

Take Note



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2020 Calendar

October

18 Midlands MC Conference

November

6–8 TWIST

TBD Seventy, High Priest, Bishop, Evangelist Gathering

Summer Camp Update

We are disappointed we will be unable to gather together at reunions and youth camps this summer. However we hope to create a virtual experience to keep us connected. If you are interested in **helping to plan** any aspect of an **online reunion**, please contact Sarah Marolf at (785) 213–8308.



COVID-19 UPDATES

Per World Church recommendations camps, reunions, vacation Bible schools, and other large church gatherings are cancelled during July and August. World Church buildings and historic sites are closed through August 31. Congregations can work with mission center leadership and field support ministers to decide when and how to reopen starting in July or later.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join Mission Center Invitational Support Minister Craig Hidy for a worship service via **Zoom – 6:30 on the 2nd & 4th Thursday evenings**. Watch the Mission Center Facebook page for details and a link each week!

Seventy Craig Hidy's **weekly blog**: www.emporiacofchrist.org/70craigblog

Other **virtual ministry opportunities** – including Bethel and Olathe – can be found at www.cofchrist.org/online-ministries.

In this time of need please continue your generous response via **etithing**. It is safe and easy. Find more information at www.cofchrist.org/etithing.

AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

Chihowa has large amounts of hearty **firewood for sale** and many **free 55-gallon drums**. The drums are white plastic so you can see the volume from the outside. Please contact interim caretaker Allen to coordinate a pick up 816.665.1867. Free wood if you cut down identified trees!

Introducing our Summer Specialists

Brittany Gist has been hired as our Social Media Summer Specialist. As a third year undergraduate student at the University of Central Missouri Brittany is majoring in biology with concentration in pre-med. She has been part of the Community of Christ since birth and was baptized at age eight. "I really love to stay involved in the church and serve where I am needed." Recently she discovered a new hobby than enlists her marketing and social media skills and interest. "I am so grateful for this summer opportunity and hope to make a difference in the mission center's online presence." During her tenure she will assess and improve our communication platforms and online presence and create a long-term marketing plan. She will be available to support and collaborate for virtual training and ministry opportunities.

Justin Keehler will be our Chihowa Retreat Center Summer Specialist. This fall Justin will be a junior at the University of Missouri studying business, although his desired career path is in the nonprofit field. Last July he was ordained a priest, and he can play a "semi-sufficient" saxophone. Though he played soccer competitively in high school, he now enjoys putting up hat tricks in intramurals. He loves to travel and hopes to someday study abroad, "preferably in Asia or Africa where I can't show off my limited Spanish skills and will instead be dumbfounded by French and other languages." He challenges anyone willing to a game of Pickleball and has an affinity for QuikTrip pretzels. As the summer specialist he will work closely with the Chihowa Board and interim caretakers to develop fundraising plans, organize the social media presence of the retreat center, and create a marketing plan to increase grounds usage.



JOB OPENINGS

A link to the position descriptions is posted on www.midlandsmc.org.

Youth Minister (Part-time)

Posted 28 April 2020 / Open until filled

Young Adult Minister (Part-time)

Posted 28 April 2020 / Open until filled

Email letter of interest, resume, qualifications, and references to Khnatyshyn@cofchrist.org or allen.keeehler@midlandsmc.org; or mail documents to: YA or Youth Minister c/o Midlands USA Mission Center 7615 N. Platte Purchase Dr., Kansas City, MO 64512



Chihowa Update

We would like to express our gratitude to Jean Davis for her time as Chihowa Retreat Center Resident Manager. We know she has made many friends while managing the use of the retreat center and being present during many reunions and camps. Jean's last day will be June 13, 2020. We wish her many blessings in her next adventure.

Chihowa Retreat Center will begin looking for a new resident manager in the near future. In the interim, Allen and Cricket Laughlin have graciously agreed to stay on site as interim resident managers. They will be coordinating efforts this summer to accomplish some much needed updates and administrative improvements. If you would like to volunteer in any way they would welcome your call: 816.665.1867.