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DISABILITY INCLUSION

BY JACK KLEIER

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Disability Inclusion is a term that is used to remind us that there are many ways to include people with disabilities in our everyday lives and routines. Most of us don't give much thought to people with disabilities. We can step up curbs without much effort and therefore do not realize what a barrier a curb can be to someone in a wheel chair. We take for granted our ease of access to most everything in our lives and give little thought to the many obstacles that

people with disabilities face.

Sunday, June 28, was designated Disability Inclusion Sunday. It is time for all of us to consider how we can include people with disabilities in our everyday life and events. Many years ago the answer was simply to keep them at home. Today the answer is to be creative and discover ways to make it easier for them to enter the mainstream of society. The next time you are at a street corner look at

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the ramp built into the curb opening that allows someone in a wheelchair to cross the street with ease. Such a simple solution, but it took a long time to become a reality. In bigger cities, the cross walks are equipped with beeping walk signs so that those with limited sight can more safely cross the street. Another simple solution, but it took a long time to implement.

When you go to our Church building you will see some effort that has been made to make our building more accessible. The ramp from the driveway, and the unisex bathroom on the first floor are two examples. We provide large print bulletins for the worship service and have hearing devices to use to better hear the message. But

there are still issues we need to address. If someone has difficulties with steps and wants to attend an event in the social hall after the worship, he or she must go out of the building and around to the back door in order to take part. The office and board room are upstairs, the only access is via steps.

I hope this gets you to looking around and seeing how we can be more “Inclusive” of those this disabilities in our religious life as well as our daily life at home and work. After all, beautiful flowers in a wide variety are what make our gardens so enjoyable. Beautiful people in a wide variety make our world such a great gift from God to live in.

Jack Kleier



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Please send graduation information to communityof-faith@fuse.net. We would like to publish the names of graduates, school graduating from and what they plan to do next, name of college, employer, major league team they will be playing for, and anything else your graduates have accomplished that you want to share with the rest of your church family.

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS



Henry Wallace, Bob & KC Clarke, The Kreicker Family, Pete Beckett, Marge McDermott, Nita Kleier, The Moore Family, Eileen Hastings and Patti Smith. Please remember our nursing home residents and shut ins: Ruth Comisar, and Evelyn Wallace.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Janet Roy	4th	Bud McDermott	15th
Lynda Jaeger	5th	Austin Whitaker	20th
Fredrick Reinhart	6th	Adam Wise	27th
Shirley Weigel	6th	Harry Eagan	28th
Linda Lanter	7th	Faye Massey	28th
Pete Beckett	12th		

Please update your directory, **Henry Wallace** has a new address:

C/O Department of Veteran Affairs
 Nursing Home Care Unit
 Room 330
 1000 South Ft. Thomas Avenue
 Ft. Thomas, KY 41075
 Phone: 859 572-6260

FROM OUR TREASURER

GARY WILLIS

<u>2009</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Yr-to-Date</u>
Beginning Balance	20,447	26,180
Income	7,913	47,835
Expense	<u>9,838</u>	<u>55,493</u>
Ending Balance	18,522	18,522

MISSION AT WORK



BY: JACK KLEIER

Summer is here and most of the kids are enjoying their time out of school. Children under the care of the Buckhorn Agency are no different. They will enjoy their time off from their studies.

In Kentucky, Buckhorn is facing funding problems brought about by the State's shortfall of money. As I have said many times, since children don't vote they often come up short for State funds. Buckhorn has in the past tried to raise additional money from its donor base, and has managed to keep doing the work it has been called to with children. Today, we face a double whammy. The State has financial problems, and most donors have cut back because of the sagging economy. The Agency will continue to serve as many children as we can in these trying times. Now, more than ever, we need the prayers of our supporters and others who care about children. We also need your contributions, whatever you can give to support this important ministry. We have two campuses. One at Dessie Scott and the other at Buckhorn where children are cared for. We also have a variety of other programs for Foster care and family help. We would rather care for a child than turn them away because of lack of funding.

In Ohio, we have entered into a contract with a for profit group that conduct a program for teen-age boys who

have had trouble and are wards of the State. This group, Tri-State Youth, has leased the Ohio campus, there are 16 boys in the program. Although they have a little different type of program, they are still impacting the lives of young people and are making a difference in those lives. Dr. Rocky Hall is the director of the program. It is remarkable to see the changes in these young men as they proceed through the program. Buckhorn still maintains the property and buildings and of course the campus. We are planning an open house on the campus, July 25, 2009 at 11 a.m. You are welcome to come and interact with these young men and share in their progress in this stage of their lives. Lunch will be served. It will be a great opportunity to visit the Campus at Chesterville, Ohio. Chesterville is a thirty minute drive from Columbus, Ohio, just off I-71. Anyone interested in going see Jack Kleier to make a reservation and for directions.

