



## A Message from the Moderator

Candy Sprick

It's time, RCC! It's our time to grow!

To be honest, these last several months I was uncomfortable inviting anyone new to come to our church, knowing that we could not put our best foot forward with all the repairs and maintenance to the building that needed to be done. But we have now successfully completed many projects that assures our building is stable, safe, and secure, thanks to your generous support of our Capital Campaign and all of the incredible volunteers in our church family. And while there are still projects we hope to complete, I feel oh-so-comfortable now coming to this beautiful house of worship. Sunday mornings are alive with friendship and fellowship, and I want to share my church family with others!

In many ways we are beginning a new season in the life of our church. By now, we all are fully aware of our challenges and our strengths. We are working together to minimize the challenges and maximize our strengths. God is moving within RCC and His spirit is moving through this church family. Together, we can impact our community in a big way. Joyful holidays are coming! And what better time to fling open the doors and invite others to be a part? We can be a blessing in the heart of Raytown.

On Consecration Sunday (November 19) we will wrap up our stewardship campaign with a Chili Lunch after Praise service. Let's make a point to reach out to friends who may be looking for a church home, or past members that might want to see old friends. Invite them to lunch at RCC on November 19! We will begin serving chili around 11:30 and will welcome visitor friends, old and new. I can't think of a better way to kick off the holidays!

## Discover the Disciples



by Steve Smith



If someone asked you who the Disciples of Christ are and what do they believe, could you answer them? This month is not so much a history lesson, as much as an informational one.

### Who We Are

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

### Beliefs of DOC

#### An Open Table:

The Lord's Supper (communion) is celebrated weekly and is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ.

#### Freedom of belief:

Disciples are called together around one essential of faith: the confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. While disciples are free to follow their consciences guided by the bible, the Holy Spirit, study and prayer, they are also expected to extend that freedom to others.

#### Believer's baptism:

In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside, and a new life of trust in God begins. Although Disciples most commonly practice by immersion, other baptismal practices are honored.

#### The unity of the church:

By God's grace and love made known in Jesus Christ, all are called to seek the unity of the church and oneness among all Christians in common witness and service to the world.

#### The priesthood of all believers:

Ordained and commissioned ministers as well as lay persons share in the leadership of the church in worship, service and spiritual growth.

#### A passion for justice:

Disciples affirm our need to work with ecumenical and global partners to heal the brokenness of the body of Christ and the human community.

In a nutshell, that's who we are and what we believe. It comes straight from Disciples of Christ literature. There's more, but that's enough for now. If you have any questions, just ask me.

## Join us for a Chili Lunch!

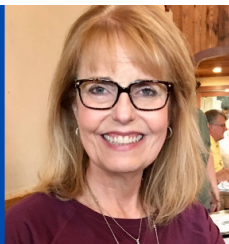
Invite a friend, a neighbor or even a past member  
to join us for worship and some delicious chili  
made by Chef Dave!



**Sunday, Nov 19th - 11:30am**  
**Inspiration Center**

# Outreach Corner

by Mindy McDaniel



Happy November! There's a lot happening in Community Relations this month! But first, I'd like to thank everyone for their time and generosity for Trick or Treat this year. Our RCC members went out of their way, decorating tables and wearing some quite creative costumes! The children loved it and had a wonderful time!



Outreach will also be requesting desserts for the River of Refuge families for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. We will have a better idea of dessert needs in the next couple of weeks.



## Angel Tree

The Angel Tree Prison Ministry has sent us a list of children that those that are incarcerated have requested gifts for. These incarcerated individuals have been screened and admitted into the program because of their faith in Jesus and continued good behavior. Names of fifty-two children have been received, which means RCC will be providing 104 gifts (gift tagged from the incarcerated parent) to these children. There is quite a bit of work that goes into this Ministry before we are ready to hang "angels" on the tree. Our plan is to have the tree up and decorated, with Angel tags ready, before Thanksgiving. That gives us time to take advantage of Black Friday shopping!

