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Note from the Pastor

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After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

These verses you may recognize from Luke, as I preached on them this summer and we've been studying them as part of the Transformation 2.0 process. (In fact I'm sure you've heard this story before this summer!)

I have chosen to highlight these two verses that come at the beginning of the passage because they focus on who Jesus is sending out and why he is sending them. Previously he had sent the 12 disciples in pairs with similar instructions; now he is sending a larger group of folks out, in pairs,

to the places he intended to go. I imagine, based on the rest of the passage that by going out in pairs it was safer; and by going to the places he intended to go it would give him a chance to see which towns would be receptive and which ones wouldn't. Perhaps he could then avoid the places that he knew would reject his message.

What he says as he sends them out is illuminating: the harvest is plentiful-- in other words, there are plenty of people who needed to hear his message-- but the laborers are few; at this point his band of followers was relatively small still. So he tells the 70 to pray to the Lord of the harvest for more laborers-- in other words, to show them those people who would help them spread the word and increase the numbers of followers so there would be more and more believers to

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share the good news across the region.

In our T 2.0 process we have been “going out” and listening to different types of people: congregation members, neighborhood members, community leaders-- and we have done neighborhood walks in a couple of areas nearby. The purpose of these activities, as you may have discovered, is not to critique what we’re doing here at COF but to find out some things about COF and our neighborhood. From congregation members we want to find out what about our congregation is meaningful and why; from neighbors and community leaders we want to find out concerns about the neighborhood but also where our neighbors might see God at work. Our findings will be made into a report that we will then share with the congregation and then come together and talk about it. From there we will hopefully come up with some “experiments”-- probably beginning with a small, free activity that tries to connect us in some way with the community.

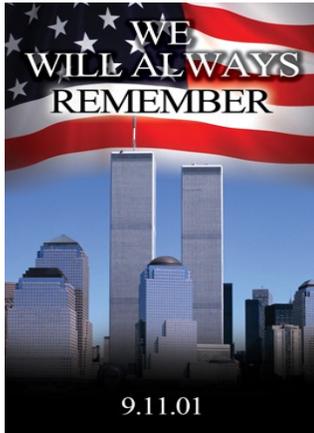
This is not to say that what we’re doing here is wrong. We have some really good, strong ministries; but what we don’t have is a lot of community connection; neither do we have a lot of people from the neighborhoods around us coming by to see who we are and what we’re up to. We don’t know our neighbors and many of our neighbors don’t know we’re up here. And we need to change that, not

because we need numbers of people to come here but because we are called to be laborers of the harvest. There are many around us who need to hear the good news we have to share and we are called by Jesus to share it. We are the laborers of today and we must go out into the fields if we’re going to reap the harvest.

Perhaps we can put it in modern terms: Jesus is sending us out like it’s Black Friday-- the presents that need to be bought are many but the shoppers are few (ok maybe that doesn’t work.) The point is, we are sent by Jesus into the world to tell people about him, to show them his love and his compassion, to declare to the world that peace is with them, that the kingdom of God has come near. This is our job now that we are believers, this is our calling, our life. Sharing the good news of Christ is our first, last and only mission as his followers-- sharing it and bringing new followers to his way, expanding the peace and the kingdom of God. Then they will share, bringing more followers to the way of Christ, and they will share, bringing more followers to the way of Christ, and they will share, and they will share and they will share...

