



Heartland MCC

402 N. Dawson
Springfield, IL 62702

*An inclusive Christian Community
that practices radical hospitality*

www.heartlandcommunitymcc.org

Worship Services



Sunday Feb 5th

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Feb 12th

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Feb 19th

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

FOCUS Service - 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Feb 22nd

Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Feb 26th

Worship Service - 10:30 p.m.

Hospitality Volunteers



Feb 12- Chris & Sharon

Feb 19- Tony & Tony

**Jan 26- Potluck Sunday -
please sign up at the front
table**

Heartland's Activities

Wednesday Feb 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th
at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Spiritual Formation at Church

Thursday Feb 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
at 7:00 p.m.

Small Faith Community in Jacksonville

Monday Feb 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
at 7:00 p.m.

Small Faith Community in Bloomington

Monday Feb 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
at 7:00 p.m.

Wholeness is Holiness: Journey of Weight loss and Exercise at the church

Feb 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
7:00 p.m.



Brothers and Sisters Dinner

Contact Buff and Jerry to make
reservations: bfnjr@xanadoo.com

Black History Month

OFFICE HOURS AT THE CHURCH



Wednesdays

2:30 - 6:30pm

Thursdays

1:30-5:00pm

Sunday Feb 19th 12:00 p.m.

Worship Planning Meeting

Sunday Feb 19th

FOCUS Service - 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Feb 22nd
7:00 p.m

Service

LLCC sets Black History Month events

Lincoln Land Community College is celebrating Black History Month throughout February with events ranging from food and music to history and social issues.

The events are free and open to the public and will be held on LLCC's main campus, 5250 Shepherd Road.

Wednesday, Feb. 22: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., African-American Food and Vendor Day, A. Lincoln Commons. Guests can sample African-American food and visit displays exhibiting the wares of African-American entrepreneurs. "Saxophone and African-American Poetry Improvisations" featuring Virgil Rhodes with African drum presentation by Roosevelt Pratt.

Wednesday, Feb. 29: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., African-American History Month Finale: "A Tribute to Influential African-American Men," A. Lincoln Commons. Performance by John Crisp, in honor of Stevie Wonder and the late Ray Charles.

For more information contact:
Laurie Clemons, 786-2232

02/12 Attendance: 27
Offering: \$792.66

**Sunday February 26th
after 10:30 a.m. service**

Heartland's

Potluck

**Get comfortable with Meditation
with Sam Pletcher**

**Tuesday March 6th, 13th, and 20th
7:00 - 8:15 pm**

at Heartland MCC

*Learn a simple, effective way to get
started in this wonderful spiritual
practice. No experience, no special
postures, and no special clothes.*

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Heartland MCC

has a group page you
can join make sure
you "like" the page, as it will eventually
become our FACEBOOK page:
www.facebook.com/heartlandmcc

**Pancake & Sausage
Breakfast**

 March 3, 2012
 7:30—11 am

Adults \$6
 Children \$3

Tickets available
 at the door.

Church of the Brethren
 2115 S. Yale Blvd.
 Just off Ash, between 10th and 11 Sts.

Article

In Rediscovered Letter From 1865, Former Slave Tells Old Master To Shove It

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Trymaine Lee

Posted: 02/ 1/2012 2:12 pm

In the summer of 1865, a former slave by the name of Jourdan Anderson sent a letter to his former master. And 147 years later, the document reads as richly as it must have back then.

The roughly 800-word letter, which has resurfaced via various blogs, websites, Twitter and Facebook, is a response to a missive from Colonel P.H. Anderson, Jourdan's former master back in Big Spring, Tennessee. Apparently, Col. Anderson had written Jourdan asking him to come on back to the big house to work.

In a tone that could be described either as "impressively measured" or "the deadest of deadpan comedy," the former slave, in the most genteel manner, basically tells the old slave master to kiss his rear end. He laments his being shot at by Col. Anderson when he fled slavery, the mistreatment of his children and that there "was never pay-day for the Negroes any more than for the horses and cows."

Below is Jourdan's letter in full, as it appears on lettersofnote.com. Taken from what appears to be a scan of the original letter, which appeared in an August 22, 1865 edition of the New York Daily Tribune. As Letters Of Note points out, the newspaper account makes clear that the letter was dictated.