*We share God's love with others, that others may turn towards the source, God and his infinite grace!*

# WELCOME

Welcome our new part-time Building Manager, Askari Jefferson! He will be assisting our Property Team in caring for Our Father's House. At this point in time, Askari will be here Mondays & Thursdays 9-11am, so if you see him around, be sure to say hello and to introduce yourself! We're so happy to have him on board as part of our RCC family!

## BLOOD DRIVE

All presenting donors will take home a free Chiefs T-shirt!



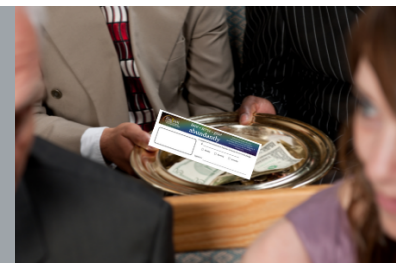
## @ RCC

MONDAY, NOV. 27TH  
2:00-6:00PM

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY AT [SAVEALIFENOW.ORG/GROUP](https://savealifenow.org/group),  
ENTER GROUP CODE: PE

## DON'T FORGET

Bring your pledge card  
with you to worship on  
November 19th!



## Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 25th - 9am

If you're interested - we'd LOVE your help!

Extra hands make lighter work 😊





# Public Relations

by BJ Taylor



Have you got the Thanksgiving dinner all planned out? So much to do, so many family people to contact, in the beginning of the holiday season for loving and giving and celebrating. Make sure to include someone who has no one to join. Remember the blessing we are at RCC in face of all the world disasters, down to the locals who are alone. If we cannot solve the international troubles, at least we can share some of our wealth with others in need. We need remind ourselves that our lives of comfort make up a very small percentage of the earth's population. Reach out any way you can to give back.

## **Nov 11, Sat, 10-5pm**

Visit Messner Bee Farm for their Grand (Re)Opening. After years of shut-down, the Farm invites everyone to join in a day of music, games, good eats, and lots of bee products. Great time for Christmas shopping, like lip balm, creamed honey, hand salve, candles, and much more!

## **Nov 12, Sun, 4-6pm**

Come to a community Tribute and Thank You to all veterans, those who have stood up for our nation. At Raytown High School, check in at 3:30 for a moment of recognition for those vets in our own town.

## **Nov 16, Thu, 5-7pm**

All alumni, former staff, community members, current and future students of Herndon Career Center can come to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. You will be able to tour all program areas, meet instructors, and enjoy light refreshments.

## **Nov 19, Sun, 4-5pm**

The Faiths-of-Raytown invites us for our Annual Thanksgiving Service! Each year they highlight an area of our community that we can all "Come Together" to support, no matter your faith connections! This year we are being hosted by the NEW and FIRST A.M.E. Zion Church in Raytown! Come celebrate them and learn how we can all work towards supporting our community with guest speakers from the school district and the mayor himself!

## **Nov 20, Mon, 12-1pm**

CenterWell would like to give thanks to their patients and community at their annual FriendshipGiving Celebration, at Hy-Vee Market Grill. Join in for good food and education conversation!

## **Nov 25, Sat, All Day**

Great day to kickoff holiday shopping in our neighborhoods. #ShopSmall, #ShopSmallRaytown

## **Nov 29, Wed, 6-8pm**

Truman Habitat for Humanity presents Gingerbread Home for the Holidays! Family, friends, and businesses are invited on November 29th to build a Gingerbread Home at the Truman Habitat location. Learn about Habitat's mission and why we build homes and do home repairs.

## **Nov 30, Thu, 4-5:30pm**

Join Mackenzie Magwire, owner of Mack Curio Creations and the Chamber Staff as we get ready to celebrate the holiday season. Stop by the newly remodeled Chamber office and see one of Mackenzie's holiday balloon creations and get to see Santa! To get in the holiday spirit, we will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for local non-profits.

And check the calendar at [www.RaytownCC.org](http://www.RaytownCC.org) for more listings of Church activities.