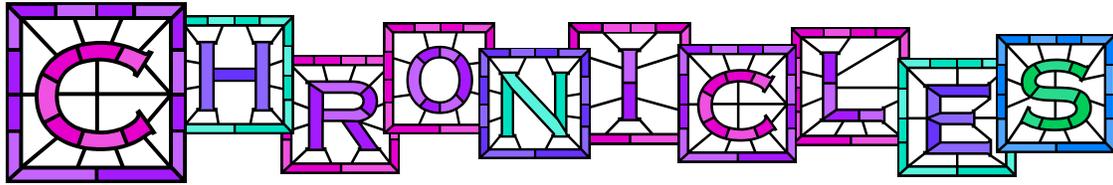


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## Note from the Pastor

Tuesday, March 15, 2016. The Ides of March for 2016, a date which is notorious for being the date of the death of Julius Caesar. Would you be surprised to know that “ides” simply refers to a date on the Roman calendar that was the middle of the month? And yet it has been infused with notoriety by Shakespeare’s line, “beware the ides of March” in his play about Caesar’s reign. Other notable dates this week are Pi day, March 14 (3.14) which this year was rounded to 3.14.16. I hope you ate some pie! And we can’t forget March 17, St. Patrick’s Day, a day named in honor of Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick’s Day is a cultural and re-

ligious holiday both in Ireland and in other places, including the United States, where it seems to have more to do with green beer and leprechauns than with St. Patrick himself.

During this time of year we also find ourselves in the season of Lent, a time of reflection and penitence and looking ahead to Easter. Like Advent, most of the secular world and a good bit of the Christian world place little emphasis on Lent, preferring to go right to Easter with its brightly colored eggs and chocolate bunnies. By the time you read this Lent will be nearly done for, with only Maundy Thursday and Easter

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## Note from the Pastor, continued

itself to contend with; then we move through the 7 Sundays of Easter until we come to Pentecost, the unofficial birthday of Christianity.

Throughout this time we'll pass the first day of Spring, tax day, and Mother's Day, and though we won't quite make it to Memorial Day before Pentecost, we'll be almost there and summer will begin.

I hope that you will join us for the Maundy Thursday on Thursday, March 24 at 7 pm and for our Easter celebrations: our early service at 8:00 am, our Easter Breakfast at 8:30 am and our regular service at 11:00 am. And as spring flowers bloom and the days become more consistently warm, I pray that you will find the peace of Christ.

Peace, Rev. Sharon



### **Volunteer Opportunity at Cornerstone Ministry**

Thank you to Cheryl Massey and all who helped with the preparation and serving of our first meal for Cornerstone!

**Thank You** to all of our volunteers who helped clean up our building and grounds on Saturday, March 12. We are grateful for all of our volunteers, for everything you do!



**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.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Alan Jaeger	1st
Joe Beckett	4th
Joanna Bailey	8th
Joelle Van Alstine	18th
Justin Brown	28th
William Lindsay	29th



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Steven and Sandi Brown    March 13    40 years  
 Cecil and Katie Hamilton    March 28    33 years

We have no April wedding anniversaries  
 .....that we know of

**MISSION AT WORK****BY: JACK KLEIER**

On Sat, Feb. 27. I traveled to Beattyville. Ky. For a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buckhorn Children's Center. At noon we recessed the meeting to dedicate a new treatment center at Beattyville. This facility will be known as the Ed & Betty Rankin Cottage of Hope, Second Presbyterian Campus, Beattyville, Ky. The Center will serve Autistic Children

Dr. and Betty Rankin were long time members of Second Presbyterian Church in Lexington and when they died in 2012, 19 days apart, they left over \$300,000 to the children and youth of Buckhorn Children & Family Services.

Dr. Rankin was born in Louisville, Ky. and practice Internal Medicine in Lexington from 1949-1994. Mrs. Rankin was born in Indianapolis, In.

and became a registered Nurse and homemaker. They were members of Second Presbyterian Church for 62 years and were married for 66 years.

Buckhorn is pleased that the Rankings made a gift that will live for many years and honor their generous memory. This gift not only helps Buckhorn's Children but it also helps the community by providing much needed jobs.

Don't forget the One Great Hour of Sharing Campaign this month. Remember your gift works throughout the year through the Presbyterian Disaster Aid Fund.

We are now helping serve meals at the Cornerstone Ministries in Covington. If you would like to be a part of that ministry contact Rev. Sharon.

