING DATES:**

- ⇒ April 13th, afternoon retreat @ Murray. Confirmed!
- ⇒ April 14th, morning retreat @ First Christian Church Humboldt
- ⇒ April 20th, afternoon retreat @ Christian Church Elwood
- ⇒ April 21st, day retreat @ First Christian Church Sidney
- ⇒ June 22nd to 24th, Heartland Interregional at Culver-Stockton

⇒ August 4th, Disciples Women's Retreat @ First Christian Church Lincoln, Ne.
⇒ October 13th, Women's Luncheon at Regional Assembly, Nebraska City.

Blessings to all,

Teresa Olberding

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:



Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, in partnership with Yellow Ribbon, will present the clergy track of the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention training.

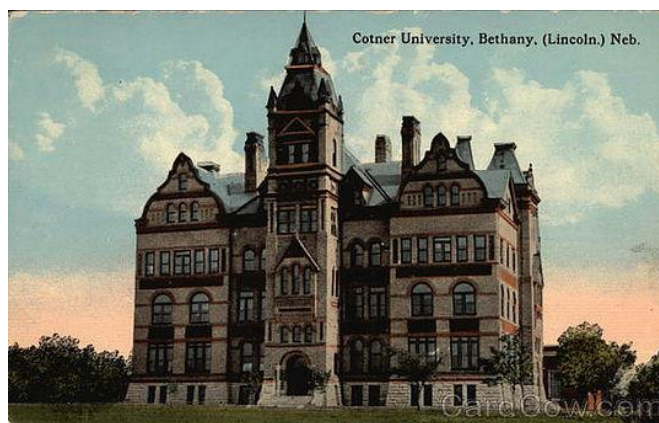
Monday, March 26 – 1:30-3:30 pm

Location: The Federated Church
2704 15th St., Columbus, NE 68601, (402) 564-2812

This is **FREE** event but registration and **RSVP by March 20th is required:**
[RSVP to jerry@imneb.org](mailto:jerry@imneb.org)

You can also **register in person at Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska**, 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 512, Lincoln, NE 68508, **or by phone at (402) 476-3391**.

COTNER COLLEGE



ELM X 2018

Education for Lay Ministries

If you thought that ELM was a thing of the past, then you have a pleasant surprise waiting for you in this flyer. ELM is alive and well! In fact, ELM X is forming now. The only thing that has changed is where you will receive instruction. All classes will be taught online by faculty approved by Phillips Theological Seminary (PTS). If you are not familiar with Phillips, we invite you to check out their webpage at: <http://ptstulsa.edu/Home>. PTS is a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) seminary that is fully accredited and offers classes to all faith traditions.

The first classes in the new PTS Ministry Training Program (<http://ptstulsa.edu/MinistryTrainingProgram>) start **March 5, 2018**. Each class is either 4 or 8 weeks long and you can register online by clicking on the link above.

Cotner College will deliver supplementary workshops and seminars, and provide the community link so highly valued by former ELM students.

If you would like more information about ELM X contact Jerry Albright, Interim Director of Cotner College at director.cotnercollege@gmail.com, or by calling (402)209-4040.

CLICK BELOW FOR THE
[ELM 10 FLYER LINK](#)

RESOURCES:

**CREATING VITAL
CONGREGATIONS
WEBINAR SERIES 2018**



TO REGISTER: On-Site or Online: \$10 per log-in (unlimited number of participants).

[> CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCHEDULE AND TO REGISTER <](#)

MORE INFORMATION: Ms. Deena Ainslie (859) 280-1212
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The Three Tables of the Deacon

Date: March 17, 2018

Where: Online

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EDT

Presenter: Rev. Valerie Melvin, Associate Regional Minister, Christian Church in North Carolina

PRAY for the Christian Church (DOC) in Nebraska

March 14	CrossBridge Christian Church, Lincoln	Joey Coleson – Worship Pastor
March 18	East Lincoln Christian Church	Rev. Dr. Robert Kunz, Interim
March 25	Elmwood Christian Church	Rev. William Harrold, Interim

Calendar of Events in the Region

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| <b>MAR 11</b>       | <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (Spring Ahead!)</b>                               |
| <b>APR 6</b>        | YOMC Committee Meeting @ Kamp Kaleo 1-6 PM                                 |
| <b>APR 6-8</b>      | Kamp Kaleo Work Weekend                                                    |
| <b>APR 13</b>       | <i>Disciples Women's afternoon retreat @ Murray. Confirmed!</i>            |
| <b>APR 14</b>       | <i>Disciples Women's morning retreat @ First Christian Church Humboldt</i> |
| <b>APR 20</b>       | <i>Disciples Women's afternoon retreat @ Christian Church Elwood</i>       |
| <b>APR 21</b>       | <i>Men's Winter Rally (APRIL) @ First Christian Church Nebraska City</i>   |
| <b>APR 21</b>       | <i>Disciples Women's day retreat @ First Christian Church Sidney</i>       |
| <b>MAY 29-JUN 1</b> | KAMP KALEO - Adventures in Community                                       |
| <b>JUN 3-8</b>      | KAMP KALEO - Middle School Kamp                                            |
| <b>JUN 10-15</b>    | KAMP KALEO - High School Kamp                                              |
| <b>JUN 17-22</b>    | KAMP KALEO - St. Elizabeth Burn Camp                                       |
| <b>JUN 22-24</b>    | <i>Disciples Women's Heartland Interregional @ Culver-Stockton</i>         |
| <b>JUN 24-24</b>    | KAMP KALEO - Lions Kamp                                                    |
| <b>JUL 1-3</b>      | KAMP KALEO - Little Kampers                                                |
| <b>JUL 8-13</b>     | KAMP KALEO - Faith & Fine Arts Kamp                                        |
| <b>JUL 15-19</b>    | KAMP KALEO - Junior Kamp                                                   |
| <b>AUG 4</b>        | <i>Disciples Women's Retreat @ First Christian Church Lincoln, Ne.</i>     |
| <b>OCT 13</b>       | <i>Disciples Women's Luncheon @ Regional Assembly, Nebraska City.</i>      |

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If you have trouble opening any link, all attachments and flyer's can also be found on the CCN website under the events page.

\*Please check our website [www.disciples-ne.org](http://www.disciples-ne.org) often!!

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Have a Blessed Day!

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