Dayton, Ohio,

August 7, 1865

To My Old Master, Colonel P.H. Anderson, Big Spring, Tennessee

Sir: I got your letter, and was glad to find that you had not forgotten Jourdan, and that you wanted me to come back



and live with you again, promising to do better for me than anybody else can. I have often felt uneasy about you. I thought the Yankees would have hung you long before this, for harboring Rebs they found at your house. I suppose they never heard about your going to Colonel Martin's to kill the Union soldier that was left by his company in their stable. Although you shot at me twice before I left you, I did not want to hear of your being hurt, and am glad you are still living. It would do me good to go back to the dear old home again, and see Miss Mary and Miss Martha and Allen, Esther, Green, and Lee. Give my love to them all, and tell them I hope we will meet in the better world, if not in this. I would have gone back to see you all when I was working in the Nashville Hospital, but one of the neighbors told me that Henry intended to shoot me if he ever got a chance.

I want to know particularly what the good chance is you propose to give me. I am doing tolerably well here. I get twenty-five dollars a month, with victuals and clothing; have a comfortable home for Mandy,—the folks call her Mrs. Anderson,—and the children—Milly, Jane, and Grundy—go to school and are learning well. The teacher says Grundy has a head for a preacher. They go to Sunday school, and Mandy and me attend church regularly. We are kindly treated. Sometimes we overhear others saying, "Them colored people were slaves" down in Tennessee. The children feel hurt when they hear such remarks; but I tell them it was no disgrace in Tennessee to belong to Colonel Anderson. Many darkeys would have been proud, as I used to be, to call you master. Now if you will write and say

what wages you will give me, I will be better able to decide whether it would be to my advantage to move back again.

As to my freedom, which you say I can have, there is nothing to be gained on that score, as I got my free papers in 1864 from the Provost-Marshal-General of the Department of Nashville. Mandy says she would be afraid to go back without some proof that you were disposed to treat us justly and kindly; and we have concluded to test your sincerity by asking you to send us our wages for the time we served you. This will make us forget and forgive old scores, and rely on your justice and friendship in the future. I served you faithfully for thirty-two years, and Mandy twenty years. At twenty-five dollars a month for me, and two dollars a week for Mandy, our earnings would amount to eleven thousand six hundred and eighty dollars. Add to this the interest for the time our wages have been kept back, and deduct what you paid for our clothing, and three doctor's visits to me, and pulling a tooth for Mandy, and the balance will show what we are in justice entitled to. Please send the money by Adams's Express, in care of V. Winters, Esq., Dayton, Ohio. If you fail to pay us for faithful labors in the past, we can have little faith in your promises in the future. We trust the good Maker has opened your eyes to the wrongs which you and your fathers have done to me and my fathers, in making us toil for you for generations without recompense. Here I draw my wages every Saturday night; but in Tennessee there was never any pay-day for the negroes any more than for the horses and cows. Surely there will be a day of reckoning for those who defraud the laborer of his hire.

In answering this letter, please state if there would be any safety for my Milly and Jane, who are now grown up, and both good-looking girls. You know how it was with poor Matilda and Catherine. I would rather stay here and starve—and die, if it come to that—than have my girls brought to shame by the violence and wickedness of their young masters. You will also please state if there has been any schools opened for the colored children in your neighborhood. The great desire of my life now is to give my children an education, and have them form virtuous habits.

Say howdy to George Carter, and thank him for taking the pistol from you when you were shooting at me.

From your old servant,

Jourdon Anderson.

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Heartland MCC is on Twitter so please visit www.twitter.com/heartlandmcc



The GLBT Events Calendar is a free service where gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender groups may post their upcoming events and where those who may be interested can find what is happening in their locality. <http://www.glbteventscalendar.com>

CONGREGATIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

STAFF
 Rev. Dr. Tony Thieman-Somora (Pastor)
 Mary Metcalf (volunteer Administrative Assistant)

BOARD OF SERVANTS
 Stan Dial (Clerk)
 Mary Metcalf (Treasurer)
 Rev. Dr. Tony Thieman-Somora (Moderator)
 Larry Wassell (Vice Moderator)
 Doug Gamble (Member at Large)