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, and Deborah Grover.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Anji Hurt	6th
Bart Groeneveld	9th
William Dupps	15th
Freda Carlin	24th
Emmanuel Addison	26th

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Miguel Carlin	7th
Nancy Ziegler	14th
Ryan Nowak	20th
Sandi Brown	25th
Robert Hamilton	28th
Jennifer Beach	31st



MISSION AT WORK

As we look forward to fall and the colors that we are so blessed to witness as nature puts on her great show, many of us will make trips to see these brilliant colors. Often times we travel to another place to see the same thing we can find right here at home. There is an old saying that the grass is always greener on the other side. Mission works that way also. Many of us travel to another location to “do mission” when many times we can do it right here where we live. I bring this up because Sept. 22 begins a week of “Action Against Gun Violence.” Oct. 2 Is World Communion Day and also the Day we receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We don’t have to travel anywhere to take part in these two mission opportunities. Gun Violence is a major problem in this nation. There are too many guns out there and too many people that shouldn’t have them have access to them. As Christians, we should be praying for peace on a daily basis and also asking for god’s help to control gun violence in this country. Here is our chance to pray for a week to stop Gun violence and continue those prayers at least through Oct. 2. We might even want to think of other ways to make a difference such as writing a letter to govt. officials to help stop gun violence. The other thing we can do is to contribute to the peace offering to help keep children-at-risk safe in their own neighborhoods. We can do this right in the safety of our own homes.

This is the month to begin thinking Stewardship. In Nov. we usually conduct a stewardship campaign as do many churches. Too of-

BY: JACK KLEIER

ten we think this is all about money. And that is partly true as churches need money to pay their bills and keep the doors open. But they also have many other needs that can be met by the congregants being good stewards. We do not have a custodian at our church therefore many people donate time coming to the building to help maintain it. You could be one of those people. We always need people to serve on committees which help to keep the programs of the church running. You could be one of those people. We have a liturgist to help with the worship service. You could be one of those people. If you haven’t been asked let an elder or the pastor know and they’ll help you become involved. Stewardship is helping assure God’s work is done in this place and he has something for each of us to do. Keep this in mind when you fill out an opportunity card in November.

We are having another Family night at the Church on Sept.30, 5-9 P.M. We will again invite the folks at Third and the people of SPARK to join us. Come join us and help us make our guests feel welcome, with music, games, and good old fashioned fellowship as we gather for a campfire and S’mors. It rained last year but it was still a warm friendly night for all that attended. See you then.



PUTT-PUTT & PIZZA

Our annual evening of Putt-Putt and Pizza will be
Saturday, September 24th at 3:00pm.

Putt-Putt will be at the Erlanger, Putt-Putt Fun Center.

After the games, dinner will be at
Salvadore's Pizzeria, 3218 Dixie Highway, Erlanger
across from Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Please let Gary know if you would like to attend.



FIDGET BLANKETS FOR ALZHEIMER PATIENTS

Janet Stadtmiller is collecting small trinkets to embellish fidget quilts. Martha Ann makes the quilts for memory care units in Northern Kentucky and St. E's hospice. She is looking for keys, key chains, luggage tags, pieces of jewelry, fishing lures and bobbers, colorful fabric belts, iron on patches of any kind, yarn scraps, pieces of fringe, greeting cards that play music, old toddler activity mats that can be taken apart to use the pieces, neckties, ribbon, zippers, unusual buttons, plastic practice golf balls, belt buckles, small stuffed animals and dolls, quilted fabric, jeans—adult or children so I can use pieces, rick-rack, fabrics of different feels; leather, fur, satin, etc. Embroidery work on

any craft items left from projects. Small plastic cars or planes. She will be making some for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas soon so anything that could be used for those. If you have any of these items taking up space in your house, please bring them to church and leave them in the box in the glass hallway. Thank you!



FILM CAPSULES

BY: ED McNULTY

Click onto a film title to see the long review. Most of the reviews with discussion questions are in the September issue of Visual Parables, available for sale at visualparables.net. (Films marked with a star will be in the October VP.)

Southside With You

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 24 min. Proverbs 31:8-9. Matthew 7:1-2.

Even were this not about the future President and First Lady of the U.S. this would be a perfect date film. The director/writer's fictional account is based on the true story of Michelle Robinson and Barack Obama's first day spent together when she was his supervisor at a prestigious law firm at which he was interning. She accepts his invitation to go to a meeting of the community organization where he has been serving as a volunteer. Part of the humor stems from her repetition of "This is not a date"—she is worried about the work rule forbidding members of the firm to date. If you liked *Before Sunrise*, you will enjoy this, a film in which the young adults talk about ideas, values, and family histories, rather than going somewhere to strip off their clothes and engage in sex, as in so many so-called romances.

