

ATTENDANCE	5/19	5/26
First Service Worship	37	NR
Sunday School	30	21
Second Service Worship	77	73
Young Disciples	NA	NA
Children's Church	7	4
Total Worship	121	77

Can't Make It To Church?  
Stream it live at: [www.twitch.tv/fcchsv](http://www.twitch.tv/fcchsv)

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, May 30** at Noon [publisher@fcc-hsv.org](mailto:publisher@fcc-hsv.org)

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# The Journey

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## Multi Nation Christian Church Founded on service, inclusivity, and ‘standing together’

Multi Nation Christian Church (MNCC) of Kansas City, MO, a Haitian-American congregation, was started in February 2017 by three pastors looking to make a difference. Later that same year, after Hurricane Maria ravaged the Caribbean, clergy and church members collected donations and sent them to Haiti in support of the churches there – the start of an ongoing partnership with 15 congregations on the island’s east side.

“We’re not big, at about 55 members, but that still ranks us as the Midwest’s largest Haitian congregation,” says co-founder Pastor Jose Martinez. “And, we have an international reach.” (Fellow pastors Antoine Jean Baptiste and Sauveur Joseph are also co-founders.)

MNCC is the city’s fourth Haitian-American congregation but the only one affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the only one north of the Missouri River. Its leaders want the church to be organized through its local neighborhoods. Members believe the work of the church should go beyond Sunday gatherings to be invested daily in developing deeper relationships throughout the community. For this reason, MNCC partners with Haitian organizations and the other local Haitian congregations to better serve the more than 3,000 Haitians who live in the area. Proof of this missional partnership includes English As a Second Language classes and life skill integration groups.

“Our purpose can be summed up with the words ‘Kanpe Ansanm!’ which mean ‘stand together’ in Haitian,” explains Pastor Martinez. “We are a movement of immigrants and refugees who follow Jesus and work for the common good of Kansas City. We try to show the love of God to our neighborhood and to help people live out the mission of Christ by standing together with those who are most vulnerable.”

As its founding vision, Multi Nation Christian Church strives to be inclusive of all races, cultural backgrounds, financial circumstances, and lifestyles. As such, it is a clear expression of Disciples’ history and cultural diversity, which uniquely positions the new church movement to embrace the ministry alternatives God is creating today.

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3209 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802 Telephone: 256-881-0150 **Office Hours: 9am - 5pm M-F**  
**Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.** Christian Education for all ages - 9:15 a.m.

**SUNDAY  
JUNE 2**

**Scripture** Acts 16: 16-34  
**Sermon** “Shaking the Foundations”

**SERVING AT THE TABLE**

8:15 Jan Mackenzie & Mark Stiles  
10:30 Roger Sameck & Mike Lash

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Nancy Waites

**SERVING COMMUNION**

8:15 Donna Blair & Delores Edgeton  
Nancy Waites & Gayle Herber

10:30 Ruth Lackey & Glenda Luft  
Troy Davis, Jr. & Marilee Keim  
Bev Williamson

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Diane Douglas

**SUNDAY’S FOOD BASKET** is given in honor of Matt & Karen Ball’s anniversary by Stan Ball

**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

*Ascension*  
Pastor Laura, Penny Jackman,  
Brianna Jackson

**YOUNG DISCIPLES**

On Break

**AV SUPPORT TEAM**

Technical Director - Chuck Herber  
Assistant Director - Michael Smith  
Sound - Michael Smith & Malcolm Landreth

**HAP NIGHT AT THE BIERGARTEN**

**JUNE 20, 4:30-7:30 PM**

Come and bring your friends and family to the US Space and Rocket Center on June 20 from 4:40-7:30 pm for authentic German Cuisine! Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP) will receive a percentage of all food proceeds that night. So come on out and enjoy an evening of German food while helping your community.

**Community Outreach**

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Through the 2020 Vision, the new church movement has already helped the Disciples family grow by nearly 1,000 new and affiliated faith communities. New church planters, like Pastors Martinez, Baptiste, and Joseph, remain committed to answering God’s call to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make Disciples. They are supported in these efforts by New Church Ministry and by people like you who support the annual Pentecost Offering.

Each year, half of this offering stays in the local region or area where it was collected to start and uphold new churches. The other half is used across the United States and Canada to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy. The 2019 Pentecost Offering will be received in many congregations on June 2 and 9. Please consider a contribution to support the new church movement, New Church Ministry and more new congregations like Multi Nation Christian Church.



**LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS**



Please remember to keep the following individuals in your prayers.

Bob Anderson, son of Susan Anderson friend of Margaret J. Vann  
Reggie Anderson  
Lynda Baig, cousin of Penny Jackman  
Burl Chandler, father of Chris Chandler  
Donna DeLisle, friend of Jackie Sameck  
Betty Joe Estes, friend of Donna Blair  
Pam Gilliland  
Lynn Harris, daughter of Bob & Mary Spencer  
Phil & Ginny Jackson, brother-in-law & sister of Cathy Rosol.  
Carey Link, friend of Margaret Vann  
Joyce Neighbors  
Betty Rogers  
Nicholas Terry, great grandson of Charles & Pam Gilliland  
Bob Spencer  
Jo Thomason  
Lynne Ursery, former member.

Long term prayer concerns are published once a month in the *Journey*. Please keep the church office informed of the status of individuals you put on the lists.

**FOOD PANTRY REMINDER**

Please remember to bring a non-perishable item, or several, for the food cart outside of McMains Hall on a Sunday. Pick your own Sunday and make it a habit. Let’s help keep the pantry full at the Huntsville Assistance Program.

Thank you,  
**Community Outreach Committee**

**PENTECOST**

**The Pentecost Offering**

**is Making a Difference in the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region**

For almost a year, the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region has been supporting the formation of **Iglesia Cristiana - Nuevo Comienzo (Discipulos de Cristo) in Anniston, Alabama**, which translates as New Beginning Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). **Carmen Reyes** is commissioned by the Committee on the Ministry for her service as Church Planter. The growing new congregation is sharing space with the large Cornerstone Church in Anniston. A Project Advisory Team made up of persons from nearby Disciples congregations, and chaired by Irma Arevalo, is giving oversight to the project.

In the early stages of a new church start, funding from the Regional Church is essential. Before an offering plate is ever passed, there is a need for start-up funding to secure appropriate leadership and a place to meet. There are also publicity and equipment costs. **The annual Pentecost Offering is a primary source of funding that this Region uses in support of new congregations.** The 2019 Pentecost Offering will be collected on **June 2 and June 9**. Your support of this offering is an important part of the ministry of starting new congregations. One-half (50%) of the Pentecost Offering is returned to the Region in which it is given.

## JUNE 2019

Birthdays	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 C.W. Holland III & Ken Jordan							1
2 Dave McMahon							
3 Imgard Elston & Petra Sue Richey							
4 Joe Allen							
5 Betty Earnest & Melissa McMahon	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10 am Quilters	<b>4</b> 6 pm Personnel Mtg.	<b>5</b> 9 am Emmaus	<b>6</b> 5 pm Conveners' Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 am Leadership Training
10 Elaine Jordan & Sharifa Love-Rutledge							
11 Ryan Blackman & Jim Patterson							
12 Shelby Lynn Brown, Serenity Holland, & Evelyn Cecilia Quails	<b>9</b> Pentecost	<b>10</b> 10 am Quilters 6 pm Christian Ed. Mtg.	<b>11</b> 5:30 pm Elders' Meeting	<b>12</b> 9 am Emmaus	<b>13</b> 6 pm Board Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
13 Christine Gordon							
14 Laura Hiller							
17 Patsy Ammons							
20 Gail Killough	<b>16</b> Father's Day	<b>17</b> CYF/Chi Rho/Jr. Camp 10 am Quilters	<b>18</b> CYF/Chi Rho/Jr. Camp	<b>19</b> CYF/Chi Rho/Jr. Camp 9 am Emmaus	<b>20</b> CYF/Chi Rho/Jr. Camp	<b>21</b> CYF/Chi Rho/Jr. Camp Genesis & Discovery Camps	<b>22</b> Genesis & Discovery Camps
22 Troy Davis Sr., Kathy Lawyer & Bobby Moore							
23 Pat Volinski							
24 Dave Sexton							
26 Nathan Gordon, Jill Hall, & Dale Thomas	<b>23</b> Genesis & Discovery Camps	<b>24</b> 10 am Quilters	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 am Emmaus	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
27 Billie Jordan	Rev. Cameron Douglas in the Pulpit						
28 Duffy Boles							
29 Rev. Paul Allen & Lucas Turner							
30 Merrill Boles	<b>30</b> 4 pm All Church Potluck & Mission Family Information						