LAY DELEGATE
 Amanda Kemper

HOSPITALITY
 Jean Spears (coordinator)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE
 Rev. Tony (contact Person)

WORSHIP DECOR
 Mary Metcalf (contact Person)

"HOME" (Heartland Outreach Ministry Effort)
 Rev. Tony (contact Person)

"OVER THE RAINBOW" Senior Outreach (part of "HOME")
 Paula Harris (volunteer Coordinator)

BAR MINISTRY (part of "HOME")
 Doug Gamble (bar Minister)

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 Rev. Tony (contact Person)

SUNDAY WORSHIP MINISTRIES
 Mary Metcalf (contact Person)

CORAL (Coalition Of Rainbow Alliances)
 Buff Carmichael (contact Person)

COALITION TO PROMOTE HUMAN DIGNITY AND DIVERSITY
 Buff Carmichael (liaison)

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP
 Amanda Kemper (contact Person)

HEARTS OF LOVE COAT MINISTRY
 Sharon Matli (coordinator)

HEARTLAND MCC E-NEWSLETTER
 Edward Chong-Ling (coordinator)

STEWARDSHIP/BUDGET COMMITTEE
 Tony Somora (contact Person)

"FUN" DRAISING COMMITTEE
 Rev. Tony (contact Person)

WHOLENESS IS HOLINESS (Exercise, Health, Devotion Group)
 Chris Boyster (coordinator)

SPRINGFIELD PRIDE
 Doug Gamble (heartland MCC Liaison)

Heartland MCC Small Faith Community Of Jacksonville
 Mary Metcalf (coordinator)

Heartland MCC Small Faith Community Of Bloomington-Normal
 Rev. Tony (coordinator)

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Heartland MCC Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY	02/05/12	02/12/12	02/19/12	02/26/12
GREETER(S)	Sara Wilcoxson	Bill Day	Linda Sharp/Jean Spears	Jim Buckles/Henry Judy
GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Edward Chong-Ling	Stan Dial	Tony Somora	Sharon Matli
WORSHIP LEADER	Amanda Kemper	Rev. Dr. Tony Thieman-Somora	Rev. Dr. Tony Thieman-Somora	?
READER	Sharon Matli	Hairold Gregory	Sara Wilcoxson	Jim Buckles
BRINGING THE MESSAGE	Amanda Kemper	Rev. Dr. Tony Thieman-Somora	Rev. Dr. Tony Thieman-Somora	Paula Harris
USHER	Chris Bryak	Lin Ray	Larry Wassell	Bill Day
INTRODUCE OFFERING	Mary Metcalf	Tony Somora	Stan Dial	?
PRAYERS AND PRAISES	Hairold Gregory	Paula Harris	Mary Metcalf	Edward Chong-Ling
CO-CELEBRANT	Doug Gamble	Amanda Kemper	Doug Gamble	Mary Metcalf
AUDIOVISUAL	Edward Chong-Ling	Edward Chong-Ling	Edward Chong-Ling	Edward Chong-Ling
ALTAR SETUP	Jean Spears	Mary Metcalf	Chris Bryak	Sharon Matli

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~ February 2012 ~ At a Glance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Black History Month</h3>		1 7pm Adult Spiritual Formation Group at Church	2 7pm Small Faith Community in Jacksonville	3 7pm Brothers and Sisters Dinner	4 11:00am Preaching Team Mtg.
5 10:30am Sunday Worship	6 7pm Small Faith Community in Bloomington (Unitarian Church) 7pm Wholeness is Holiness: Journey of Weight Loss and Exercise –at Church	7	8 7pm Adult Spiritual Formation Group at Church	9 7pm Small Faith Community in Jacksonville 7pm “Fun”draining Committee Meeting	10 7pm Brothers and Sisters Dinner	11 7pm GLAD in Decatur
12 10:30am Sunday Worship 12:00 noon Board Meeting 5:30pm CORAL Meting.	13 7pm Small Faith Community in Bloomington (Unitarian Church) 7pm Wholeness is Holiness: Journey of Weight Loss and Exercise –at Church	14	15 7pm Adult Spiritual Formation Group at Church	16 7pm Small Faith Community in Jacksonville	17 7pm Brothers and Sisters Dinner	18 7:00pm – 11pm Mardi Gras Party/Fundraiser
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