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Larkspur Connection

Our Mission: *Larkspur Christian Church exists to spread God's love
through serving and making a difference in the community.*

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Disciples are Expanding the Table Special Offering May 16 and May 23

Against the odds of being denied land and permits, Chimiste Doriscar, a Haitian new church planter, found a quaint site in Carl, Georgia that had 3.76 acres of land and a house. With a loan from Church Extension, this property became the site of Centre Evangelique La Pierre Angulaire. The house is now converted into a sanctuary with more than 100 chairs for the congregation. The church, founded in 2002, is thriving, said Doriscar. "Sometimes we have to add more chairs for worship."

In 2001, New Church Ministry was involved in the planting of two Haitian congregations. Since then, of the 640 new Disciples churches started in the United States and Canada, 100 of them are Haitian congregations. There is a certain connectedness that is shared by those who are part of the new church movement. It's a welcoming spirit of Disciples kinship that reaches out to embrace all who come to the table of worship to be joined together as a family in service to God and neighbor. Now more than ever, New Church Ministry and all our partners embrace with love and support our Haitian families in the United States and in Haiti, who were impacted by the earthquake on January 12, 2010.

We will continue to expand our reach - planting churches and extending the witness to new mission fields. Join the efforts of New Church Ministry in *Expanding the Table* in the United States, Canada and right here in your region by supporting the Pentecost Special Offering. This offering, divided evenly between your region and New Church Ministry, helps to fund recruitment, coaching and training of new church ministers, like Chimiste Doriscar. By *Expanding the Table*, you and New Church Ministry are reaching out to serve multitudes and to share God's message in new ways.



Expanding
the Table
PENTECOST OFFERING 2010



A Migrant Story

Most great nations in the world have been formed by the migration of great people with great minds and conquering spirits; people who left their land in search of something better for themselves and their children, to search for the substance of richer life. The Bible speaks of Egypt, Babylon, and Rome taking the bright, the strong and the ones with special talents into captivity from Israel so they could build better societies. The Greeks, in search of establishing a better world, tried to unite all cultures into one common nation even as they searched for the best from other nations. The United States was formed by migrate who journey in search of a land of freedom and opportunity. I want to tell you a migrant story of a woman who was born long time ago, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz.

There are few people in this world that had not broken every rule during their life time, nor have taken every opportunity, good or bad, to succeed. They never lost focus in what they wanted in life; only a handful of people have taken the chance to be a light and a source of wisdom, so others will find a connection and a path to richness in life, and in some ways to find God. Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz was one of them. Sor Juana was both a mystic and the first woman theologian in North and South America. This fact has gone unrecognized by scholars, who nonetheless have considered her to be one of the most brilliant and creative literary figures of her time, and even of Spanish culture.

Sor Juana was born sometime between 1648 and 1651 in Nepantla, Mexico. The daughter of unwed parents, her mother was a Criolla and her father a Spanish military officer. Her father, Pedro Manuel de Asbaje y Vargas, was a native of the Basque region of Spain, and her mother, Isabel Ramirez de Santilana, was Mexican born. Criolla, is a mixture of a Native Indian (Mexican Indian) and Spanish migrant to the New Spain. Her world was a world of new birth, specially the birth of a nation and of a people. In 1691 and 1692 in Mexico there was major crisis produced by wheat blight, bad harvests, fires, hunger, theft, assaults, and rebellion. Her world was a world of persecution, betrayal, cruel slavery and grit. Furthermore, her world was filled with beauty and continuous discovery; new gold, new worship, new gods, new scenery and landscape. It was a mixture of the old and the new, the divine, carnal and the eternal. Over all it was a new civilization of opportunity of endless dreams, joys and tragedies. She confronted society and the world of her day head on. She actually went even further in her own defense, affirming something entirely unheard of in her day namely, the right of women in general to have access to training.

She knew that the only way to make it in a world which belonged to men, was to immerge herself in knowledge and wisdom. She made careful use of historical, ecclesiastical, and theological material, arriving thus at an astonishingly broad view of the role of women in society, in learning, and, above all, in the church. Not only did she know the Bible, the church fathers, history, mythology, and literature but also all the sciences of her day. Learning was her first love. At the age of three she learned to read. At the age of seven she dressed as a man as she tries to enroll at the university, she dressed as man because in those days women were not accepted for studies. She had the largest personal library of her time, at least 4,000 volumes. She had her own experiment tools, especially tools for astronomy. Her desire for knowledge was insatiable. We can affirm that she was a good steward of her time. She knew the urgency of the day. She made good use of the tools she had.

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The CWF ladies just finalized plans for the All Daughter Luncheon to be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at 11:45 a.m. The theme this year is: "Mexican Fiesta". There is no charge for the luncheon and all women are invited to attend.

