



THE PULSE

A Monthly Look Into Ministry at CPC

Ministry Moments

Among the most tangible of CPC's outreach efforts is providing backpacks full of school supplies each July to area children in the foster care system. The church partners with One Heart Ministries, an organization that recruits, trains and supports foster and adoptive families in Missouri.

This year's Backpack Drive was coordinated by MaryBeth Gibbs, a member of the Support Ministry team. She purchased and organized the backpacks and age-appropriate supplies and the packing day on Sunday, July 19, after each morning worship service.

Generous donations from the CPC congregation offset the cost of 150 new backpacks and the binders, pencils, paper, and other items that filled them. The backpacks were then delivered to One Heart Ministries to be given to elementary and high school students in time for the first day of classes later this month.



Fall Ministry Kicks Off at CPC

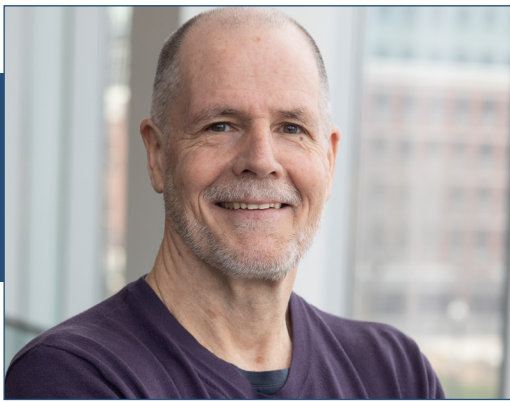
by Lynn Norfleet

Students preparing for their return to college campuses and young families squeezing in summer vacations before the start of school are sure signs that August is here. At CPC, this month ushers in a new season of ministry.

Discovery (adult Sunday School) Classes get started Sunday, Aug. 16 at 9:00am. For those new to CPC or interested in learning more about the church or the membership process, there is a five-week Welcome to CPC Class in the Lighthouse. There will also be two classes in the Cafe and Fireside Cafe: The Belgic Confession, taught by Owen Tarantino; and The Disciples: Led by Grace, taught by CJ Norton and Adam Wang.

August 23 is Move Up Sunday, when all our Children's and Youth Sunday School students move up to the next grade level at 9:00am. Children entering 4th, 6th and 9th grades will be transitioning to new groups (Crossfire, CRASH and KREW). Following the second service on Sunday is the Fall Kickoff Celebration at The Commons. Everyone is invited to come for lunch, fellowship and fun activities for kids. If you are able, please bring a side dish to share.





CPC Up Close

Tim Witzig

Tim Witzig stepped into the role of co-coordinator of CPC's Men's Ministry last year, and has enjoyed getting to know "the guys" while organizing, facilitating and leading Tuesday studies, as well as special events like a recent cornhole tournament, along with Andy Fairlamb.

"I've loved getting to know everyone and setting up environments for men to meet, connect, grow, and share life together," Tim said. "It's important for us to have places and situations to meet and be transparent with each other."

A central Illinois native and graduate of Illinois State University, Tim spent most of his working years in sales with Levi's. Now retired, he enjoys playing and following a variety of sports, notably the Chicago Bears. He and his wife, Susie, have been a part of CPC since 2005 when they were attracted by the youth program for their three children. "We have appreciated the solid teaching, breadth of ministries and deep friendships we've made through the years," he added.

Fall Ministry Kicks Off (cont.)

Women's Ministry will have its Fall Kickoff at 6:00pm Wednesday, Aug. 19 at The Commons. Women will enjoy a meal, hear about the fall session of studies, and a devotional message. Tuesday morning and evening studies start Aug. 25 at 9:30am and 7:00pm at The Commons. Men's Ministry studies begin the same day, Aug. 25, at The Commons, at 6:30am and 5:30pm.

Be sure to mark your calendars for these ministry start-ups and events in September, as well:

Friendship Ministry weekly Thursdays, Sept. 3, 7:00pm at The Commons; CPC Night at The Magic House Sunday, Sept. 13, 6:00-8:00pm; and Sunday PM Kickoff (Lifelines, KidsClub, CrossfirePM, and CRASH and KREW small groups) at the church Sunday, Sept. 20, at 6:00pm.



MOVE-UP SUNDAY

AUGUST 23

All Sunday school students move up to the next grade level.

CPC KICKOFF PARTY

Sun, 8/23 | 12pm at The Commons
Bring a Side Dish or Dessert