Peace

**SAVE THE DATE—SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

On Saturday, April 30th, COF is having a rummage sale 8:00am—1:00pm. Rent a table for \$10 and sell the doodads, whatchamacallits and sundries that take up space in your house. Donations and Shoppers Welcome! Hotdogs and drinks will be available. See Jack or Rev. Sharon for details.

## FILM CAPSULES

To see the full review at [visualparables.org](http://visualparables.org), click onto the film titles that are highlighted.

### Race

Rated PG-13. Running time: 2 hours 14 min. Prov 21:15; Ps 37:28; 1 Cor 9:24.

This bio of the athlete Jesse Owens is like other excellent sports films in that it deals with Jesse's struggle against racism as well as against his field and track competitors. Born in the South, he and his family found when they migrated North that there was just as much racism in Cleveland, Ohio and at Ohio State University. His marvelous four medal wins at the 1936 Berlin Olympics poured cold water on Hitler and Goebbel's claims of Aryan superiority, but when returning to the USA the young athlete discovered that no amount of Olympic glory could save him from the humiliation of Jim Crow, even in NYC which threw him a ticker tape parade!

### Risen

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 47 min. Mt 28:12-15; Jn 20:26-29 & 21:1-4.

This is a well-done police procedural meets Life of Jesus film, even though Christ gets no more than 5 or 6 minutes screen time. When Pilate, prompted by the chief priests, orders his tribune, the battle hardened Clavius, to find the body of the crucified

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Galilean, the Roman turns Jerusalem upside down as his soldiers bust into homes in search of the disciples. Joseph Fiennes' excellent acting is totally convincing in the scene in which he is transformed, with none of the cloying sentiment in the similar scene of the spoof of Biblical films, *Hail Caesar*.

### Hail, Caesar

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 47 min. Josh 24:15b; Esth 4:14c; Mt 4:8-9.

I love it—think of it as God's joke on us movie goers—that this delightful Coen Brothers' film came out at about the same time as the film whose genre it mocks, *Risen*. This one, set in the early 1950s, centers on a major studio executive whose job as a "fixer" is to get his stars out of legal and moral jams. He is up to his ears in various fixes, including tracking down the star of their in-production *Hail, Caesar*, who has been kidnapped by a group of disgruntled writers who demand a ransom of \$100 K. Add this to your list of films about Hollywood and the making of films.

### A War

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 55 min. Mic 6:8.

This Danish entry into the Oscar race shows that Americans are not the only ones serving in Afghanistan. The story centers upon a Danish officer dedicated to his men and to the task of protecting local

## FILM CAPSULES, CONTINUED

villagers from the Taliban. His mission is terribly complicated due to language and cultural differences, plus the fact that at night the soldiers have to retreat into their walled compound, leaving the villagers to the mercy of Taliban marauders who rule the night. The film switches back and forth between the officer and his beleaguered wife coping with their three young children who are upset by his long absence. Their lives are upended further when the unit is attacked by the Taliban and the officer makes a judgment call that costs the lives of a number of civilian women and children.

### The Hateful Eight

Rated G. Running time: 2 hours 14 min. Ps 73:5-7.

All the characters in Quentin Tarantino's version of a Western are hateful, even Samuel Jackson's Civil War veteran who glories in the fact that he burnt up a unit of sleeping Rebs (much as in the filmmaker's *Inglorious Basterds*). The film is as bloody as any Tarantino film, and also as fascinating in its depiction of character and its smart dialogue. As in *Django Unchained* the director injects the theme of racism, but in such an extreme way that it would have made Dr. King blush. There is even the hint that this is an anti-Passion story, suggested by the very long opening shot of a large

**BY: ED McNULTY**

snow covered crucifix at the beginning of the film. With the director/writer's enthusiasm for so-called redemptive violence, this film is not for everyone, but it will never bore you.

### The Lady in the Van

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 44 min. Ps 13:1-4.

If you loved Maggie Smith in *Downton Abbey*, you will also enjoy her in her less exalted role of bag lady Miss Shepherd. Based on real happenings, it is the story of an imperious lady forced to live in a dilapidated van parked on a street in a London neighborhood of artists and writers. When the council passes an ordinance banning overnight parking, playwright Alan Bennett allows her to park in the driveway of his newly acquired home. It was supposed to be "temporary," but stretches into a decade and a half, during which both are changed by their uneasy relationship.

