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Union Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Outreach and Justice News

*“Poverty is the
worst form of
violence.”*

-Mahatma Gandhi

Pantry Needs:

- *canned soup,
- *canned veggies,
- *canned beans,
- *peanut butter

Financial contributions allow the Pantry staff to make fresh meat purchases for their hot meals.

To contribute financially, you may place a check in the offering plate. Please make it payable to Union Avenue Christian Church, indicating on the ‘memo’ line that it is for MBCC Food Pantry. You may also contribute online through the Union Avenue Givelify App indicating For MBCC Pantry.

Panel Discussion on Hunger and Food Security

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 5 following worship

Box lunches at noon

Panel Discussion: 12:30 to 1:45

We reach out to help feed God’s people through the Memorial Blvd Food Pantry. Many in our congregation give food, and at present, 3 of our members are volunteering at the Pantry. This calls us, as people of faith, to dig deeper, to learn more, to discern how our congregation can help address food insecurity in our community.

Our two panelists will be the **Rev. Linda Tobias Doss, co-pastor of Memorial Blvd CC** and **Ms. Christine Woody from the Missouri Coalition on Food Security at Empower Missouri.**

Panel Moderator: **Sandra Miller, MSW, Outreach & Justice Team Member**

We envision an informal conversation among panelists, moderator, *and members of the congregation* about hunger and food insecurity, focusing on north St Louis.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and watch for an opportunity to sign up for a box lunch! Please join us for this first in a series of Justice conversations.

Memorial Blvd Food Pantry Support and Volunteering

Daniel Leach, Jacque Foster, and Rochelle Kaskowitz are volunteering with the MBCC Pantry. You are invited and encouraged to join us any time!

Schedule and needs:

First Thursdays *UACC members opportunity -10 am to 2 pm*

Second Thursdays, *bulk delivery - UACC members opportunity 9 am to 2*

(Third Thursday - already staffed by Webster Groves CC, *no assist needed from Union Ave Team.*)

Fourth Thursdays, *UACC members opportunity. 10 am to 2*

Please bring your food and or gently used clothing donations and place them in the boxes in the UACC lobby! (See sidebar for giving suggestions.)

Week of
Compassion is
the relief,
refugee,
and
development
mission fund
of the
Christian
Church
(Disciples of
Christ) in the
United States
and Canada.

Dear Friends,

Communities around the world, time and again, have seen conflict, illness, emergency, disaster, and storms of every kind. And time and again, compassion has responded.



As disruption, grief, and loss come in wave upon wave, compassion is there. While wars rage and displaced families seek shelter, compassion is there. When winds and water overwhelm and destroy, compassion is there. As individuals and communities wonder what to do now or next, compassion is there.

*"When Week of Compassion is there, the whole church is there."
Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President*

In every generous moment of prayer and support, with every coinbox and check and bake sale and special offering, because of every partnership and collaboration and far-reaching vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope, Week of Compassion - Disciples - you - the whole church, is there.

Over these weeks (leading up to our Week of Compassion Offering at the end of February) we will list our WOC outreach in 5 areas of the world! (*Last week we highlighted Africa*) You can see where your compassion has brought transformative hope, responding to needs throughout 2022. (See interactive map at www.weekofcompassion.org)

**Outreach and
Justice Ministry
Team Members**

Dianne Benjamin

Kathy Davis

Rose Fischer

**Jacque Foster
(Chair)**

Rochelle Kaskowitz

Daniel Leach

Matthew Mahaffey

Sandra Miller

Please contact a member of the Outreach and Justice Team if you have questions about UACC's work in the community and the world.

This week's area is:

**ASIA
& PACIFIC**

Afghanistan	earthquake response
Afghanistan	girls' education / women's empowerment
Chuuk Island	emergency relief
Fiji	women's empowerment
India	flood relief
India	girls' education
Indonesia	earthquake response
Pakistan	emergency flood relief
Pakistan	heatwave response
Phillipines	Typhoon Noru response
Phillipines	Typhoon Rai response
Phillipines	typhoon relief

*Holy One of mystery and grace, move among us, we pray.
Inspire our living and our giving,
that we might reveal your creative wonder
and your generous compassion
in all we do and are.*

“Love cannot be love without justice.”

