



CROSS CONNECTION

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150 Years and Going Strong



*No matter who you are
or where you are
on life's journey,
you'll find a home here!*

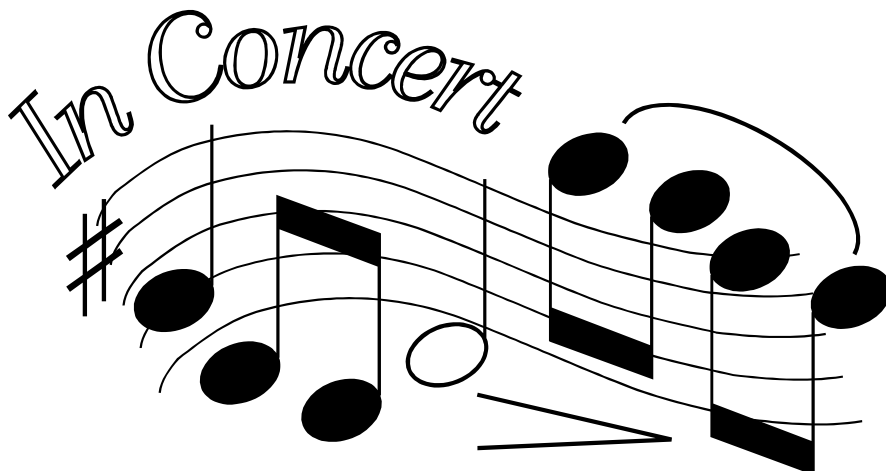
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Farewell and Thanks! Emily Olson in Concert

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ Music Director Emily Olson would like to take the opportunity to say good-bye and thank you to the congregation with a concert on Saturday evening, February 28, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. The concert will feature Emily's vocal and piano music, along with some favorites from the praise band JC Rock. Bring the kids, grandparents, neighbors and friends to this event to enjoy the sounds of JC Rock, and to soak up for one more time the beauty and joy in Emily's musical talents.



Rev. Desiree Gold Pastor

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Tuesday—Friday

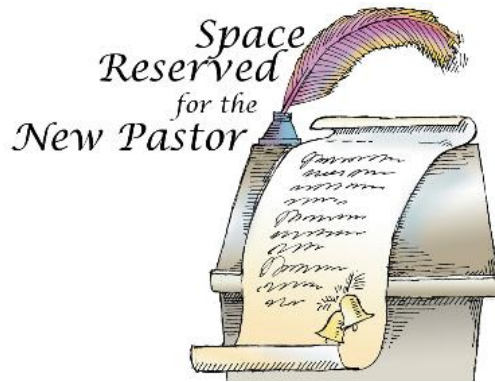
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PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Susan Berndt; Daniel Bies; Kathy Biscoe; Bill and Isabel Board; Bill Bothun; Beth Davies; Bob Fox; Joyce Fries and family mourning Ron's death; Russ Gausman; Don Hanson; Delores Janke; Chris Miller; JoAnn Nelson; Sandy Rabe; Emily, Chris, and Joel Spicer; families facing unemployment issues; Rev. Desiree Gold as she assumes leadership of our congregation.

Alma Buechler (former pastor's wife); Abi Christopherson (Elaine Mitchell's friend); Dorothy Brown (Ashley & Luke Longmuir's great-aunt); Ken & Nora Krahn (missionaries); Denise Heschke Krech (Marilyn's Heschke's daughter); Molly Livingston (Eboné Kerselman's grandmother); Margie Mattison (Farmers' Market vendor); Ramona Roney; Mary Schmidt (Karen Schmidt's mother-in-law); Agnes Thyren (Gary Thyren's mother); Midge Youngquist's grandmother; our soldiers around the world.



Watch for something from our new pastor, Rev. Desiree Gold, in the next issue.

Welcome Rev. Desiree Gold Sunday, March 8, 2009

Come and participate as Rev. Gold leads worship at 10:15 a.m. Fellowship time to follow with an opportunity to welcome Rev. Gold to our church family.

Are You Looking for a Small Job?

We are looking for an adult to staff our church nursery on Sunday mornings, taking care of children while their parents attend worship. The employee will need to be available every Sunday morning before, during, and after the worship service for drop off and pick up of children. The position pays \$25.00 per Sunday. Please contact Doreen Barta or Bruce Fiedler for more information and an application.



It's Time to Think Easter Flowers

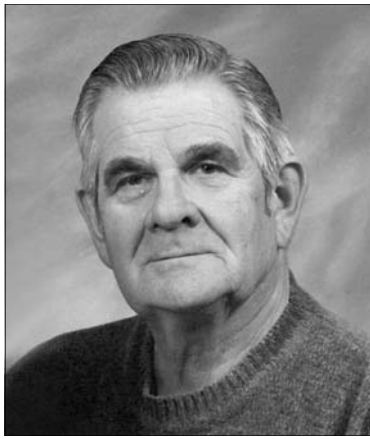
With the beginning of Lent comes the promise of Easter, and a sanctuary filled with the colors and fragrance of spring flowers. The next issue of the Cross Connection will contain an order form for you to purchase flowers for the traditional Memorial Garden to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Now is the time to start thinking of your dedication.