Buckhorn has been serving children in one way or another for over 100 years. Visitors are always welcome on either Campus. Buckhorn is located near the Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park. Dessie Scott is located near Natural Bridge State Resort Park. The effort of this agency is truly Mission at Work.

FILM CAPSULES

UP

Rated PG. Isaiah 11:6; Proverbs 17:17
 The 10th film from Pixar easily maintains the studio's reputation as the producer of the best animated films to be found anywhere. Like last year's WALL-E, there is a sequence near the beginning of the film that seems like one of the old silent films, providing us with the back story of why the elderly Carl is so sad and grumpy. He lives alone in the house once shared with his wife, both of whom had wanted to go to Paradise Falls in South America for an adventure, but had put it off until it was too late. He rebuffs the help of chubby Russell, a Boy Explorer out to complete his sash of badges by earning a Help the Elderly badge. But when Carl, once a balloon salesman, ties thousands of balloons to his old house and lifts off, he is surprised to discover that Russell is still on his front porch. Thus begins a series of wild adventures and at first grudging friendship between the old man and the boy, one that brings great benefits to both, each learning what is most important in life. A truly great film that should be shared by young and old!

Easy Virtue

Rated PG-13. Proverbs 26:23-25

What seems at first like a drawing room comedy lifted from the period

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between the two great wars of the 20th century turns out to be a poignant tale of love and honesty versus hypocrisy and coldness of heart. Based on an early Noel Coward play, the film follows the adventures of Larita, an American woman famous as a successful race car driver, who falls for a handsome English aristocrat a few years younger than herself



and then collides with the stone wall that is his snobbish mother and two sisters. The latter are convinced that the interloper married for money and status, so they are bent on destroying the marriage, labeling her a woman of "easy virtue." Only the father, burnt out by his experience in the Great War, appreciates the fresh air that the breezy young woman brings with her. Filled with zingy lines that sometimes mask pain and envy, this is a delightful tale of human folly and love.

The Taking of Pelham 123

Rated R. Psalm 119:28-30

Although a remake (which is usually not a good thing), this thriller, directed by veteran director Tony Scott, keeps the audience eagerly leaning forward in its seats with its fast-paced action. The story of armed thugs taking over a New York subway train and demanding a ten million dollar ransom unfolds in real time. Virtually every second is precious because Ryder, the killer

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played by John Travolta, declares that unless the money arrives on the exact minute of his deadline, he will kill a hostage for each minute of tardiness. The "guy on the other end of the line," as Denzil Washington's dispatcher Walter Garber calls himself, is placed on the hot seat, at one time required to make a decision that will either cost a hostage his life or Garber his job and his freedom. Thus the film becomes a good character study as well as a fast-paced action thriller.

My Life in Ruins

Rated PG. Ezekiel 36:26

Compared to her first film *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, Nia Vardalos's third film might well be called "My Movie in Ruins." Her first film, which she wrote, was fresh and breezy, whereas this one, written by Mike Reiss, invokes about every plot cliché and stereotyped character imaginable. Vardalos plays Georgia, an American would-be college professor living in Athens whose plans have not worked out, so that she is forced to work as a tour guide for a third-rate company that always gives her a wheezy old bus and books the tourists in flea-bag hotels. Her bus driver, named Poupi (yes, it does sound like you know what) at first looks like Rasputin, but when he, attracted to Georgia, shaves his beard, he becomes

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an Adonis, especially when he doffs his shirt. The tourists are an unruly collection of characters who would rather shop for cheap souvenirs than listen to Georgia lecture on the beautiful sites she conducts them to. Guess what happens by the end of this limp tale? Best thing about it is the usurpation of the music from and the transformation theme of *Zorba the Greek*.

Four films for wasting your time and money:

The one good thing about buying ticket to these films is that you are keeping a lot of Hollywood folk in employment (I almost included "gainful," but only the movie folk gain anything here--you buy, you lose. Don't say you weren't warned.)

Angels & Demons

Rated PG-13.

