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Flurries from Chris,

In our everyday routines we constantly encounter barriers to community and our experience is dependant on whether or not we have the tools to overcome them. Sadly, sometimes our tools diminish over time. A simple example is remembering names of those we know to be friends. Even I struggle with remembering the names of our neighbors and experience a sense of shame when I have to ask for a reminder.

One of the places where I feel we should not have to worry about overcoming those everyday barriers is the church. Where there is a community that is ready to support one another and provide additional tools to help each person be honored in who they are.

What if each interaction we had with an individual started with that mindset? "We see you and want you to be honored for who you are as a Child of God." Holding the understanding that we each have burdens we encounter every single day and as a community we seek to remove those barriers as you join with us in growing in your faith in a faithful God.

I would like to invite you to consider all those physical and social barriers that we encounter on a regular basis and consider how we as a congregation can help remove those barriers. Don't just keep that list to yourself but please share them with me, with ways that we can respond. This is truly community work.

Peace in Christ,

Chris Snow

Weekly Events

Attitude Adjustment, every day at noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Jewels Helping Hands
Outreach team in their office 9-5 M-F



Citizenship Preparation
Call Sarita for info.
360-202-8367



Meals on Wheels
North Hill Christian is responsible for delivering one week each month. Please call Kathy Riley for more information.

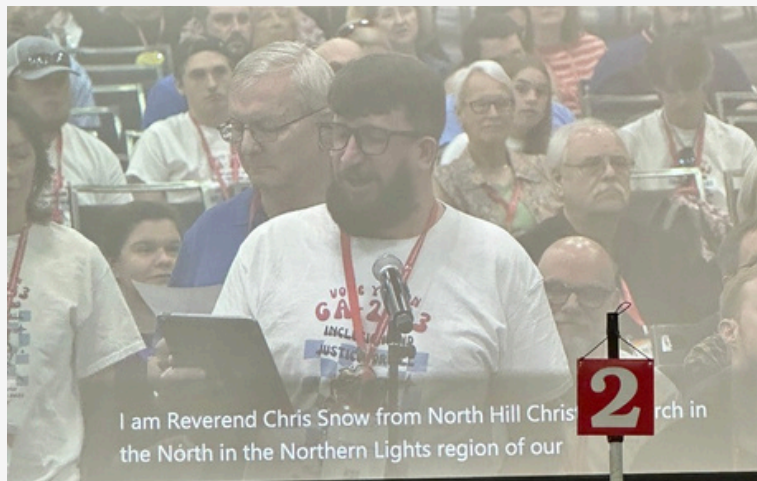
GA-2513 Disability Justice Inclusion Passes!

(An article from the Northern Lights Region newsletter)

At the 2025 General Assembly I had the honor of co-presenting GA-2513: Concerning Disability Justice and Inclusion In All Ministries Within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. I co-wrote and presented the resolution with Topher Endress, Associate Minister at FCC in Columbia, Missouri. This resolution was the product of many conversations and hours of wordsmithing, but arises out of the need for all aspects of the church to do better at becoming more accessible to those with disabilities. What better way to share with you my thoughts on this resolution than to share with you the words I shared on the plenary floor in defense of this resolution: “As pastor who has had a lifelong disability I have recognized the need for recognized and formal work within our denomination around Disability and Accessibility as we regularly declare that we are a church where the table is open to all. Since attending the Disciples Seminarian’s conference around 2008, I have sought to work within the existing structures of our General ministries to engage in disability advocacy and accessibility. I recognized that the Pro-Reconciliation AntiRacism ministries as doing important work that is similar to that needed by the disability community, but AR-PR has a pointed focus solely on racism. I have looked to the National Benevolent Association, our health and human service ministry of our Church, and found great support that helped bring together those who are passionate about work on accessibility for those with disabilities.

While our church has a history of recognizing the various minorities and marginalized groups that are a part of our great denomination, in no particular order (and I apologize if I left your group out), NAPAD, Obra Hispana, National Convocation, Disciples Women Ministries, and AllianceQ, but the minority and marginalized groups that a majority of us will find ourselves to be a part of at some point in our lives, individuals with disabilities, have not historically had work done to make all interactions of our church accessible. (And I am thankful to see that this year we have a ramp for our stage.) But accessibility is more than just about physical accessibility.

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I am Reverend Chris Snow from North Hill Church in the North in the Northern Lights region of our

I have worked within local congregations sharing my own knowledge but also recognizing the need for resources for more than just the congregations that I am personally involved in, while not reinventing the wheel each and every time. While other denominations including the UCC and UMC have disability ministry programs that provide both resources and trainings to their congregations we do not yet have an easily recognized manner in which to resource our congregations, regions, and general church to be better equipped to serve those with disabilities by being in ministry with and alongside those with disabilities rather than having ministries for those with disabilities. We do not yet have a way to engage in disability advocacy as the whole embodiment of our denomination in a time where we have seen language of inclusion within all aspects of life in the United States of America is seen as something to be derided rather than celebrated.

