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SUNDAY SERVICE  
July 16, 2017

Worship 9:30 AM  
Sunday School 10:45 AM

Sermon: "Brotherly Love"  
Rev. Jim Summers

Scripture: Genesis 25: 19-34

WATCHING OUR FIGURES  
July 2: 85  
July 9: 89

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**General Assembly elects Teresa Hord Owens**

INDIANAPOLIS - Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens was elected Sunday night to serve as the General Minister and President of the [Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#) in the United States and Canada. She is the first African-American to hold this post and the second woman to lead the denomination.

Hord Owens comes to the position in a time of renewed emphasis on the issues of race, particularly in the United States. Her election comes on the 50th anniversary of the Merger Agreement uniting the African-American and largely white branches of the American-born denomination. She is currently pastor of a predominately white congregation in the Chicago area.

"We need to stop demonizing differences as deficiencies," Hord Owens says. "We should seek to understand, to work through our differences in priorities, opinions, methods, and goals. This will not be easy, but imagine what an example this will be for the world if we can bridge the gaps in politics, identity, geography and theology."

Hord Owens' [resume](#) includes more than 20 years in corporate America leading diverse teams in data management before she entered seminary. For the last 15 years, she has been the dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School, shepherding a varied student body in both background and theology. The election of Hord Owens follows the 12-year tenure of the Rev. Sharon E. Watkins, who was the first female to lead a mainline denomination in the United States upon her election in 2005. Hord Owens' term is six years with an option for re-election in 2023 for an additional six-year term.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**HERO CENTRAL**

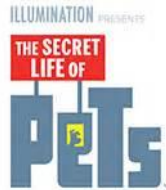
**Discover Your Strength in God**

Saturday, July 22 - registration starting at 8:15 am, Opening Session at 9 am. Closing Session at 5 pm with supper for all attending, plus families. Registration forms are available in the church office!



**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Mark your calendar for Sept. 22-24 for the Women's Retreat at Camp Walter Scott. It is a great opportunity to get away and recharge yourself spiritually with other women. Watch for more details on theme, keynote speakers and cost (less than \$100 for the week-end!)



**SUMMER MOVIES**

Here is the schedule for summer movies that we will attend as a church this summer:

- Wed, July 19 - Secret Life of Pets
- Wed, July 26 - Sing



The movies begin at 9:30 in Princeton, but we will gather at the church at 8:30 to leave. Please call the church office by Tuesday of each week so we can plan for space for everyone. All ages are welcome, but younger than kindergarten must have an adult with them.

**SERVING IN JULY**



**Deacons:** Gary Bellessa, Marilyn Bellessa, Ken Burkitt, Chuck Wiles, Larry Boewe, Lizzie Irelan  
**Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue  
**Communion Preparers:** Esther Calverley & Doris Deputy  
**Sanctuary Straightener:** Janice Alka  
**Elder on Call:** Judy Sigler  
**Acolytes:** Luke Hipsher & Emma Mayhue

**OFFERING - July 2, 2017**

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| General            | \$2,655.00        |
| Sunday School      | 10.00             |
| Blessing Basket    | 33.00             |
| Website            | 100.00            |
| Week of Compassion | 10.00             |
| Outreach           | <u>8.00</u>       |
| <b>Total:</b>      | <b>\$2,816.00</b> |

**OFFERING - July 9, 2017**

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| General            | \$2,443.00        |
| Sunday School      | 15.00             |
| Blessing Basket    | 2.00              |
| Fellowship Time    | 18.00             |
| Week of Compassion | 8.00              |
| Cookbook           | <u>5.00</u>       |
| <b>Total:</b>      | <b>\$2,491.00</b> |



Lovilah Blood, Antonio Escobedo, Sylvia Spencer, Tammy, Ben Conrad, Billie Sue "Sudie" Morris, Tony, Scott Nettleton, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Frank Pixley, Mary Faye Wyatt, Chris Simpkins, Ashley Long, Don Mann, Laura, Jim Pullum, Cindy Hocking, Bev Stuessel, Caroline Escobedo, Mindy Newsum, Tammy White, Stu Grant, Sid Rutter, Ella Mae Whitten, Heather Koonce, Inez Waddle, Connie Deisher, Dana Tate, Patti Dunkel, Diane Whitenack, Global Refugee Crisis, Kidd Harkelroad, Betty & Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, Larry Peterson, Myrtle Hocking, Helen Seaton, Betty Taylor, Gloria White, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Dorothy Chapman, Bill Beesley, our country, it's leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.

## The Wabash Cluster Presents.....

A Cluster Gathering at Sugar Creek Lodge.

Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Coneys and drinks will be provided

Please bring a finger food or dessert to share.

**Bluegrass/Gospel Music will be provided by  
K E Newell and Friend**

Direction to the Lodge:

From Lawrenceville go North on IL Route #1 and travel 10 miles. The Lodge is the first property on the right, North of 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue - after entering Crawford County, look for the blue roof.

**If you need a ride, call the church office by Friday. We will gather to leave at 4:00 PM from the Church parking lot.**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner @ Twin Rivers

Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

From 4:00-8:00 PM

Price: \$7.00

Meal includes spaghetti, salad & bread.

Served by: Mt. Carmel's Finest Police and Fire Departments

All Proceeds will benefit SAFE HAVEN.



### Sparrow

Birds in general symbolize God's presence. Sparrows represent God's concern and care even for those thought insignificant. In Jesus' words, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ... So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29, 31, NIV).

## July 2017: Reformation for All



[By:Kearstin Bailey](#)

*"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble." 1 Peter 3:8*

A few months ago I accompanied international church guests to the Reformed Church in Hungary's 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In the city of

Debrecen, I was crowded into a large tent surrounded by a mixture of Hungarians and internationals, listening to speakers reflect on being reformed. Speakers from Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Taiwan, Scotland, Lithuania, Germany, Spain, and Greece spoke about how they see the spirit of the reformation shaping their personal lives and their ministry.

I, like many Hungarians, have been reflecting on what my reformed identity means now and for my future. As I sat there, bunched up against other internationals, all layered up to fight the cold outside, something clicked – the Reformation is for all of us.

The first speaker was from Scotland and spoke about how the Reformation was about spreading God's love to everyone, no matter their age, race, or background and how this is still a process that is happening today. Until recently, I had not given much thought to my reformed identity. The idea that Reformation is for everyone made sense, but it was as if it didn't truly feel real until that moment - surrounded by people from all around the world, united in our reformed identity, and listening to personal journeys.

The next speaker was from Taiwan and he focused on the idea that each individual can help nurture the common faith and that churches around the world must manifest the unity that we find in Jesus Christ.

The Reformation, historically, has not always brought about unity, but it is my hope that we find ways to connect to and learn from our reformed sisters and brothers around the world. The Reformation makes God's word accessible to all and strengthens the church for the future. May we strive to make manifest the love of God in the world around us, coming together with people of faith from all walks of life.

*Kearstin Bailey serves as a Global Mission Intern with the Reformed Church in Hungary. Her appointment is supported by [Week of Compassion](#), Our Church's Wider Mission, Disciples Mission Fund and [your special gifts](#).*

