

We praise God for another amazing summer camping season. Seven weeks of dedicated loving staff and wonderful kids working together, worshipping together, playing together, praying together, and experiencing God together.

The summer started with Sr High Camp with “Christ First” as their theme. Middle School Camp’s theme was “Free to Be” and Junior Camp was “The Great Adventure”. Youth Quest, our young kids’ theme, was “Put on the Full Armor of God”.

Everyone also was invited to join the two wonderful Reunions with talented and spirit-filled guest ministry. We were blessed with ministry from USA Bishop David Nii at Doniphan Reunion and Apostle Janné Grover at Chihowa Reunion. “Fully Awake and Ready to Respond” was our theme for Reunions.

Midlands and Farwest kids joined together again this year for Spectacular with the theme “Harmony”. Mitiog was also a great success and a fun time had by all.

We so appreciate all the volunteers!!! Staff, counselors, directors, cooks, caretakers, lifeguards, teachers, choir, presiders, speakers, and many others. It takes everyone working together and most importantly God’s presence in the middle of it all to make a memorable camp.

I invite you to continue to give to the Reunions as we are still short on meeting those budgets. You can mark it on your envelope or send it directly to the Mission Center. We try to keep registration fees low so all can attend, but the registration and offerings during the week do not cover the cost of the camp.

I also want to invite you to think ahead for next summer and plan on spending time with us at Reunions and helping send kids to camp.

May God continue to bless each of you, your families, and your Congregations.

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August 2017

- 3 Junior Camp, Chihowa

20-21 View the Solar Eclipse at Lake Doniphan

September 2017

1-4 SantaCaliGon in Independence, MO

6 Coffee Talk with Janné Grover, Excelsior Springs MO

9 Evangelists Gathering, Temple, Independence MO

17 Heritage Day, Storytellers Night, Mission Road

Midlands Mission Center

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Leadership Team

*Attention
Evangelists:*

Save the date!

Saturday, September 9, 2017

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

At the Temple in Independence, MO

Evangelist Gathering

for all Central USA Mission Field Evangelists

Presented by Jane Gardner and Janné Grover

Focus will be on Guidelines for Evangelist Blessings
and intentional prayer for the church

Further details will be provided closer to the event.



Santa-Cali-Gon Days in Independence, MO.

Free Parking for you if you volunteer to work at the Peace Pavilion parking lot taking money for parking spaces. The new Peace Pavilion is beside the square and they are selling parking space as a fundraiser for the new building. **The event goes from Friday through Monday (September 1- 4, 2017)**

We are scheduling 3-hour time slots beginning at 11 am on Friday, September 1. **Contact Roxy Kellogg at rkellogg49@gmail.com to schedule your time slot to help.**

PLAN NOW!



Beginning Friday, Oct 27: 7:00 pm

Ending Sunday, Oct 29: 11:00 am

at the Camp Chihowa

Don McLaughlin, guest minister

\$60 for a weekend of Food, Fellowship,
Sharing, Learning, Spiritual Growth.

Watch for more details

Coffee Talks



6:00 PM

Sept. 6

Excelsior Springs, Potluck with Janné Grover

9:00 AM

October 6

Bethel Congregation

Nov 10

TBA

Dec 8

TBA

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Did You Notice...??

Improvements made to R/V Camping area at Camp Chihowa

During the extended weekend of June 1st through 4th some 15 members of our mission center worked through the heat to improve the R/V camping area at Camp Chihowa. Six sites around the outside of the "ring" were leveled and gravel was added. In addition, gravel was put on the road around the sites. This is a vast improvement for the camping area. The materials cost about \$5,000 and we have received donations to date of about \$1,000. **We can certainly use additional financial support for the project. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to the mission center and mark it for the R/V site improvement.**

Thanks to everyone who helped with the project. It is a great improvement.
Rollie and Beth Marolf



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Heritage Day Storytellers Night

**at Mission Road Community of Christ
7842 Mission, Prairie Village, KS 66208
Sunday, September 17 @ 7:00 PM**

Do you love a good story? If so, we have an exciting evening for you! Celebrate Heritage Day this year with Apostle Art Smith, Mark Scherer, and Barb Walden as they share some of their favorite stories from church history at the Mission Road congregation on Sunday, September 17 at 7:00 PM. Our storytellers will share the theme "Preserve the Past ~ Inspire the Future."

The Storytellers evening is sponsored by Mission Road congregation and Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation in support of summer interns who share the church's stories at our historic sites.

A donation opportunity for the Alma Blair Internship Program will be available for those interested in supporting this unique educational opportunity for young adults.

All are invited. No RSVP needed.

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Adult Gathering



Date: Thursday, October 12

Time: 9am to 2pm

Place: Good Shepherd congregation
(Central USA Mission Center)

Speakers: Cathie Cackler-Veazey and Andy Kroesen

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2017 SOLAR ECLIPSE AT LAKE DONIPHAN IN EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO

Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:

Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 2:00 PM

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Monday, August 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM (CDT)

Lake Doniphan Conference and Retreat Center

12856 Doniphan Lake Road
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED -- No Entry Without Ticket

According to the [Missouri Department of Natural Resources](#) there has not been a total solar eclipse in Missouri since 1868! Bring your family and experience the 2017 Solar Eclipse at the Lake Doniphan Conference and Retreat Center with two and a half minutes of total eclipse viewing beginning at 1:08 PM (CDT) on Monday, August 21.

See <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety> for information on how to safely view the eclipse.

This is a Lake Doniphan fundraising event sponsored by Central and Midlands Mission Centers of Community of Christ. All proceeds benefit Lake Doniphan.

Arrive August 20th for dinner, with breakfast and lunch on the 21st. No arrivals between 10:00 PM August 20 and 8:00 AM August 21.

Full use of the Lake Doniphan pool and lake recreational facilities at scheduled times. Catch and Release fishing only. No in or on water activities allowed between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM, on Monday, August 21. Lake will be open but pool will remain closed after 4:00 PM on Monday, August 21 for those staying an additional night. No in or on water activities August 22.

Children 4 years and under no charge. Must be accompanied by an adult.

You have the option of staying the night of the August 21st as well with no additional meals for an additional fee,

No tobacco, alcohol, fireworks, firearms, weapons, or pets permitted.

Full refund through August 7, No refunds after August 7. No refunds for inclement weather or overcast skies blocking the view of the eclipse.

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