This resolution before us seeks to declare that yes, those with disabilities are created in the image of God and deserve to be in full community within the whole embodiment of our church. This resolution puts forth the call for us all to do better and make easily accessible and continue to create the resources to equip our congregations, regions, and general church to be more accessible for those with disabilities and advocate on their behalf." PASSED! ↓ During the 2025 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) several important resolutions were passed including GA2517 Changes to The Design and GA-2513 Resolution Concerning Disability Justice and Inclusion in all Ministries within the Christian Church. Three emergency resolutions addressing timely and pressing issues impacting our communities and world were also adopted. LEARN MORE This resolution passed with great enthusiasm from those gathered in the plenary hall after many statements in support of the need for this work in all aspects of our church. I have been working with a number of other clergy from around our denomination (Disciples Access) to not only advocate for changes around accessibility but to create (living) resources for all aspects of our church, including: Church Accessibility Audit, Multi- and Single-Day event planning checklist, and Book List for those seeking to learn more. It is our hope that in the coming months we will have a more visible online presence within the denomination but until then you can join us on Facebook, search for Disciples Access.

Peace in Christ, Chris Snow

Finance Committee Requests Help

Wanted: 1-2 people to join the Finance Committee/Stewardship planning. Are you interested in helping plan the Stewardship campaign? We have materials, but we need help putting together the plan. If you have questions and/or are interested, please contact Debbie Jennison. We meet via zoom or after church.



We Did It!!!

OPENING DOORS FOR MINISTRY 2025 Capital Campaign
Thank you to all of those who have submitted your pledges to help our Opening Doors For Ministry Capital Campaign. To date we have received commitments totaling \$21,547 This amount has brought us over and beyond our goal of \$15,000.

Thank you again for all those who are contributing to this capital campaign that will help open the doors of our building to ministry opportunities in our future.

Please Remember Your Nametage

Did you know one of the easiest, and inexpensive ways that we can be a more welcoming and accessible church is by wearing our nametags. It isn't just helpful for visitors but for everyone. The office is currently looking into printing nametags in house that can remain at the church when not in use. Until then please wear your nametags on Sundays and whenever you are representing the church.

Prayer Requests:

Concerns:

- Donovan McReynolds as he searches for affordable housing
- The family of Glenn Dobbins for his passing.
- Leonoard Griffith recovering from a stroke.
- Donna Carr as she is dealing with cancer.

Joys:

- Two citizenship students will compete their ceremony on July 3.



Birthdays:

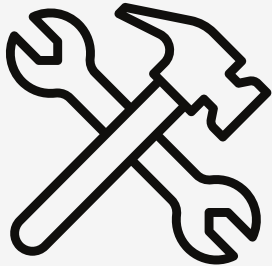
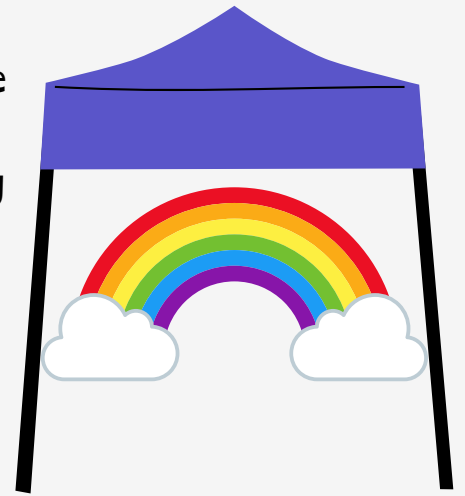
- Sally Deranleau, 8/02
- Margaret Tibbitts, 8/15
- Marilyn Smith, 8/25
- Jerry Klein, 8/27

Anniversaries:

- None

Garland Pride

On August 16th from 4pm-9pm there will be a Pride celebration in the Garland Business District. We are currently signed up to have a booth. We are looking for volunteers to help represent our congregation for all of or part of the celebration. If you are unable to attend in person we are also in need of help to decorate our booth to the theme of "The Wizard of Oz." Please let Pastor Chris know if you would like to help.



Another Capital Campaign Project Completed!!!

We are so excited! If you haven't seen it, the stucco work has been repaired and painted! We are hoping to get the rest of the stucco area painted soon to match where the work was done. This is your capital campaign money at work. Thank you for your support!

Financial Report for July

	June	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$13,096	\$89,730	\$82,284
Expense	\$12,165	\$95,612	\$97,077
General Offering income was above budget by \$74			
\$2785 qtrly income from investment of rental house money			

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August, 2025 --- Serving Schedule

	3	10	17	24	31
Count	Linda Alexander Sally Deranleau	Janie Selley Patty Morris	Sheila McCrea Debbie Jennison	Linda Alexander Sally Deranleau	Janie Selley Patty Morris
Diaconate	Patty Morris	Nathan Burford	Sally Deranleau	Linda Alexander	Nathan Burford
Elder	Debbie Jennison	Sarita McReynolds	Jerry Klein	Bill Jennison	Sheila McCrea
Lay Leader	Debbie Jennison	Nathan Burford	Jenn Snow	Bill Jennison	Sheila McCrea
Power Point	Jenn Snow	Debbie Jennison	Natasha Carter	Debbie Jennison	Natasha Carter
Sound	Ben Greene	Bill Jennison	Nathan Burford	Ben Greene	Nathan Burford
Pick Up	Janie Selley	Sally Deranleau	Arlene Pandelis	Janie Selley	Arlene Pandelis
Greeter	Patt Hooker	Sarita McReynolds	Arlene Pandelis	Bill Phipps	Patt Hooker
Song Leader	Riley Gray	Riley Gray	Riley Gray	Riley Gray	Riley Gray