You can be sure that this Dan Brown-derived potboiler will not be mentioned when Tom Hanks receives the customary "Lifetime Achievement Award." He shows up for the camera and recites his lines as the so-called "Harvard symbologist" called in by the Vatican to solve a mystery involving the abduction of the four leading candidates for the office of Pope. Best thing about the thriller are the magnificent sets of

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the Vatican and Saint Peters. You will not be bored by the fast pace, but neither will you be moved by the story.

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian

Ben Stiller returns to NYC's Museum of Natural History to rescue his pals who spring to life after sundown and the museum is emptied of visitors. They have been shipped to the Biggy of all American museums, the Smithsonian, where he must save them--and the world (of course)--before a deranged Pharaoh can get his hands on a magic tablet and--. Best parts of the movie involve Amy Adams as a sparkly Amelia Earhart and some imaginative sequences in which works of art come to life: in the famous photo of a sailor kissing a woman in Times Square to celebrate V-J Day our hero find themselves amidst the crowd, and even kiss-

ing the woman.

Drag Me Down to Hell

Rated PG-13

Drag yourself out of the theater if you are tempted to buy a ticket to this nihilistic horror flick starring Alison Lohman as a bank loan officer whose misfortune is to arouse the ire of a Roma crone's application for an extension of time on her home mortgage.

Land of the Lost

Rated PG-13

Strictly for Will Ferrell fans, this adventure yarn is about a scientist and two companions sucked into a space-time vortex where they discover a tribe of primitives and a fierce and hungry T-Rex. It would be best if you got lost on the way to the theater and forgot about this supposed comedy, so filled with vulgar, juvenile humor.

*Burn the candles, use the nice sheets,
wear the good clothes.
Don't save them for a special occasion.
Today is special.*

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES

NOTE: In the interest of making Session minutes easier to read through and the interest of conserving paper, the following highlights are given. If you would like to read the complete minutes, please contact the Clerk of Session.

A quorum was present. The regular meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church was called to order on MAY 14, 2009

OPENING: The regular meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church was called to order in the church parlor on May 14, 2009, at 7:03 P.M. by the moderator, The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr. Rev. Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

DOCKET: The docket was approved with the following addition: a report from Elder Commissioner Bill Lindsay on the Presbytery meeting held on May 12 was placed under Unfinished Business.

MINUTES: The minutes for the regular Session meeting held on April 2, 2009, were approved with the following correction: The spelling of the name, Bob Koch, in the Treasurer's Report should be Bob Cook. Minutes for the special Session meeting held on April 5, 2009, were approved as written.

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on Sunday, May 3, 2009, at the morning worship service. The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr. and Dr. Ed McNulty presided. On Saturday, May 2, 2009, Robert P. Clarke and Karen Day Clarke, both members of COF, were

united in marriage in our sanctuary. Rev. Smith presided.

On April 18, the clerk attended the Minutes and Register Review session held at Lakeside Presbyterian by Presbytery's Committee on Church Order. COF's minutes and registers were approved. The clerk wishes to express her thanks to our Administrative Assistant, Patricia Kleier, and to Rev. Smith for their great help in preparing the minutes book and roll register for the review.

The clerk and Treasurer Gary Willis have reviewed the Board of Pensions forms for reporting changes in the pastor's salary and service and are working to determine the correct information that those forms require.

The clerk contacted NCR concerning possible accounts that might still be held in the name of The First Presbyterian Church of Ludlow, KY. An identification number must be used in examining NCR accounts. The I.D. number has been mailed to us.

On recommendation of the clerk, a motion was made and passed to remove Mae Kramer's name from the Active Roll of COF and to place her name on the Deceased Roll. In addition, as they were received into membership on April 5, to place the names of Robert P. Clarke and Karen Day Clarke on the Active Roll.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

CORRESPONDENCE: A note of thanks was received from Mary Middleton, on behalf of Church Women United, for the organization's use of the church for their May meeting. A letter of was received from The Rev. Jim Steiner, Chair of Presbytery's Committee on Church Order thanking the clerk for participating in the recent minute and register review. Rev. Smith asked that the minutes reflect the session's gratitude for the clerk's diligence in keeping the minutes and register. A thank you note was also received from Nancy Ziegler expressing her gratitude to the church for its support of C.L.A.S.P. over the past ten years.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Elder Inky Hall volunteered to accompany Rev. Smith on Tuesday, May 26, for communion to shut-ins; Elder Joanna Bailey will accompany Rev. Smith on Thursday, June 4.