This year the luncheon will be buffet style and there

will be the Senior Fiesta Dancers for entertainment.

Come and enjoy a few hours in friendship and joy. Wear casual clothes.

Our last meeting will be held on June 19th at the home of Eva Van Ess. This will be a potluck luncheon this year.

Have a wonderful summer and God Bless.

Our September meeting will be brunch on the 18th at 9:30 a.m. We will be making plans for our Auction in October.

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Mark Your Calendar!

2010 Quadrennial Assembly, Greensboro, N.C. June 23-27, 2010.



CWF supports the church recycling efforts by bringing in newspapers, magazines, catalogs and aluminum cans to church.

Christian Education

Our Adult Sunday School Class/Bible Study will commence on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

The study will be announced at a later date. Ann Comer and Christy Comer will be the leaders of the class.

This will be a great class to take during the summer months.

Please join Ann and Christy. You will be blessed. The class will be held in the Friendship Room.

The younger children will not meet during June, July and August.

Plans are being formulated for the older youth during the summer months.

We will keep you posted!

Calling all Graduates!

Our graduates will be honored on Sunday, May 16th. If you know of someone graduating from elementary school, middle school, high school, trade school, college or a

university, please let Christy Comer know as soon as possible.

Christy can be reached at 602-956-7677 or christy2@cox.net or at

church on Sunday mornings. We don't want to leave anyone out, so let Christy know.

Thank you!





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"At Larkspur It's the love"

May 2010-Calendar of Events

May 2—Birthday Sunday

May 3—Elders Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Friendship Room

May 5—Women's Bible Study—7:00
p.m.

May 8—All-Daughter Luncheon—11:45 a.m.—
Mexican Fiesta

May 9—Mother's Day Recognition

May 12—Women's Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

May 16—Youth Sunday, Honor the Graduates,
Raffle prizes awarded

May 19—Women's Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

May 23—Pentecost Sunday—Wear red!

May 25—Newsletter Deadline

May 26—Women's Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

May 29—Billy Blackburn/Casey Wall wedding

May 30—Recognition of service personnel



Thank You!

Thank you to Ann Comer and members of the Worship Committee for the work they put in to bringing us the Maundy Thursday service, the twenty-four hour prayer vigil and the Easter worship services. The services were beautiful; filled with scriptures, sermons and songs. Thank you to everyone who brought cut flowers and lilies on Easter. Also, to those who provided plastic

Easter eggs and candy for the egg hunt.

In addition, thank you to everyone who donated food and cooked for the Easter breakfast. Thanks to Jack Pesnell and the Membership Committee for coordinating the breakfast. It was delicious.

We had over 100 in attendance for the SonRise service and breakfast.

There are so many people to thank for helping and donating their time and talents during the Lenten Season. You know who you are and we are thankful for your efforts.

Thank you to our pastor, Job Cobos for his wonderful Easter messages.



Financial Report

General Fund Income—March 2010

\$5,002.50

Other Income:

\$140.40

Total Income:

\$5,142.90

General Fund Expenses:

\$7,305.50

Average Weekly Giving: (4 weeks)

\$1,250.63

May Birthdays

01	Jordyn Byshee' Young
04	Kega Leffard
05	Pat Noble
07	Linda Hicks
13	Felma Beach
16	Rick Jones
20	Ben Pearlman
21	Helen Nasios
22	Les Lowrey
25	Hunter Jones
25	Gwen Largent
28	Richard Noble



May Anniversaries

01	John & Pat Noble
22	Jim & Joan Andrews

If anyone was missed, or your date is wrong, please let Marge Day know. It is not the intention to forget anyone.



From the mailbox . . .

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support of the Resource Center. This message is to let you know that we are going on summer hours for May, June, and July. We will be open to serve you on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and other times by appointment as needed. We are cutting back the hours to help balance our budget. We are committed to keeping our annual fee very low so that every church can use the wonderful resources that we have here. If you have not yet sent your 2010 fee, please help us keep the Resource Center open for all. It is a pleasure to serve your congregation. Kate

Larkspur Family,

There are 25 people all together that benefited from everything you all donated. I can't thank you everyone enough for your support in money, clothes, and other items. Everyone got a pair of shoes and a couple of shirts or blouses. (I took 140 pounds of clothes and shoes to Africa). I bought rice and maize and we divided into 11 bags for all the families. Also, bought cleaning supplies for each family. In addition, I left each family money to buy future groceries, added to our library, and medical supplies given to David, and added money to the school fund and donated money to the church. Thank you again for all your support. Linda Hicks

Sunday Sermons

May 2, 2010—Fifth Sunday of Easter—Birthday Sunday

“Our Mission”

Readings:

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 9, 2010—Sixth Sunday of Easter—Mother’s Day

Readings:

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

May 16, 2010—Last Sunday of Easter

Readings:

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

May 23, 2010– Pentecost Sunday

Readings:

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 30, 2009-First Sunday After Pentecost Trinity Sunday

Readings:

I Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39

Psalm 96

Galatians 1:1-12

Luke 7:1-10

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 6, 2010

The theme is PRAYER!