### Mustang

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 37 min. Ps. 55:6-7

Turkish-French Deniz Gamze Erguven's feminist film was among the Oscar nominees for Best Foreign Language Film. Set in present day

## FILM CAPSULES, CONTINUED

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Turkey, it is the story of five free-spirited orphaned sisters who run afoul of their grandmother and uncle when a neighbor sees them frolicking with boys in the surf while celebrating the end of the school term. Their ultra-conservative neighbors and guardians believe they were “pleasuring themselves” with the boys, so they are made to give up their western clothes and electronic gadgets so that they can be taught the appropriate skills to become suitably submissive wives. They of course, will rebel as their house becomes a prison for body and soul.

### The Good Dinosaur

Rated PG. Running time: 1 hour 33 min. Isa 43:1-2; Lk 2:10.

Some on IMDB have trashed this journey/coming of age film because of its plot involving the death of the young dinosaur’s father and several fierce attacks by raptors. This is a film that parents of pre-school children should see before taking theirs, but I found it no more violent than *Bambi* or any number of other animated family films. It is not up to the standards of other Pixar films, but it is filled with beautifully drawn vistas, a coming of age story, and life lessons about family and friendship.

### London Has Fallen

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 39 min. Ps 58:10.

If you liked the original *Washington Has Fallen*, you might enjoy the same cast, whose lives this time are threatened in London. Lots more older monuments there for the special effects crew to blow up. Instead of North Koreans, the terrorists this time are in the employment of an arms dealer out for vengeance because of a drone attack on his villa where his daughter was about to be married killed her and many other members of his family. Will Secret Service agent Mike Banning save the President and Western Civilization? Put that in the same category as “Do politicians ever lie to us?” (Sorry if I spoiled the plot for you.)

### Gods of Egypt

Rated PG-13. Running time: 2 hours 7 min. Josh 24:15; Lk 9:25.

If someone suggests you go together to this turkey, run the other way, unless you are a junkie for special effects. They are very good, with characters changing into winged creatures that transfer their sword fights into soaring affairs. The sets are magnificent, as they should be with an estimated budget of \$149 mil-

## FILM CAPSULES, CONTINUED

lion—they probably spent more just on catered food than the producers of *Lady in the Van* or *45 Years* (the 2 wonderful films I saw right before this one) spent on their entire film. The story about a god fighting to win back his stolen kingdom and of a human trying to save his dead lover from final judgment kept getting in the way of my enjoyment of the sets.

### Son of Saul

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 47 min. Ps 22:1; Ps 139:8.

Possibly one of the most depressing films you will ever see, this winner of last year's Best Foreign Language Film Oscar, nonetheless seeks to show how in the midst of Hell a human being strives to hold onto a shred of dignity. Its protagonist is a Sonderkommando at one of the Auschwitz Crematoriums, his task to help herd new arrivals into the "showers" and then clean up the blood and mess after the victims are gassed. When he thinks a boy who survives for a brief time a gassing is his son, Saul becomes obsessed with finding a rabbi so the body can be properly buried—this despite the secret preparations of his

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fellow prisoners for an uprising. The skillful camerawork—99% of the time using only shallow focus shots of Saul's head and shoulders—and excellent acting make you feel you are in the midst of the horror going on around him. This hits harder than most Holocaust films, even including *Schindler's List*, and thus is best seen with a companion.

### On DVD

#### Theologians Under Hitler

Documentary - Not rated. Running time: 1 hour 4 min. Is 5:20; Ezek 34:4.

Using newsreel footage, archival photos and interviews with historians, this PBS documentary examines the lives and teachings of three German world-class theologians Paul Althaus, Emanuel Hirsch, and Gerhard Kittel, all of whom supported Adolph Hitler. How could they lend their names to such a monster? By showing how such mistakes as identifying one's country with God and giving into fear could lead to the idolatry of one's nation and the need to find a scapegoat for the nation's problems, they show not only how it happened in Germany, but also could here as well.

## COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MEETING MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COVINGTON, KENTUCKY February 2, 2016, 7:00 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, February 2, 2016, in the library at 7:05 P.M. by the Rev. Sharon Carter, Moderator. Rev. Carter opened the meeting with prayer.

**REVIEW OF MEETING ETIQUETTE:** Rev. Carter reviewed some basic rules of parliamentary procedure under which the Session meeting would be conducted.

**STUDY/ DEVOTIONAL:** Rev. Carter reported on the meeting she attended concerning Transformation 2.0. If we want to be involved with this, we have to let Presbytery know by March.

**APPROVAL of the DOCKET:** The docket was approved with the addition of several first-of-the-year elections and decisions which were placed under appropriate headings.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ACTION:** The minutes of the regular Session Meeting, held on January 5, 2016, and the Annual Congregational Meeting held on January 17, 2016, were approved as presented.

