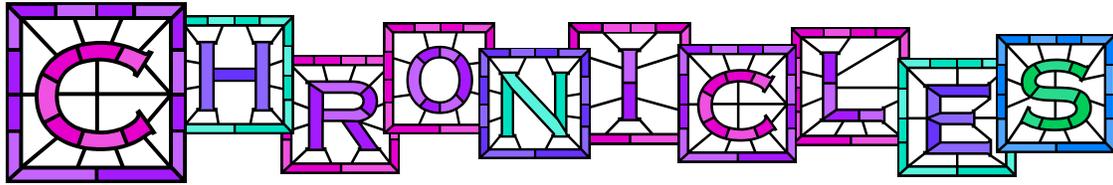


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## Note from the Pastor

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I have recently been attending a Bible study for pastors at the Presbytery office on Tuesday mornings. Each week we look at the upcoming lectionary texts for preaching on the coming Sunday, and we talk about how we might preach the text in our congregations. As a gift to us our new General Presbyter, Nancy Kahaian, gave each of us a book called *What Do They Hear: Bridging the Gap Between Pulpit and Pew*. It's an interesting book about the differences between how clergy preach and how church members hear what is said. The reality is that, if there are 35 people in worship, there will be 35 different understandings of the scripture and the sermon

in that worship—because we all bring our own baggage, our own history, our own previous study and hearing of scripture with us when we come to worship each week.

I think the same holds for liturgy. Liturgy, as you may know, means “work of the people.” We try to have that be true by having us all speak some of the liturgical prayers together or as a call and response; but really, is that “the work of the people?” Currently we don't have a worship committee or team, but as we move into 2017 I'd like to see that change. I'd like to see a team of people—or more like *teams* of people to plan the dif-

## Note from the Pastor, continued

ferent seasons of the church year. To write calls to worship and prayers. To talk together about what worship means to us and how we might make it more meaningful.

You might be thinking, I don't know how to write a prayer. I didn't either at one time. Some days I still don't! But if liturgy is *the work of the people* maybe we need to learn. To move from something that is "I give and you receive" to something that is more "we all have something to give to each other."

I'll be talking more about this in the weeks to come. I'd love to have a team in place soon to help plan for the Easter season, which is the season between Easter and Pentecost. It's a 7 week season, not a huge commitment of time, but would be a great trial run of what I hope will be a new season of worship at Community of Faith.

Won't you join me?

Peace,

Rev. Sharon

## CORNERSTONE PROJECT FOR MARCH

**Monday March 20th and Tuesday March 21st.** In 2017 we have re-committed ourselves to working at the Cornerstone Ministry, with food service, every other month. As usual, Cheryl Massey and the Cornerstone mission team need some help from COF members. No long-term commitment is required. **Monday March 20th** when food preparation will be done, beginning about 3:30 p.m. in COF's kitchen. On **Tuesday, March 21st, at 5:30 p.m.** we will leave from COF to go to Cornerstone, at 10<sup>th</sup> and Madison, to serve the food. Please contact Cheryl (229-942-2478; [clmassey@gmail.com](mailto:clmassey@gmail.com)) or Bill Lindsay (859-331-0817; [drindsay@fuse.net](mailto:drindsay@fuse.net)), Mission Team member, if you have any questions. Otherwise, just show up, for a fun time together!

**IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS**



Nancy Ziegler, Betty Murphy, Shirley Weigel, Ruth & John Roeber, The McDermott Family, Howard Story, Donna Kreicker, Johanna Willis, Nita Kleier, Inky Hall, David Weitzel, Jean Jennings' Family, Emille Walden, Joanna Bailey & family, Mary Lee Harrison, Deborah Grover, Margaret Meyer, Kittie Dupps, Anji Hurt & family, and Richard Lindsay & family. Please pray for safe travels for our Nicaragua Delegation.



