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Register Now:

LETTER OF THANKS

LABOR DAY REUNION

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AUG 30—SEP 2
“LIVE CHRIST’S PEACE”

GUEST MINISTER:



Steve Jones
Presiding Bishop

Bring your family and friends and join others from around Florida and the Southeast for a weekend of intergenerational activities, including classes, recreation, games, worship, campfire, talent show and much more! Child care available. Housing still available so register now!

For more info: Ginger Robertson, (941) 756-8276 or robertson041030@msn.com

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am deeply appreciative of your leadership support for the Mission Center team during this time of surgical recovery for Bob Watkins. Bob and Jane feel blessed by all your prayers and thoughtful expressions of concern. We have again been reminded of the tangible ways in which loving, caring relationships expressed in true sacred community bless our lives. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication to the cause of the Kingdom!

We have just completed a very successful summer camping season made possible by your personal and congregational stewardship, a dedicated team of camp leaders, and a staff at Deerhaven that is committed to providing well-maintained grounds and clean facilities for us to enjoy. Thank you to each one who has helped make these wonderful experiences possible for our young people!

Summer vacations are ending and our fall calendars are filled with wonderful opportunities for growing together in our dis-

cipleship in congregational life, Mission Center activities, and World Church events. I look forward to sharing with you in a variety of activities and getting to know you better over the next few weeks.

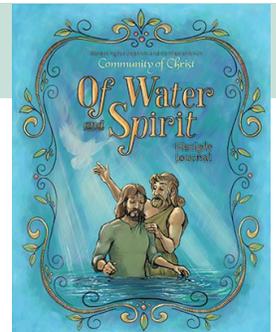
In Gospel bonds,
Jim Slauter
Interim President

OF WATER AND SPIRIT

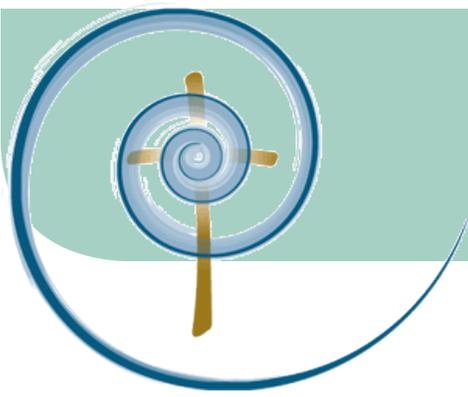
Recently, the Orlando congregation ordered the new pre-baptismal class material for our youth and I had the opportunity to browse through the resources. The material does a beautiful job of depicting both our heritage in Community of Christ

and who we are today. Lessons are broken into two parts, with the second part full of hands-on activities to reinforce the lesson.

This is an important foundational resource for all of our children, baptized or not. Learn more at



www.HeraldHouse.org.



THE CROSS AND THE SPIRAL

All in the Family

Family is very important to us all. So looking like you belong to a family is vital to understanding who that family is. Along with the Community of Christ nameplate and church seal, the cross and spiral is another image that points us toward peace.

Here we have created a standard between family members. Each relationship is as important to one as to another. As we consistently use our family of church graphics, including the cross and spiral, we establish a Community of Christ identity that others will recognize.

The Cross and Spiral

Spirals exist throughout creation, from the tiniest DNA to the enormity of the cosmos. So, in the use of the spiral in the Temple, we have a symbol that intimates God is present throughout the universe. The Temple as a life-giving symbol illustrates many of the concepts we have received through divine inspiration. For example: “Understand that the road to transformation travels both inward and outward” (Doctrine and Covenants 161:3d). As we recognize the depth and possibilities of these words, the Temple spiral can provide an actual map for this journey.

The presence and placement of the cross reflects recent counsel: “Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God’s shalom, invites all people to come and receive divine peace in the midst of the difficult questions and struggles of life” (Doctrine and Covenants 163:2a). The cross, the central Christian symbol of the divine drama of redemption, represents the heart of God, which spirals out in love. The spiral flowing out of and back to the cross is a representation of the out-flowing love of God and the journey into that love.

Reprinted from the world church website.