Check Out the Farmers' Market Website!!

Cole Bertram has designed an attractive new website for our Farmers' Market. Check it out at www.cgucfm.com and count down the days with Cole until the market opens on June 18 at 3:30 p.m.





In loving memory of Ron Fries
8/25/1933—2/19/2009
Memorial Service 2/26/2009



Joel Richard Spicer
Baptized on 2/15/2009



New Members of CGUCC on 2/22/2009
Jamie Vorlicky and Adam Roberts



Sewing on the 150th Anniversary Quilt
Sheri Wohlers and Lucy Spicer

Coming Up in Worship

Sunday, March 1, 2009 **First Sunday of Lent** **Rev. Bryan & Emily Olson's** **last Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Adult Lenten Study
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:10 a.m. Announcements
10:15 a.m. Worship with Children
Singing
11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

Sunday, March 8, 2009 **Second Sunday of Lent** **Rev. Desiree Gold's First** **Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Adult Lenten Study
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:10 a.m. Announcements
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

Sunday, March 15, 2009 **Third Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Adult Lenten Study
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:10 a.m. Announcements
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

Participating in Worship **in March**

Head Usher—Bob Janicek
Altar Team—Donna Perkins
Communion Preparation—Diane
Davies

Participating in Worship **in April**

Head Usher—Gary Thyren
Altar Team—Midge Youngquist
Communion Preparation—Jan
and Ken Huber

The latest calendar can be found on the web site
at www.cgucc.org



March

- 6 - LeeAnne Eshom
- 7 - Cooper Blair
- 8 - Zachary Richter
- 9 - Sam Ratzlaff
- 13 - Debra Hanson
Melinda Lindeman
- 14 - Erich Fiedler
- 15 - Jan Huber
- 17 - Doreen Barta
Emily Denny
Mark Rabe
- 18 - Orinne Dunbar
- 22 - Ryan Bertram
Bryce Wilkinson
- 23 - Bryan Hakkila
Alissa Manning
- 24 - Diane Davies
Tucker Herrmann
Nicholas Warner
- 25 - Gayle Korth
Janice Munson
- 26 - Jessica Kottke
- 27 - Amanda Cherry
Emma Weber
- 29 - Karson Kropelnicki
Donna Marty
- 30 - Rod Vink



Certificate of Thanks Received

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it." Psalm 24

Heifer International gratefully recognizes Cottage Grove UCC. Your contribution of Healthy Animals and Training is a gift of love and life.



Heifer International

Note of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers for my grandson Alex. They are very much appreciated.

Dorothy Crampton



Angels of the Heart Card Making for Soldiers

Are you interested in making homemade cards for the service men and women that they can use to send home for special occasions? Join us on March 7th at 10:00-3:00 at the church. There are only 20 spots available at \$15 each, so reserve a spot today by calling Angie Naegeli at (651) 387-1986 or Barb Larson at 459-4448.

We are also sending items to the troops that they need and/or enjoy getting. If you wish, you can donate money for us to purchase items and also to use for shipping these items to our soldiers.

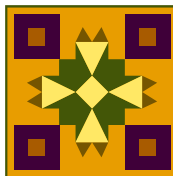
Suggested troop donations:

baby wipes	magazines (recently old or new)
hand sanitizer	granola bars
feminine products	beef jerky
cotton socks	small stuffed animals (they give them to children)
lip balm	calling cards
Crystal Light To Go	basic toiletries
hard candy (they use it and share with children)	sunscreen
Oreos cookies	

Thanks for your support.

Have You Signed Your Quilt Square Yet?

The quilting team is piecing the 150th Anniversary quilt together. All who are interested are invited to sign a quilt square and become a part of history. Squares are available after worship each week, or in the church office during the week.



Save Your Stuff!!

It's never too early to start saving your stuff for the annual Trash to Treasure Sale at the church April 24-25.

**THINK SPRING—START CLEANING
SAVE YOUR STUFF**



Remember When?

From stories told by Lucy (Brown) Spicer & Hilda (Bahls) Lindeman
Our present church bell was cast in St. Louis, Missouri in 1889. There is an inscription on it which reads "Ehre fer Gott in der hohe" which translates "Glory to God in the highest."



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letter, please call or send an e-mail, and we
will take you off our mailing list. Thanks!



Rev. Bryan and Emily Olson's Last Sunday

March 1, 2009

10:15 Worship

11:30 Family Gathering after Worship

5:00 p.m. Farewell Dinner at Mississippi Dunes

Come and join us for this opportunity to thank Bryan and Emily for their ministry among us, and wish them Godspeed for their journey to their next ministry opportunity in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