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Deborah Grover	3rd
Caitlin Beach	5th
Andrea Ogles	9th
Cindy Wise	12th
Richard Lindsay	13th
Dorothy Thomsen	14th
Kim Suer	14th
Kevin Kreicker	22nd
Nita Kleier	28th

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Courtney Brown	4th
Jo Shade	5th
Martha Bennett	10th
John Mehl	17th
Eric Dupps	21st
Jack Kleier	24th
David Weitzel	25th
Amanda VanGordon	28th
Robert Carlin	29th

**FEBRUARY & MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**



**February Anniversaries**

Ed and Sandy McNulty	February 14	58 years
Derek and Jennifer Beach	February 15	25 years

**March Anniversaries**

Stephen and Sandi Brown	March 13	41 years
Cecil and Kathleen Hamilton	March 28	34 years

## MISSION AT WORK

March embarks on the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 1, 2017. We will see fish fry's on the Fridays of Lent, and later on the beginning of spring. These things come around as regular as clockwork. This is also the beginning of The One Great Hour of Sharing offering. As we change from one season to another, we see another type of natural disaster appear. Floods, Tornadoes, wildfires, mud slides, hurricanes, blizzards, and the list goes on. Each disaster calls God's people to action. The need to help one another never goes away. The Church stands ready to respond in times such as these through the One Great Hour Of Sharing campaign. We are asked to support this fund during Lent, so we may stand ready throughout the year, whenever a need arises. You will see inserts in the Sunday Bulletin telling stories of need for this type of giving. Even our young children are encouraged to give by using a cardboard bank that might sit on the kitchen table to remind them to offer a gift to help someone else whenever they eat a meal. This might be a good way for we adults to

**BY: JACK KLEIER**

be reminded throughout Lent to make a sacrifice to God, to help someone in need throughout the year. Another idea may be to give up something you like during Lent and set that money that you would have spent aside to give to OGHOS. In any event use the envelopes that you will find in the bulletin during Lent. So that we can again answer the call for help when a disaster strikes our brothers and sisters no matter where they are in the world.

This would be a good time to focus our prayer life on hospitality. God calls us to welcome the stranger. We are told that Abraham, even in the desert welcomed strangers to his tent. Our nation is in a quandary now on what we are to do with immigrants. We are reminded in the new testament that even the family of Jesus were immigrants in the land of Egypt. In our prayers, we might seek God's will on how we should handle this controversial issue. Prayer is a very powerful tool that god has given us to use in the most trying times.

## 2017 NICARAGUA WATER ANNOUNCEMENT

Again in 2017, the Session has authorized a special offering to be taken for the 2017 Nicaragua Water project. The specific recipients will be the water committee for the village of Empalme de la Cruz Verde (Junction of the Green Cross)

Here, in their own words (translated), is what their problem and proposed solution is: **In our community we have a population of 1,000 people and 240 families, of which 220 houses are being served. The problem we face is that we do not have small water meters to regulate consumption of users since there are many who are inconsiderate and spend water without limits, or without thinking to not stop the flow. We must raise awareness of other brothers' needs. We as the Committee for potable water and sanitation (CAPS) do not have the economic capacity to purchase the meters ... For this reason we placed our attention on you [the Nicaragua partners – ed.], asking for your support in the framework of its possibilities. What we need to solve the problem is to obtain 220 small water meters at an average cost of C\$ 850 cordobas each (\$30 U.S.) which in total would be C\$ 187,000 cordobas = \$6,600 U.S.**

Our Kentucky Ductape Nicaragua partners, of which Dawn and Dan Farwick and Bill Lindsay are representatives from COF, have set a goal to fund the purchase of these meters. We are getting close to the \$6,600 goal. COF's donations can put us "over the top." Any additional funds raised [by the partner churches] over-and above the total need, would be applied to new water projects that might arise in 2018.

The offering will be taken at COF on each of the Sundays in February. Make out your checks to COF Presbyterian or place cash in a pew envelope and mark the envelope and/or the check to "Nicaragua Water Project." The Ductape team will leave on Tuesday, February 28.



## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SESSION**

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### **COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**COVINGTON, KY**

**DECEMBER 18, 2016**

A quorum was present.

**PURPOSE:** This special meeting was called by The Rev. Sharon Carter to consider whether or not to hire a lawyer to represent Community of Faith in a lawsuit filed against the owners of the property of the former Presbyterian Church in Ludlow related to unpaid taxes on the property and the notice of foreclosure in the event of continued delinquency. Community of Faith is named as a defendant in that lawsuit.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:15 P.M. on Sunday, December 18, 2016, in

the parlor of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church. Rev. Carter opened the meeting with prayer.

