



Chalice Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

THE SOJOURNER

April 24, 2013

Calling All Wanna-Bees

This Sunday, April 28th, after worship there will be a liturgist training for anyone who would **like to be a liturgist**. What does a liturgist do, you might ask? A liturgist reads the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer and Scripture. Depending on the number of liturgists, you might do this once every other month. Come this Sunday and plan to stay after worship to be trained.



**Liturgists
Training**



Jim Barton wrote an article for the Glad Alliance Easter Writing Project and it appears today. Follow this link to read it.

<http://www.gladalliance.org/2013-easter-writing-project/setting-a-table-in-the-wilderness>

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Every Sunday you're invited to join an informal study on the patio, focusing on the sermon text for **the next week. This Sunday the text is Acts 16:9-15** Rev. Abigail will lead and start at 8:45, ending at 9:30.



Chalice folks are invited to Joy Garrett's school's play *Curtains*. Performances are April 26 & 27 at Horizon Community Learning Center, 16233 S 48th Street, Ahwatukee. See more details are on the right column of their website: <http://www.horizonclc.org>.

Recycle your paper at Chalice!

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God in your mercy,...hear our prayers...

Maria Tovar, Marilyn Howard's 7 yr old niece

Josh Garrett

Family of Tom Cubbage in his passing, David's uncle

Families affected by the Boston Marathon bombing

Irish Akins

Miriam Vessels, Clara Row's mother



Response to From the Pastor

As we name and share our stories of transformation, I've invited the Elders to share stories in this space. This week, we're privileged to hear a story from Sandy Griffin.

Many years ago, I attended a Disciples conference out of state. The experience of the last worship service has touched me deeply. We were encouraged to look for and take home with us an object. This object would be our symbol, reminding us of God's ever present "Being" in our daily lives.



I walked slowly to the dorm room, anticipating this object to be something of nature. However, what caught my eye was a shiny but small object lying in the grass. The dime was shining from the canopy of sunshine rays that had found it. A dime! Yes, it would be my symbol. I took the dime with me and taped it inside my Bible. Needless to say, many dimes have been in my hands throughout these past years. However, the one that made a lifetime imprint on my heart never touched my hands.

I came across that dime four years ago. I traveled with my husband and first-born granddaughter to a recovery program facility for addicts. Our most precious granddaughter needed help. She had been in and out of treatment centers and was still struggling. Her AA sponsor encouraged her to look into the Crossroads program in Columbia, Missouri. The three of us made the trip to meet with the director.

The meetings were encouraging and the next step was to wait and see if there would be room for her in St. Louis. We were all ready to make a commitment to this program. Our hopes were high, but would it work?

In preparation for the hour and a half trip home, where we would wait to see if there was an opening, I made that last trip to the bathroom.

When I went to wash my hands, there was a dime, lying in the drain trap. I stood there staring at it. My heart was racing and tears welled up in my eyes. Then a canopy of peace fell upon me. This moment gave me the awesome assurance that God was "Being" present. I know then this was the road we were to take with our granddaughter.

The road to recovery was not easy, but a peace continued to be with me through it all. Now, four years later, our granddaughter is celebrating four years clean. She is enjoying being out on her own and welcomes visits from her Mimi.

I'll cherish the time of one of these visits to her shared apartment. I was welcomed into her place and she showed me her space. Taped to her nightstand, taped to her light switch, taped to the bathroom mirror were dimes. She also knows the presence of God's "Being" is ever present. For us, dimes aren't "just a dime," but an assurance that God moves in our lives.



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Sunday Schedule

8:30.....Oasis Coffee House Opens

8:45.....Faith Development

9:30.....Fellowship Time

10:00....Worship

Worship Participants

Look for Worship information in email by
Thursday of each week.
Check out May's schedule
on the Tools Page of the website.

This Week at Chalice

Thursday

Office Open

Oasis Coffee Shop, 7-10pm

Friday

Alas Youth, 7-9pm

Saturday

Dia de los Ninos, 3-9p

Sunday

See morning schedule above

Liturgist Training, 11am

Alas de Salvacion Worship, 1:30pm

Monday

Office Open

Wednesday

Office Open, 1:30-4:30pm

Alas de Salvacion Worship, 7pm



Sunday, April 28, 2013

10am

Elder.....Keith Garrett

Liturgist.....Carla Ingraham

Diaconate.....Jana Akins

Adam Mendoza

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