Sully *

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 35 min. Ecclesiastes 9:12.

If all you know about US Airlines Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger is that he landed his giant plane safely on the frigid surface of the Hudson River in 2009, then you know just half of the story. Indeed, actually just four minutes or so, the duration of the time between the take-off, the collision with the

birds, and the descent onto the river. "Sully" and his loyal co-pilot Jeff Skiles had to endure relentless examinations by the National Transportation Board that was convinced they had made the wrong decision and should have returned to the airport.

The Innocents *

Original Title: Agnus Dei

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 55 min. Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28 (RSV).

If you liked the Polish film about a Catholic novice discovering that she was born Jewish, you will love this true story set in a Polish convent just after World War Two. A French Red Cross intern becomes deeply involved in delivering the babies of a group of nuns raped by Russian soldiers. Sworn to secrecy this non-believing Communist befriends the independent-minded Sister Maria, both of them having a hard time with the rigid Abbess who fears that the shame belongs to those raped, rather than to the rapists. The story begins in darkness, but by the end the compassion of the two friends bring light and love to the fore.

A Tale of Love and Darkness *

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 35 min. Deuteronomy 30:19-20; Proverbs 17:22; Proverbs 18:14. (Hebrew with English subtitles)

Natalie Portman's first film as a director (and writer) is based on the memoir of one of Israel's most famous writers, Amos Oz. As the only child of Fania and Arie Klausner, he lived in Jerusalem where both sets of his grandparents also resided. Set during the troubled days of the British Mandate and the birth of Israel, the boy also observes he troubles of his parents, his father a not very suc-

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cessful writer, and his brilliant mother falling deeper and deeper into depression that ended in suicide when Amos was 12. Each shaped the boy, the father's love for words and literature, and his mother's love for and skill in story telling.

Ben-Hur

Rated PG-13. Running time: 2 hours 5 min. Leviticus 19:18.

Do we really need a remake of General Lew Wallace's popular 1880 novel *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* when we have the incredibly popular 1959 epic? Maybe not, though my doubts were laid aside by the radical revision of the ending in this shorter version. This time Messala becomes a changed man, rather than dying cursing his rival, providing a note of reconciliation so essential the gospel. Jesus is also much more prominent, the crucifixion scene, during which Christ forgives his tormentors, especially being crucial to Ben-Hur's transformation from a man bent on vengeance to one able to forgive.

Kubo and the Two Strings

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 41 min. Zechariah 4:6. Mark 14:9.

This beautiful stop-motion fairy tale looks like it is another wonderful Japanese import, but it actually was made in Portland Oregon. Kubo is a boy living with his mentally troubled widowed mother in a cave close to a village in ancient Japan. He earns their keep at the village by singing stories accompanied while playing his three-string instrument. He is the most popular entertainer due to his mother's magic, by which he brings his origami papers to life as samurai warriors and

monsters. When threatened by his two spectral aunts and the evil grandfather who killed his father, the boy sets forth on a quest. Adults will love the beauty of the animation and the plot which has Kubo setting aside his sword and armor. Parents of young children might want to see the film first because of some dark and violent scenes—but the film is so good that they should not mind seeing it twice.

Captain Fantastic

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 58 min. Proverbs 4:1-2 & 22:6.

Ben, the survivalist son-in-law raising six children in the wilderness of the Pacific Northwest clashes with the father of his wife when the family journeys to Arizona to attend her funeral in defiance of the grandfather's wishes. Ben and his wife, who was so troubled that she committed suicide, wanted to remove their children from what they regarded was a corrupt materialistic society. Their life together is put at risk when their grandfather sues for custody on the grounds of child abuse. The film gradually reveals a darker side to what at first seems to be an idyllic existence, though the ending waffles a bit. A good film, made all the better by the fine acting of Viggo Mortensen and the young actors playing the children. Some good child-raising issues are raised.