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

This emphasis was inspired by Nahum 1:7 which states, “The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.” At this perilous and uncertain juncture in our country’s history, it is critical that we remain in prayer. Americans are being confronted with challenges that defy simple answers, and our hope lies in humbly seeking the Almighty’s guidance, protection, and blessings.

Has God called Larkspur Christian Church to Pray for our Nation?

In II Chronicles 7:14, the Lord tells His people that He will respond to their contrite and heartfelt cries of intercession.

Please pray for our country on May 6th and spark a revival of prayer throughout our country.

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Bible Verse for May

Faith

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

—Hebrews 11:1, 3



Larkspur’s youth will be cleaning the streets on May 15th. If you would like to help the youth with this project, please contact Faye Pearlman at fayepearl@cox.net.

The youth made \$104 on the hotdog luncheon, \$38.00 on the T-Shirts. So far, they have \$97.00 raised toward the raffle. Raffle tickets are on sale until May 16th.

The youth have two on-going fund raisers in addition to the raffle for baseballs and other prizes.

They are:

- Pennies for Camp and
- Greeting Cards. Each member has a mail slot and can check their slot for special mail. The box is in the narthex. It works like this:

Instead of mailing your cards and notes to church members have the youth deliver them for you at church. You just pay Faye Pearlman for the price of postage (44 cents) and she will see that your cards are delivered or picked up.

If you have any questions please see Faye Pearlman.

Thank you!





Summer Camp 2010

June 20— June 25

Cost: \$275

The registration forms are now available. Please check with Christy Comer.

Registration must be turned in by May 4, 2010

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Stewardship Thought

An elderly woman suddenly passed away. Her husband had been a lawyer in New England and after his death she moved to Florida. She dressed shabbily and lived alone in an old, ramshackle house. Sympathetic neighbors often took her to the store or on drives. A maid came in weekly to help clean the house.

One day the maid found the woman dead in bed. She called the police, who found approximately a million dollars in currency in shoe boxes and cartons. Further investigation revealed almost another million in a savings account.

Since her death was sudden an autopsy was ordered by the police. Imagine the surprise of all when the diagnosis was made known. Malnutrition!

What are you doing for yourself or Larkspur with the resources which surround you?

Make the offering you give to God be the best that it can be.



Members of Larkspur Christian Church would like to thank Dutch Van Ess for making new stepping stools for the children to use when washing up in the new restrooms. They are handcrafted beautifully and add a touch of charm to the restrooms.

Thank you, Dutch for your gift. It is appreciated!

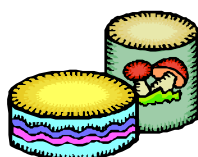


Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, Saturday May 8, 2010

Your U.S. Postal Service letter carrier will be collecting non-perishable food items to distribute to the local food banks in the valley. How can you help?

- Fill up a grocery bag with food items that your Local Food Bank can use. (Canned goods, Cereals, Pasta...)
- Leave it by your mail box or your front door on **Saturday May 8.**
- Tell your neighbors, family and friends about the food drive.

A little food from everyone will be a lot of food for many.



The Migrant Story continued from Page 2

For her, the lack of wisdom (meaning the denial of access to learning) was heresy, and she denounced the greed and vanity of many who wrote without having talent. She was able to read the times well. Sor Juana understood how the world worked. She was able to see beyond her own wisdom and mind set of the world around. As she wrote her plays, she reviewed sermons of powerful preachers of her time. She accomplished the tearing down of many walls of discrimination and the opening of doors of freedom. She did not want to quit learning, discovering, experimenting, but there was persecution, strong criticism toward her and her studies. With all of that she turned to the Catholic Church. She joined the convent way of life, taking the protection of the church and also the opportunity to further her wisdom and education. She was well grounded in the scriptures as she tried to defend her cause to prove that women can be teachers and prophets by using the teachings of Paul and Eusebius.

Sor Juana's Theology was about the nature of God and the beauty of creation.

I hope you enjoy her story as I did.

Your pastor,

Job



Serving in May 2010

Elders: Kega Leffard and Helen Nasios

Worship Leaders:	02	Ann Comer
	09	Kega Leffard
	16	Youth
	23	Christy Comer
	30	Donna Manor



Diaconates: Joan Andrews, Marion Jones, Ed Pearlman, Faye Pearlman

Note: The youth will serve on the third Sunday of this month.

Greeters:	02	Brenda Wharton
	09	Ann Comer
	16	Jesse Kessler
	23	Rhonda Barr
	30	TBA

Open/Close Building: Phyllis Murdock

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