-Otis Moss III

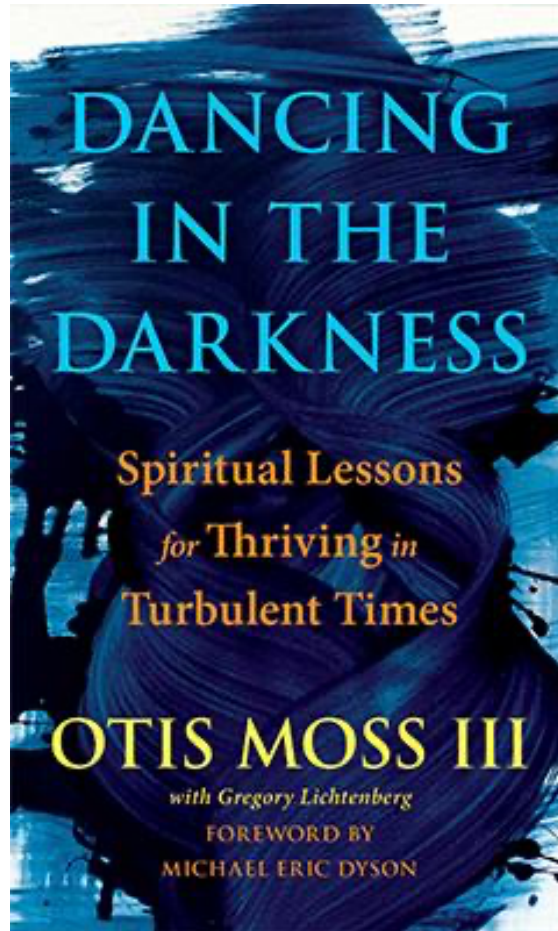
This weekend:

Jacque Foster and Dave Boger are attending the Prison Performing Arts production! See last page and find a time that you might like to attend!

On Monday January 30:

Sandra, Rochelle, Dave and Jacque are attending the Otis Moss III author event at Florissant Valley Branch of St. Louis County Library.

Moss's book "Dancing in the Darkness" is truly outstanding! We highly recommend it. You might want to come hear him on Monday night!



Monday, January 30, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Florissant Valley Branch
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

The St. Louis County Library's 2023 Black History Celebration Presents
 Spiritual and Civil Rights Leader Otis Moss, III
 Author of "Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Surviving in Turbulent Times"

Florissant Valley Branch
 195 New Florissant Rd. S., Florissant, MO 63031

Reverend Otis Moss, III, Senior Pastor at Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ and one of the country's most renowned spiritual and civil rights leaders, offers a guide to uplift our spirits as we work toward justice. Inspired by a sermon he wrote on his own cycle of worry and anger, "Dancing in the Darkness" is a life-affirming guide to the practical, political, and spiritual challenges of our day. Drawing on the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Howard Thurman, sacred scripture, southern wisdom, global spiritual traditions, and his own personal experiences, Dr. Moss shares wisdom on combining justice and love and the spiritual reserves we all possess but too often overlook.

“You have
loosed my
bonds.”

-Psalm 116:16

PRISON Performing ARTS

UACC has supported the Prison Performing Arts Program both financially and by attending and supporting productions and thereby engaging with artists/actors.

We want to continue our engagement with this wonderful program through active participation! Here is an opportunity to attend the production, The Golden Record, by the PPA Alumni Theatre Company. It is January 26th thru 29th here in STL! Cost: \$25 per ticket; Order Now!

PPA ALUMNI THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

THE GOLDEN RECORD

JAN.
26 THU
27 FRI
28 SAT
29 SUN

ADAPTED AND CURATED BY
COURTNEY BAILEY
DIRECTED BY
RACHEL TIBBETTS

PRISON
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THE CHAPEL
6238 ALEXANDER DRIVE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



www.prisonperformingarts.org