The Light Between Oceans

Rated PG-13. Running time: 2 hours 13 min. Psalm 119:1-3

This story of two kinds of love—to possess vs. to sacrifice—reminds me of some of the bittersweet films of the Forties. A lighthouse

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on a lonely island off the coast of Australia is tended by Tom, who woos the local Isabel. They would have been happy on the island but for Isabel's two miscarriages. When they find in a drifting lifeboat a baby with its dead father, Isabel convinces her reluctant husband to take down one of the small grave markers and keep this female child as their own. Her family and their friends on shore celebrate their good fortune, but will Tom be able to lay aside his conscience that tells him they have made the wrong decision, especially when they meet the grieving widow and mother of "their" child?

Pete's Dragon

Rated PG. Running time: 1 hour 42 min.

Unusual in that it is vastly superior, this remake of Disney's 1977 version is a wonderful family film that celebrates interspecies friendship, family, and the beauty and preciousness of Nature (especially that of the Pacific Northwest). The highest compliment I can pay it and director David Lowery is that the two child actors seem to have been directed by Steven Spielberg. If you loved *E.T.*, this is a must see film.

Indignation

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 54 min. Romans 12:2.

A Jewish student whose father runs a kosher butcher shop in Newark is the proverbial fish out of water when he accepts a scholarship to a small Christian college in Ohio. He goes there partly to escape from his domineering parents, only to find that the college Dean is even more so, seeking to make the free thinking boy fit in. A non-penetrating sexual en-

counter is frank, but not graphic, just as in the Philip Roth novel the film is based on. There is an almost O. Henry ending that suggests that in the society of the Fifties refusing to fit in can be deadly.

Don't Think Twice

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 32 min. Proverbs 27:17

A Manhattan improv group has garnered a small following, but not enough for financial security. Then they are told they will have to move out of their theater because a developer is buying it. When one of them becomes a cast member of a popular weekend TV show, the other five members have mixed reactions—happy for their friend's success, but also jealousy. This dramedy is one of the best films of the summer, providing insight into what makes us laugh and why. Don't think twice about seeing this film—just go and enjoy yourself!

Anthropoid

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour min. Isaiah 13:11.

Two Czech partisans in December 1941 parachute into their country, sent by their government-in-exile to assassinate the brutal Nazi ruler in Prague, Reinhard Heydrich. Step by step we follow them as they link up to the underground, find room and board with a family, choose two young women to pose as their girlfriends to cover their movements about the city as they study Heydrich's routine. Although there is plenty of gunfire when they confront him, the real battle comes some months later when the Nazis track them to the church where they are hiding. Like many war films, this one raises some ethical issues.

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War Dogs

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 54 min. Isaiah 5:20 (RSV).

A young man comes close to losing his soul when a friend from his boyhood takes him into his lucrative scheme of arms dealing made possible by the Pentagon's open contracting practice during the Bush presidency. Their unsavory business takes them to Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Bosnia, some of these trips proving to be very dangerous. The film is often funny, but also serious in raising ethical questions.

Dough

Rated PG. Running time: 1 hour 24 min.

Showing only at the Mariemont Theaters, this British film is about an elderly kosher baker who, having lost his carefully trained apprentice, in desperation hires the son of his cleaning lady. Immigrants from Darfur, both are Muslims, so how is an observant Jew and a devout Muslim to get along, especially when the boy has a connection with a drug seller? And what happens when the boy accidentally spills some of his cannabis into the dough? Both funny and at times serious, this interfaith tale is highly enjoyable.

Phantom Boy

Rated PG. Running time: 1 hour 24 min.

