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**Special points of interest:**



**CAMP MINISTRY IS ON!!**

**Theme: Discipleship, - "Not a bag a mouth!"**

## UCJCI SUMMER CAMPS! "DISCIPLESHIP... Not a Bag a Mouth."

**C**amp Ministry is ON !! The annual event so very popular with our United Church youth of all ages, is now in high gear and was the subject of our "United in Faith" broadcast on Sunday May 29th.

The theme for 2016 is "Discipleship...Not a Bag a Mouth," seeking to challenge persons to make a commitment to Christ and become Disciples, as well as to become integrally engaged in the process of making disciples.

**The dates for camps are:**

- Children: July 9 – 16
- Juniors: July 16 – 23
- Teens I: July 23– 30
- Teens II: July 30 – Aug 6
- Youth: August 6 – 13
- Young Adults: Aug 14 – 16

Each congregation is asked to target at least 5 children/youth to attend camps. An appeal is being made by the Southern

Regional Mission Council to remember to help support its drive to enable boys at Mt. Olivet Boys' Home to participate.

The cost per camper is \$8,000.00.



### WHO IS A DISCIPLE?

**Why seek to be a disciple?** Jesus led by example, by choosing 12 persons whom He called His disciples. Before He left this earth, He commissioned us to "go" – because of his authority – "and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

This raises a fundamental question, that even takes priority over the how-to's of discipleship.

What does it actually mean to be a "disciple" of Jesus? If we are going to make disciples, we need to know what that is.

"It is someone who adheres to the teachings of another. It is a follower or a learner. It refers to someone who takes up the ways of someone else."

Applied to Jesus, a **disciple is someone who learns from Him to live like Him** – someone who, because of God's amazing grace, conforms his or her words and ways to the words and ways of Jesus. Or, you might say, as others have put it in the past, disciples of Jesus are themselves "little Christs" (Acts 26:28; 2 Corinthians 1:21). **So being a disciple is really serious business - a thoughtful commitment, backed by action; certainly, "Not a bag a mouth".**

## EVENTS

- **The Maxwell Memorial United Church** launched its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in a Service held on Sunday April 24, 2016 and will have its Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday June 5 at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Brixton Hill United** will celebrate its 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 12 at 4:00p.m.
- **Oberlin United** celebrates her 175th Anniversary this year
- **Rev. Kraig DeLeon Diedrick** will be inducted in the **Torrington Charge** on Sunday, June 5 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Torrington United Church.
- **Riverside Charge** has launched their "Holy Ghost Gym." - Interesting!

## MOVEMENTS

- **Rev. Delia Picart-Hibbert of the Retirement Charge** has been granted one year Study Leave for the period **May 2016 – April 2017.**
- Rev. Royland Thompson** has been assigned as Interim Minister of the Charge effective May 1, 2016 and will be supported by **Lay Pastor Neville Comrie.**
- **Rev. Icyllyn Parkinson** has accepted a call, effective **July 1, 2016**, to the Mt. Hermon Charge.
- **Rev. Tara Tyme Campbell** to serve as Interim Minister as of **July 1, 2016** for the **Farm Heights Charge.**

## PRAY FOR:



- **Mr. Stanford Davis**, Men's Fellowship President for SRMC, whose nephew was murdered.
- **Mrs. Francine Dennis-Lewis**, Programme Secretary in the SRMC, whose grandmother passed on.
- **The initiative in the Western Regional Mission Council** to reach men and boys within the Region - a drive which is slowly gaining momentum. The women at **St. Andrews** invited the men to their quarterly birthday party, while the minister and other women at **Falmouth** assisted in the renewal of their Men's Fellowship.

## MEADOWBROOK'S MINISTRY TO CHILDREN



**T**he Cultural Arts have served to energize and enlarge the children's ministry at Meadowbrook United.

The leadership of the Church School recognized that one way to sustain the interest of our children was through the creative arts. The Children's Choir

has seen growing interest and participation. One example was the recent Church School anniversary service during "Child Month" when the children's ministry groups organized the entire service. One art-form which has found favour with them is dance—with the very young ones letting their

parents know in no uncertain terms that they want to be involved.

Our able dance facilitator is very adept at engaging various age groups so they are all involved. There is renewed energy and excitement around the children's ministry and **we are giving God thanks!**