If you would like to use the spiral and cross graphic in your church material, visit www.cofchrist.org/graphics/crossandspiral.asp for downloads and information on correct (and incorrect) ways of use.

august

30-Sep 2 Labor Day Reunion

september

2 LABOR DAY—
Office closed

7 Night of Joy
28 Deerhaven Board
Meeting

october

4-6 Women’s Retreat
25-27 Spiritual Growth
Retreat



Community of Christ

FMC WEBSITE TIP: Retreat information is now available on the FMC website in multiple locations. On the home page, click on the Upcoming Events – Flyers and Brochures box. Under Resources, click on Forms for links to registration forms and flyers. Or, under Events, click on Calendar and go to the month of the event. Once you find the event, you can click on the event title and a box will appear with links to more information, if there is any.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

OCTOBER 25-27 AT DEERHAVEN

In the August issue of *Herald* magazine, Becky Savage of the First Presidency writes:

Priesthood members are reminded to "continually magnify their callings" in a holistic manner focused on "a growing capacity to bring blessing to others." (p. 5)

In order to continually grow in ministry, disciples and priesthood members alike must seek out ways to grow spiritually. The Fall Spiritual Growth Retreat provides just such opportunity for exploration and growth.

This retreat at Deerhaven provides time away from the rigors of daily routine. Participants are blessed by the peacefulness and beau-

ty of Deerhaven as well as by time spent in relationship with the Divine and with others seeking spiritual growth.

Retired Spiritual Formation Minister Marvin Rice will lead the activities at this particular event. He plans to guide participants in reflection, introduce practices that can help expand spiritual relationship and show how awareness of God can be part of the regular rhythm of life.

Plan now to attend this meaningful weekend. Cost is \$75 and financial help is available if needed. Mark your calendar, register online, invite a friend. Make this time of retreat a part of your fall schedule now!



DGR HIGHLIGHT...

Special thanks to Susanna Birks for the donation of a beautiful glider bench at Deerhaven! The donation is in memory of Sue's loving husband Manley who passed away in 2007. Thanks also to Rob Tillis for assembling the glider!



NIGHT OF JOY SEPTEMBER 7 IN ORLANDO

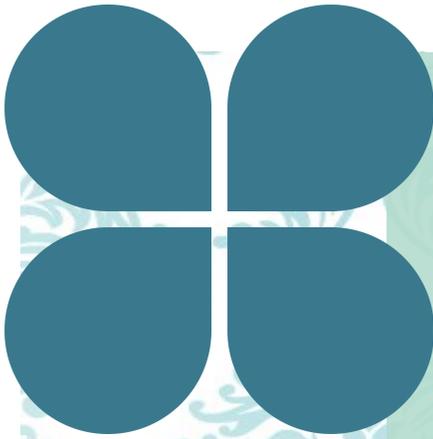
High school youth and older are invited to join with the Orlando youth group in an evening of fun and music at Disney's Magic Kingdom. The group will gather at the Orlando church on Saturday, September 7th at 2pm and then leave together for Night of Joy. After the park closes, the group will travel back to the Orlando church to catch a few hours of sleep before breakfast Sunday morning.

Come hear your favorite contemporary Christian artists, including Newsboys, TobyMac, Francesca Bat-

tistelli, Building 429, Matthew West, PLUMB, Group 1 Crew, and Jamie Grace. For \$60 you get a pizza dinner before leaving for Disney, entrance into the park (includes all rides and concerts), parking and a continental breakfast at the church on Sunday morning. Chaperones are also needed for this event.

To be included in this great group rate, money is due to Michael Jaycox by this Saturday, August 17th. Contact Michael if you have any questions: (614) 595-7407 or Jaycox.1@osu.edu.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Deerhaven Events

PRE-REGISTER AT WWW.COFCHRISTFMC.ORG

- Aug 30—Sep 2—**Labor Day Reunion**, “Share Christ’s Peace,” Guest Minister: Presiding Bishop Steve Jones
- Oct 4-6—**Women’s Retreat**, “Café Chocolat”
- Oct 25-27—**Spiritual Growth Retreat**, Guest Minister: Evangelist Marvin Rice

REGISTERING EARLY AS WELL AS CANCELLING EARLY, IF NEEDED, HELPS US KEEP THE COST OF EVENTS DOWN AND HELPS DIRECTORS AND STAFF PREPARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Congregational Events

- September 7—**Night of Joy** in Orlando, Contact Michael Jaycox for more information, (614) 595-7407

World Church Events

- August 23-24—**Health & Spirituality WS** (Independence)

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Sending lots of blessings for a good school year to
all our students and teachers!

We proclaim Jesus Christ
and promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace