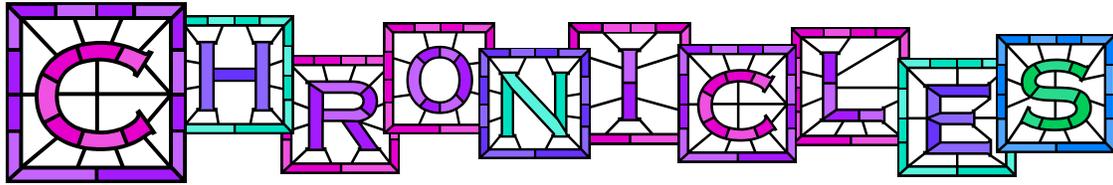


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Note from the Pastor

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Earlier this month Jo Willis and Bill Lindsay attended a workshop for something called Transformation 2.0, a new initiative by the Presbytery of Cincinnati designed to help congregations become attuned to 21st century ways of doing ministry. From what I understand they had a great experience and have come back eager to communicate what is going on to the rest of the congregation.

The process begins with 3 assumptions: That God's Spirit is already at work ahead of congregations in the community; that God's future is to be discovered among God's ordinary people; and that Spirit-led discernment is the key to making the process work. In other words, this isn't just another "program" but a conscious effort by congregation members to engage their

local communities through the leading of God's Holy Spirit. As discernment happens the path for the local congregation becomes clearer; continuing discernment leads the congregation along that path. It is a Spirit-filled, Spirit led process that has already invigorated and energized congregations around us. Bill, Jo and I, along with others who are excited about this journey, are hopeful that Community of Faith can engage in this process in a way that is energizing and life-giving, not just to the congregation but to the neighborhoods and communities around us.

However, in order to make this happen, we need you. Our next step will be to hold a series of interviews—of congregation members, of community leaders, and of people in the neigh-

Note from the Pastor, continued

borhoods around us. To begin this process there will be a workshop on Saturday, July 9 from 10:30 until noon that will introduce the interview process and provide an opportunity to do some role-playing to learn how to do an effective interview. We will also do some brainstorming about who to interview and why and set a timeline for getting our interviews completed. We have a deadline of early September for this to happen, at which time another workshop will be held by the Cincinnati Presbytery's Transformation 2.0 leadership, so this is something that will occupy us for the summer.

I invite anyone who is interested to take part in our workshop on July 9. We also will be calling on members of the congregation to be interviewed; before you start to think that might be scary or intimidating, I'll give you a hint: the interview begins with the question: *Think back on your experience at our church to a time when you felt most alive, engaged and motivated. Describe this time a bit.* The interviewer will then take you through some questions that will help you describe this time that you remember. The second question is similar to the first: *Describe a time in our church when God*

was most real and alive for you. When was this and what was happening? Again, the interviewer will take you through some questions that will help you describe this time. Hopefully it will be a way not only to revive some good memories of church and ministry at COF, but will also help us get a picture of who COF is as a congregation.

One more way you can help with the Transformation 2.0 process: pray. Pray for Jo and Bill and I, and anyone else who decides to become a part of the guiding team (we could use at least one more person!) Pray for our workshop, our interviews with the congregation and the community, for Jo and Bill and me as we participate in the larger group work that will need to be done, and for the future of COF and it's ministry in the world. Thank you!

Peace,

Rev. Sharon



IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Nancy Ziegler, Betty Murphy, Shirley Weigel, Ruth & John Roeber, Dorothy Thomsen, Bud and The McDermott Family, Howard Story Donna Kreicker, Johanna Willis, Nita Kleier, Inky Hall, David Weitzel, Jean Jennings' Family, Emille Walden, Joanna Bailey, Mary Lee Harrison, Martha Bell, and Deborah Grover.



Happy Birthday!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Janet Roy	4th
Lynda Jaeger	5th
Fredrick Reinhart	6th
Shirley Weigel	6th
Peyton Suer	7th
Linda Lanter	7th
Piper Ann Suer	7th
Bud McDermott	15th
Rob Lindsay	17th
Betty Murphy	20th
Austin Whitaker	20th
Harry Eagan	28th
Faye Massey	28th

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Inky Hall	5th
Ed McNulty	6th
Darlene Jennings	9th
Jeff Owen	14th
Andrew Wise	18th
Marge McDermott	26th
Patrick Owen	27th
Dawn Farwick	30th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Mark and Kim Suer 7th Anniversary June 6
 Bill and Becky Lindsay 52nd Anniversary June 12

We have no July wedding anniversaries
that we know of

Your Presbytery Link

Highlights of the Presbytery Meeting held May 10, 2016 at Llanfair Retirement Community.

FELLOWSHIP occurred throughout the evening especially during the sharing of a meal.

WORSHIP Mary Gene Boteler (interim pastor, Mt. Washington) preached about call. The offering was collected for the Pentecost Offering. The presbytery installed Couper Gardiner (Knox) as treasurer and commissioned 222nd General Assembly commissioners Claire Kroger (Mt. Washington) Bob Northcutt (Aurora First; CRE, Beecher) Cynthia Mason (validated ministry), and Bill Love (interim pastor, West Chester) and young adult advisory delegate Max Stainton (Heritage). The presbytery took these ACTIONS among others.

REDRESSED the imbalance between teaching and ruling elders eligible to vote at presbytery meetings by inviting some sessions to elect an additional commissioner.

APPROVED leases for Wyoming and North congregations to share their facilities with non-denominational congregations.

APPROVED changes in call: Allan Lane from pastor, Batavia to member at-large

Rick Kranzley to honorably retired

Marsha Webster from interim pastor, St. John's Westminster to member at-large

APPOINTED moderators:
Jeff Colarossi, Christ
Rick Olson, Third

ELECTED officers to be installed in September:
Lisa Stenner (pastor, Union), moderator
Bob Young (Blue Ash), vice moderator

XAMINED and approved Kathleen Daniels for ordination as a teaching elder to serve as stated supply with Dry Ridge.

ELECTED Nancy Kahaian as general presbyter and enrolled her as a member of the presbytery.

DISSOLVED Decatur Presbyterian Church. The vice moderator led a prayer of thanksgiving for the congregation's faithful witness throughout its history.

Individuals and groups shared INFORMATION.

Presbytery Council has changed the date of this year's November presbytery meeting from the second to the third Tuesday (November 15) because election day falls on the

Your Presbytery Link, continued

usual date and the hosting congregation is a polling place.

The Board of Trustees is holding a church finances seminar May 14 at Pleasant Ridge, 9-11am. Reservations: claire@cpresby.org

Camp Pyoca in southern Indiana has invited the presbytery to use its facilities and programing.

<http://pyoca.org/>

The Board of Pensions is making major changes to some of its plans in 2017. Details will be posted July11 www.pensions.org

The Synod of the Covenant has grants available for congregations to host refugees from Iraq and Syria. <http://synodofthecovenant.org/synod-ministries/welcome-refugees/>

The second round of Transformation 2.0 learning cohorts begins June 4. So far, about 10 congregations have decided to participate.

<http://cpresby.org/transformation.html>

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed!

Third Presbyterian Church, 3358 McHenry Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, is looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School.

Sunday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30 from 5:30 to 8:00pm.

Volunteers will help smaller children with crafts and games.

Several different church organizations have volunteered to bring and serve dinner each night.

If you would like more information or if you are interested in volunteering for one or all evenings, please contact **Jack Kleier** at (859) 331-8888 or jhklr@fuse.net.

MISSION AT WORK

BY: JACK KLEIER

As I write this article today, my heart is heavy. 50 People have been killed in Fla. By a person filled with hate towards GLBT persons. The main focus of mission should be to get God's word out to a troubled world, and it does not appear that we as a Church have been very effective in doing that.

God did not create us in His image so that we could turn on each other and take precious lives at will. We need to be reminded that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Our obsession in this country with guns borders on madness. Christ rebuked Peter in the Garden for his violent act against a fellow human. He healed the wounded man by restoring his ear. Certainly he expects no less from

us. Let us strive as Christians anxious to spread God's word, to spread the news that Christ is love. That in God's world there is room for everyone to live in peace. At the very least, let us pray that this madness for guns and violence can subside in this country. That we can again be a nation seeking peace in the world, in our nation, in our states, and especially in our communities.

This is not a regular Mission type article, but my heart is heavy for the senseless loss of lives by people who do not respect human life. If our children are to live in safe places, then it is up to us to become missionaries for peace.

MOBILE HEALTH FAIR PROGRAM

MIGUEL CARLIN

Community of Faith since 2012 has been participating in the Synod of the Covenant Mobile Health Fair Program. This ministry provides health screenings and health information to our neighbors throughout Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan. Along with the screenings our neighbors also receive hygiene kits.

We will be collecting donations through **June 26, 2016**. Please donate items as you are able.

The kits contain the following: Wash Cloth, Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb or brush, Shampoo, Conditioner, You may also add deodorant, fingernail clippers or hand cream.

If you would like to give an offering for the Mission Team to purchase a completed kit please put your check in offering plate and just mark hygiene kit in the memo line. Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to have more information on volunteering at a health fair soon. Please watch your bulletin for more information. Thank you for your help!!

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MEETING MINUTES

**STATED MEETING
OF THE SESSION
COMMUNITY OF FAITH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
May 3, 2016, 6:45 P.M.**

A quorum was present.

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church was called to order on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, in the library at 6:45 P.M. by the Rev. Sharon Carter, Moderator.

OPEN WITH PRAYER: Rev. Carter opened the meeting with prayer.

STUDY/ DEVOTIONAL: Rev. Carter asked for feedback from the elders concerning our progress during the first third of the year. In general, comments were positive with elders agreeing that things are going well. Concern was expressed over one member who may have gone elsewhere. One suggestion was offered that it would be good to have a group of people who plan publicity for events.

APPROVAL of the DOCKET: ACTION: The docket was approved with the addition of three items. A request for the use of the fellowship hall on June 25 and discussion of the condition of the ice cream freezer were placed under New Business. The possibility of a Civil War worship service in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social and Battery Hooper Days was placed under the Clerk's report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular session meeting held on April 5, 2016, were approved with the addition of one item: communion was celebrated on March 27, Easter, with Elder Alan Yeager assisting the pastor.

CLERK OF SESSION'S REPORT: The Lord's Supper was celebrated by intinction at the morning worship service on May 1, 2016. Rev. Carter presided assisted by Elder William Lindsay.

The clerk continued the conversation with Presbytery's Committee on Church Order concerning the Presbytery's current procedures for minutes and rolls review. Rev.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

Carter wrote a letter to the committee supporting the clerk on her concerns.

The clerk removed the name of Dottie Thomsen from the active roll as she has changed her membership to Union Presbyterian. **ACTION:** Upon the clerk's recommendation, the names of Steven and Joelle Van Alstine and Eric Massey were removed from the Active Roll. The names of the Van Alstines' four children will remain on the Baptismal Roll unless COF is requested to transfer them elsewhere.

The clerk suggested having a "Civil War" worship service in conjunction with COF'S Ice Cream Social and Battery Hooper Days. She will look for services that might be used.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Carter and Elder Freda Carlin visited and celebrated Communion with Betty Murphy and David Weitzel on March 25, and with Nancy Zeigler on April 29.

She is creating a survey to create a Time and Talents database and also preparing an information sheet about Transformation 2.0 to distribute to the congregation.

Rev. Carter met with Elder William Lindsay, Administrative Assistant Patricia Kleier and a representative from Northern Kentucky University regarding updating the website.

ACTION: Rev. Carter was granted permission to take study leave to help with Cornerstone Ministry and to plan for summer worship on Monday and Tuesday (May 16 – 17) of the week of May 16. She will then take Wednesday – Sunday (May 18 – 22) as vacation. She has asked The Rev. Jackie Pinkowski, teaching elder at large to preach on that Sunday (May 22).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Homeschool Partnership Advisory Board

ACTION: On the recommendation of the Homeschool Partnership Advisory Board, Session approved the dates of May 21, 22, and 23 for SPARK to hold an ALC training workshop for parents in the fellowship hall. Even though the 23rd is a Sunday, the board does not anticipate any problem or noise as no children will be present and the SPARK people can enter through the back doors to the fellowship hall.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

TEAM REPORTS

Worship: Elder Joanna Bailey and Rev. Carter discussed some ideas for worship this summer, including:

Having the children stay in worship on communion Sundays, with an intergenerational style of worship.

Trial of prayer stations, discussion format for sermon.

Learning new hymns during the summer.

Holding a hymn writing workshop.

Administration & Property Umbrella:

Elder Dawn Farwick reported that the estimate for replacing the main entry door which have been deteriorating is approximately \$3000. **ACTION:** On recommendation of the Administration and Property Team, she moved that we accept the bid and replace the main entry door for \$3,000. Elder John Kleier reported that the door is operating well since Jack's Glass worked on it. A motion to postpone the mail motion indefinitely was adopted (thereby removing the motion from consideration).

ACTION: A motion to assemble a committee to plan a fundraising campaign toward purchasing a new

door was amended to include fundraising for flooring for the narthex and hallway. The motion was approved as amended. Elder Dawn Farwick will head the committee.

Elder Farwick reported that she plans to place an ad in the newspaper to sell the Floral Hills cemetery lots and vaults at \$6,000.

Education: Elder Joanna Bailey provided a written report on the Christian Education meeting held on April 24. **ACTION:** A motion was approved to permit Elder Bailey to purchase a Bible of her choice for Sara Kleier, at a cost of up to \$30, and to have Sharon to order the Bible from Cokesbury. **ACTION:** A motion prevailed that we reestablish the practice of giving Bibles to our youth at the end of their third grade year.