ACTION: Approval was granted Rev. Smith to officiate at the wedding of Mark Thomas Suer and Kimberly Deeann Wegford on June 6, 2009, at Little Britain Farm near Burlington, KY. **ACTION:** Permission was given to Rev. Smith to invite the Rev. Douglas Orbaker, who is working with CEPAD in Nicaragua, to preach at COF on Sunday, October 24, 2009. **ACTION:** Approval for the Council of Urban Pastors to meet at COF on May 20, from 8:30 – 10:00 A.M. and for Rev. Smith to spend up to \$40.00 on a light breakfast for the group was granted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Gary Willis supplied financial reports since he was not able to be present. He reported that the church is holding its own financially and that he will not need additional funds during the next month. Elder Inky Hall agreed to give this good news to the congregation prior to morning worship on Sunday, May 17.

C.L.A.S.P.: Elder Bill Lindsay reported that C.L.A.S.P. has several new board members. The board is somewhat concerned because C.L.A.S.P. does not have the usual number of pre-enrollments that it has had in past years.

UMBRELLA REPORTS:

In a general discussion, elders expressed concern that we are not incorporating people from the congregation into the work of the umbrella organization. Although the reorganization cuts down on the number of meetings, meetings may be needed to help generate ideas.

ADMINISTRATION: Elder Marilyn Gordon reported on plans to replace our organist/pianist, Daesik Cha, who will be leaving at the end of June. The Administration group recommended that Joanna Bailey take over the tasks that Daesik handled as well as direct the choir, and that she receive the additional salary which Daesik was receiving. Interest in developing amateur musical talent from within the congregation and in incorporating additional instruments into worship was discussed.

SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Elder Joanna Bailey reported that plans for the Flea Market are progressing. Items are coming in for sale. Getting the word out about the flea market is now a primary concern. Elder Marilyn Gordon has contacted the City of Covington (Keith Bales's department) for a permit. The first permit is free and is being sent. People will be needed on Sunday, June 7, to operate the soundboard and prepare communion for the morning worship service since the Hastings family will be away. Elder Bailey volunteered to organize communion by intinction. The possibility of selling crafts, such as jewelry, at the Ice Cream Social was discussed.

MISSION: A motion prevailed that 40% of the Pentecost offering, the portion that COF can designate, be given to C.L.A.S.P.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee, consisting of Elders Jean Jennings, Floyd Hastings, and Marilyn Gordon, has not met.

The Flea Market, scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., will be held upstairs in the education building and outside (weather permitting).

Elder Commissioner Bill Lindsay reported on the Presbytery meeting held on Tuesday, May 12. The use of consent agenda in handling the business of the presbytery has freed up time for wor-

ship, fellowship, and educational presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION: A motion to permit the City of Fort Wright the use of our tables, chairs and restrooms for an event on June 6, 2009, prevailed. **ACTION:** A second motion to give city officials a key to the building so that they can move the tables and chairs and open the building for restroom use also passed. Elders Floyd Hastings and Eileen Hastings will give the officials the key and show them where the tables and chairs are.

There was no interest in participating in the Memorial Day Parade in Ludlow.

Mentoring Plus may be looking for office space at a reasonable cost. The organization would need approximately 200 – 250 square feet for four staff members and would need Internet and phone capabilities. It was suggested that there might be space in the Ludlow building that would suit their needs. Rev. Smith will talk to the Mentoring Plus leadership about the Ludlow possibility.

ACTION: A motion to honor Daesik Cha, our organist/pianist, with a reception in the Narthex following the morning worship on June 28 was approved. Elder Joanna Bailey will organize the reception. Opportunity to give cash do-

SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

nations as a departing gift to Daesik will be offered to the congregation in the June newsletter.

CLOSING:

Joys and Concerns: Joys or concerns were expressed for Marilyn Gordon's son, Rev. Smith and his granddaughter, Brett Eldridge, Shirley Weigel, Derek Beach's mother, Norman Klein, Conner Bailey, Jean Jennings and her brother, Marilyn and her cat Elliot, and the Hosmer twins.

Rev. Smith closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church will be Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. at the church.

Rebecca Lindsay,
Clerk of Session

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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TO UPDATE OUR MARQUEE.
IF YOU HAVE A FEW SPARE HOURS,
ONE SATURDAY PER MONTH, PLEASE
CONTACT ALAN JAEGER
AT 331-0907.**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Bible Study 11:00am	July 1
Wednesday Bible Study 11:00am	July 8
No Bible Study Wednesday	July 15
Wednesday Bible Study	July 22
Wednesday Bible Study	July 29

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