**ELECTION OF CLERK FOR 2016:**  
**ACTION:** Rebecca S. Lindsay was elected as clerk of Session and Dawn R. Farwick as assistant clerk for the term of one year (2016).

**CLERK OF SESSION'S REPORT:**  
**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Annual Session Statistical Report, that is submitted to General Assembly and the Presbytery each year, was adopted. Treasurer Matthew Hastings will send the financial information to be included in the report to Clerk of Session Rebecca Lindsay, and she will submit the report on line.

**BAPTISM:** Sara Grace Kleier was baptized on Sunday, January 10, 2016, during the morning worship service. Born on [March 15, 2006](#), In Edgewood, KY, Sara is the daughter of Shawn Drew Kleier and Patricia Marie Kleier (Stoup).

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** Dawn R. Farwick and Jean Jennings were installed as ruling elders, and Jeffery R. Carter and Carol Schomaker were installed as deacons on Sunday, January 10. William M. Lindsay was installed as a ruling elder and Freda Carlin as a deacon on Sunday, January 17.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**  
Rev. Carter provided a tentative calendar for the next year for informational purposes. The church birthday party could be scheduled for April.

A joint meeting with the Deacons could be scheduled in the summer or later in the year.

## COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

The Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 10, at 7:00 P.M.

- Rev. Carter will conduct a Lenten study series, similar to the Advent study, on Wednesdays beginning February 17 and lasting through March 16. The evening will begin at 5:30 P.M. with a soup and bread supper followed by a Bible study. Child care will be provided on request.

The Maundy Thursday service will be held on March 24.

Session agreed by general consent to these dates and times.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES: ACTION:** Elder/Trustees Alan Jaeger, John Kleier, and Dawn Farwick were given authority to open the safety deposit box, and all other names will be removed at the bank. A resolution to give the Trustees' President and Vice-president authority to sign legal and financial documents was postponed until next month when the Trustees have elected officers.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: ACTION:** A motion to elect Matthew Hastings and Kimberly Suer as co-treasurers for the term of one year (2016) was adopted. The co-treasurers were asked to provide quarterly reports to Session. Matt reported that we currently have a \$1200 credit on our Duke bill.

### TEAM REPORTS

**ACTION:** A motion carried to separate the Congregational Care and Christian Educa-

tion functions into two separate teams.

**Assignment of Team membership for 2016:** Elders were assigned to serve on the following teams.

**Worship:** Joanna Bailey and Gary Willis  
**Administration & Property Team:** Dawn Farwick and Christian Addison.  
**Christian Education (New)** Joanna Bailey and William Lindsay  
**Congregational Care Team:** Jean Jennings

**Mission & Evangelism Team:** William Lindsay, John Kleier and Al Jaeger.

**ACTION:** The Session concurred with the Mission and Evangelism Team's choice of co-moderators, Alan Jaeger and John Kleier.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the four PC(USA) offerings for the year—One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peace Offering and the Christmas Joy Offering—was adopted.

- **Nominating Committee:** Rebecca Lindsay will serve as chair of the Nominating Committee.

- **Deacons Moderator:** Janet Stadtmiller

**Commissioner and alternate to Presbytery: ACTION:** A motion to elect Elder William Lindsay as commissioner to Presbytery for the term of one year (2016) was adopted. Alternates will be obtained as needed.

## COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Elder Christian Addison reported that he has returned the web camera he had previously ordered and has purchased a new one with a plan.

**Joys and Concerns:** Prayers of joy and concern were raised for the following people and situations: Bill Krimpelman; Donald Smith, Sr.; people in Nigeria facing Boko Haram; Syrian refugees; the four little girls that Ron and Sharon Carlin brought to church; Karen Young; Mary Anne Sanders; Emmanuel Addison; our country during the election process; those terrorized by bullies.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M. with the singing of the Doxology.

**NEXT STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION IS** Tuesday, March 1, 2016 **AT 6:45 P.M. SHARP IN THE LIBRARY.**

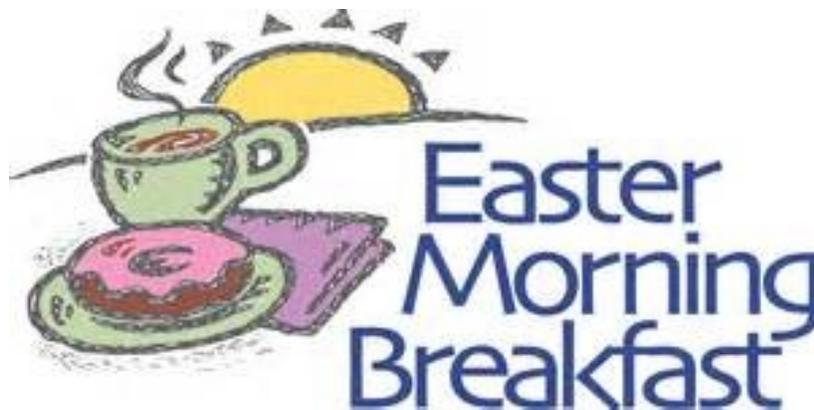
Rebecca S, Lindsay

Clerk of Session

## EASTER BREAKFAST FOLLOWING 8:30 SERVICE

We invite you to begin your Easter morning here, at COF. Rev. Sharon will hold an early service at 8:30am. followed by breakfast at 9:00. Sunday School will begin at 9:40 followed by Worship at 11:00am

It is quite an undertaking to prepare this yummy breakfast for so many, any assistance you can offer will be appreciated. Please help Jean Jennings with food preparation, set up and clean up as you are able.



## Your Presbytery Link

highlights of the  
**Presbytery Meeting**  
**February 23, 2016**

**at Kennedy Heights**  
**Presbyterian Church**

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

**MISSION** The presbytery assembled 409 complete hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. An additional 154 kits were complete except for one item. Extra items were contributed to the Kennedy Heights Caring Place

**WORSHIP** Vice Moderator Lisa Stenner (pastor, Union) preached on Psalm 91. The presbytery celebrated healing and renewal happening at Covenant-First Church. The offering was collected for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

The presbytery took these **ACTIONS** among others.

**DISMISSED** administrative commissions that ordained Christy Mitchell (Hillsboro First) as a teaching elder and that worked with Covenant-First.

**APPOINTED** moderators: Maurice

Mitchell, Seaman; Donald Smith, Norwood; James Crank, Elmwood-Carthage and Hartwell; Jim Bernard, Dry Ridge

**DESIGNATED** teaching elders as honorably retired: James Crank, Bill Westmoreland, Rhonda, O'Reilly.

**DESIGNATED** members at-large: Jim DiEgidio, Troy Bronsink

**ENROLLED** Junie Ewing (transitional associate pastor, Mt. Washington) as a member of the presbytery.

**DESIGNATED** Gordon Jewett as pastor emeritus, Northminster

**ELECTED** members of the Nominating Committee: Jim Brazell (HR), Bob Clary (HR), Frank Martin (Winton Hills) and of the Committee on Church Order: Madeline Bronaugh (Carmel).

**ELECTED** presbytery treasurer Couper Gardiner (Knox).

**VOTED** not to concur with an overture to General Assembly that recommends changing the definition of marriage in W-4.9000.

## Your Presbytery Link, continued

Individuals and groups shared **INFORMATION**.

Due to his death on January 11, the Rev. Dan Sandifer-Stech has been removed from the presbytery's rolls. Before moving to China to work in an international school, Dan served as pastor, Glendale First.

Decatur Church has indicated its desire to be dissolved.

The General Presbyter Search Committee has narrowed its search to 11 candidates.

Jonathan Seitz (mission co-worker, Taiwan) is available to preach or make presentations.

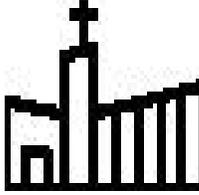
Transformation 2.0 is beginning another round of learning cohorts.

The Storm Relief Network is planning a mission trip to Chapin, South Carolina April 24-30.

The Board of Trustees is holding a congregational insurance seminar March 12 at Pleasant Ridge, 9-11 a.m. Reservations: [claire@cpresby.org](mailto:claire@cpresby.org)

**Community Fish Fry on Friday March 25, 2016 from 4:30 PM-7:30 PM at Union Presbyterian Church.** The Fish Fry will be helping Boy Scout Troops 805 and 702. The Fish Fry is also being sponsored by Colonial Cottage and the City of Union. Each meal costs \$8 and includes either Fish or Shrimp and two sides. They do have carry out and dine in available





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## MARCH EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 @ 7:00pm

Lenten Bible Study & Dinner 5:30pm	16th
Making Palm Crosses 10:00am	19th
Palm Sunday	20h
Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm	24th
Good Friday	25th
Easter Sunday	27th
Early Service 8:30am, Breakfast 9:00am, Service 11:00am	

## APRIL EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal 6, 13, 20, & 27 @ 7:00pm

Session	5th
Rummage Sale 8:00am-1:00pm	30th

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