Congregational Care Umbrella: No report.

Mission & Evangelism Umbrella: **ACTION:** On the recommendation of the Mission Team, an upgrade of the website was approved and money was allocated for expenses up to \$2,500.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES**CONTINUED**

ACTION: Approval for COF to participate in the Synod of the Covenant Health Fair was granted as was participation in the school supply drive with Covington Partners.

ACTION: Approval of the application to Presbytery for the annual grant for CLASP was given. We partner with the CLASP Board of Directors, Lakeside Presbyterian Church and Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church in this effort.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Third Presbyterian Church on June 19 – 23, 2016, 5:30 – 8:00 P.M. Volunteers are welcome.

Nominating Committee: Daniel Farwick has volunteered to be the deacon serving on the Nominating Committee.

Deacons: Moderator Janet Stadtmiller provided a written report of the Deacon's activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Child Protection and Sexual Misconduct Policy: ACTION: Following a second reading of the proposed Child Protection and Sexual Misconduct Policy, the pol-

icy was approved with one change made on the second page.

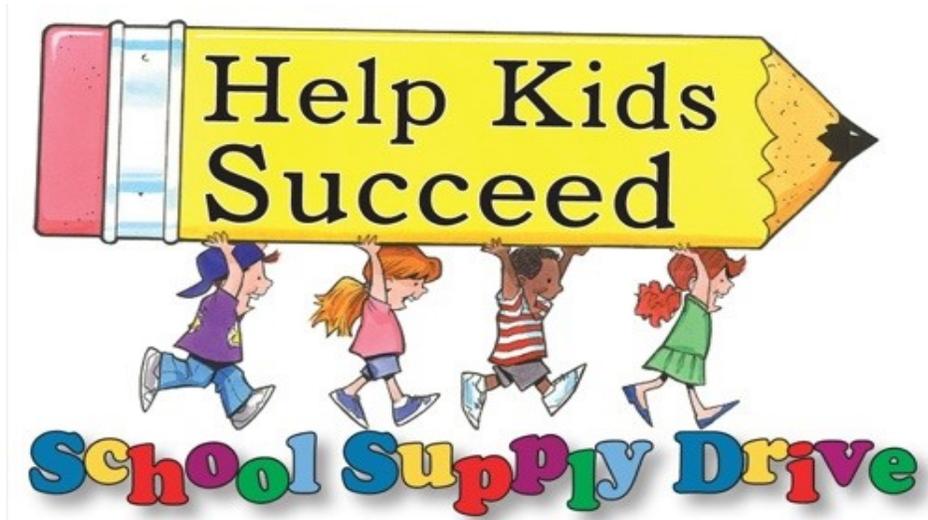
NEW BUSINESS: ACTION: Permission was granted to Daniel and Dawn Farwick for use of the fellowship hall on Saturday, June 25, for Dawn's 50th birthday party.

Joys and Concerns: The following persons and situations were lifted in prayers of joy or concern: Reeka Whitaker; Ed Ramsey's church, First Christian Church in Madisonville, KY; Ryan Sollberger; Tony Velkly; Mary Ann Sanders; Norma Lindsay; David Weitzel; Patti and Emily; Lynda Jaeger's nurse; the homicide victims and families in Pike County; Johanna Willis.

CLOSING PRAYER: Rev. Carter closed the meeting with prayer.

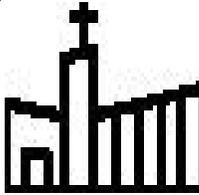
NEXT STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION IS Tuesday, June 7, 2016 AT 6:45 P.M. SHARP IN THE LIBRARY.

Rebecca S. Lindsay,
Clerk of Session



Covington Independent Public School Supply wish list is below. We want to make sure every child is prepared to have a great school year.

Clear or Mesh Backpack,
#2 Pencils,
24 pack of crayons,
glue sticks (lots of glue sticks)
Boxes of Tissues, Pink Erasers,
8-pack Washable Broad Tip Markers,
Fiskers Scissors (left and right handed),
Pencil Case,
Wide-Ruled Spiral Bound Notebook,
Pocket Folders,
Coloring Pencils,
Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Paper,
Blue Pens,
Rulers,
1" Binders,
Subject Dividers,
Pocket Dictionaries,
Pencil Sharpeners,
Highlighter Pens,
Agenda Book or Student Planner.



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JUNE EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal will resume after Labor Day

Father's Day 19th
Vacation Bible School @ Third Church 5:30-8:00 26th—30th

JULY EVENTS

Session Meeting 6:45pm 5th
Newsletter Articles due 11th
Mission Team Meeting 7:00pm 12th

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