**ACTION:** A motion was adopted to retain a lawyer, \_\_\_\_\_, to represent COF's interests in the lawsuit related to unpaid property taxes filed against the owners of the property in Ludlow, formerly The First Presbyterian Church of Ludlow.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. Rev. Carter closed with prayer.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE SESSION WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2017, IN THE CHURCH PARLOR BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M. SHARP.**

Rebecca S. Lindsay (HR)  
Clerk of Session

## NOTES FROM SESSION MEETING 2/7/2017

The community of Faith session met on February 7, 2017. Below are notes from the meeting. (These are not official minutes but reflect actions taken and discussions that took place according to pastor's notes.)

Bill Lindsay volunteered to act as COF's representative to Presbytery for the year 2017. If he is unable to attend, he asks that someone else volunteer to go in his place.

SPARK requested through the Advisory Board to use the Fellowship Hall for 2 dates, March 25 for a Eucher tournament and a Saturday in May for a swap meet. The Eucher tournament will raise money for a family to go to Heart Camp, a camp for families to learn ways of non-violent communication. Session approved the March 25 date but postponed voting on the May date until SPARK's plans have been finalized.

SPARK also has requested 2 additional keys to facilitate access to the building. Often different families are there on different days and it can be difficult for SPARK to access the building if the original key holders are not present that day.

SPARK is considering becoming a non-profit organization and asked if this will affect their coverage under our insurance. Consensus is that no, it will not affect their coverage as they will still be guests on our property and not an entity of Community of Faith PC.

Matt Hastings as Treasurer reported that we were very close to being on target with our budget for 2016, ending the year with a \$1500 deficit. Offerings were about \$65 under projections and expenses were about even; however, we paid our per capita in full, our ice cream social income was down, and maintenance was higher due to repairs on the heating

## COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

system. Overall, though, we are holding our own.

For mission giving we received 1666.50 for Special Offerings and General Mission giving was at about \$1900.

### Team Reports

Worship: 2 action items: Set the date for Officer installation for Sunday, Feb. 12. Set Dates for communion for 2017 as follows: every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, plus each Sunday in Lent and Advent. We will have an Ash Wednesday service on March 1, and a Lenten Bible Study series on Wednesdays at 5:30 with a light dinner.

Rev. Sharon gave an update on the new front doors, which are being replaced due to age. The new doors will be slightly different with a “panic” push bar and regular pull handles. The overall look will be very close to original

but the change will bring our front door up to code. It will have hinges rather than a pivot pin as well.

We set the date for the Annual Church Birthday for Sunday, June 4 after church. June 4 is also Pentecost which seems an appropriate date to celebrate birthdays.

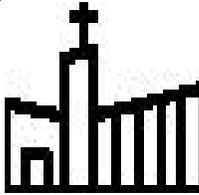
Bill Lindsay gave a report for the Mission Team that recapped activities from 2016.

The date for the next session meeting was set for Tuesday, March 14 at 6:45 pm. Guests will include Nancy Kahaian, the new General Presbyter for the Cincinnati Presbytery, and Terry Webster, pastor at Fort Thomas PC and our COM representative. It is possible that deacons will also be present for our annual combined Session/ Deacon meeting.

**FROM A BULLETIN DATED FEBRUARY 9, 1930****GOD GIVE US MEN!**

God give us men! A time like this demands  
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;  
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;  
Men who possess opinions and a will;  
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;  
Men who can stand before a demagogue  
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking!  
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog  
In public duty, and in private thinking;  
For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds  
Their large professions and their little deeds,  
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps  
Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps.

—Josiah Gilbert Holland



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## **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

Choir Rehearsal February 1, 8, 15 & 22

Presbytery Meeting 9:00am	25th
Deacon Meeting	26th

## **MARCH EVENTS**

Choir Rehearsal March 8, 15, 22 & 29

Ash Wednesday	1st
1st Sunday in Lent	5th
Session Meeting 6:45	14th
Cooking/Serving at Cornerstone	20th & 21st

## **APRIL EVENTS**

Session Meeting 6:45	4th
Mundy Thursday	13th
Easter Sunday	16th

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