Showing at the Esquire Theaters, this French fantasy film shows how beautiful flat, 2D animation can be. A boy in a hospital undergoing chemotherapy discovers that he can

leave his body for a limited time and fly around in and beyond the hospital. Discovering a cop with a leg injury confining him to a wheelchair, he teams up with the officer and a female journalist to combat a super villain threatening chaos to NYC if the Mayor does not pay him a billion dollars by a certain time. If you like the older Batman or Dick Tracy comic adventures, this will provide a lot of escapist enjoyment.

Equity

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 51 min. Hebrews 13:5a.

What might be regarded as a feminist version of *Wall Street* suggests that women, no matter how good at their work, still must deal with the infamous "glass ceiling." Banker Naomi Bishop, who loves money as much as Gordon Gekko, is in charge of a team seeking to win from a tech firm the lucrative contract to underwrite its upcoming IPO. The story has many twists and turns, including a former classmate, now a federal attorney, investigating inside trading at Naomi's bank, plus an affair with a hedge funder at her bank who might be using her for his own profit. The film's characters are not very admirable, but the story raises plenty of ethical issues for discussion.

Florence Foster Jenkins

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 51 min. Romans 12:3

The story of New York society's grand dame of the title could easily be made into a farce. This was a woman aspiring to be a concert singer, even at Carnegie Hall. However, she could not carry a tune or acquire the right

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rhythm. However, British filmmaker Stephen Frears likes this deluded woman too much to subject her to such a fate. And so did her husband and many of her peers, the former especially seeking to protect her from the ridicule and laughter of strangers. Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant are a delight playing this highly unorthodox couple of the first part of the 20th century.

On DVD
September 11

French producer Alain Brigand asked 11 directors from around the world to make a film exactly 11 minutes, 9 frames, and 1 frame in length. Just 3 take place in this country (New York City), with most showing the reaction to the disaster. Some of the other countries are Bosnia, Israel, Japan, Iran, Burkino Faso—United Kingdom’s Ken Loach’s film is perhaps the most interesting and biting.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

September Anniversaries

Terri & Cliff Brown	11th	34 years
Christian & Barbara Addison	15th	9 years
Jim & Erika Berry	19th	35 years
Fred & Tracy Nowak	23rd	21 years
Jack & Nita Kleier	26th	57 years
Dan & Dawn Farwick	29th	9 years

October Anniversaries

Jeff & Sharon Carter	5th	31 years
Anthony & Sandra Beach	5th	32 years
Bart Groeneveld & Carol Alverson		
	7th	27 years
Robert & Freda Carlin	15th	50 years



Your Presbytery Link

Your Presbytery Link - highlights of the presbytery meeting

September 13, 2016 at Union Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP occurred throughout the meeting.

Changes in presbytery leadership occurred with the installation of Moderator Lisa Stenner (pastor, Union) and Vice Moderator Bob Young (ruling elder, Blue Ash), and the recognition of outgoing Council Chair Nicholas Yoda (pastor, Pleasant Ridge) and outgoing Moderator Mary Ann Jacobs (ruling elder, St. John's Westminster) as she became Council Chair.

The presbytery elected new committee members, including chairs:

Jim Brazell (HR) – Church Order

Patricia Brown (ruling elder, Kennedy Heights) – Representation

Rob Heidenreich (ruling elder, Covenant-First) – Board of Trustees

Frank Martin (ruling elder, Winton Hills) – Nominating

Bob Maxwell (ruling elder, Knox) – Personnel

Kevin Murphey (pastor, Northwest) – Ministry

John Robson (ruling elder, Dayton) – Preparation for Ministry

Transitions also have occurred in the lives of:

Louisa Umphres (associate pastor, Lakeside) and her spouse Will upon the birth of their second son

Ed McNulty (HR), Susan Williams (former pastor, Cranston), and Mark Mong (former pastor, Mowrystown), who have transferred to other presbyteries

Allan Lane (member at-large) who has moved to northern Ohio

Kathleen Daniels (stated supply, Dry Ridge) was recently ordained.

Jean Frable (HR) and Robert Clark (HR) have joined the Church Triumphant.

The presbytery examined and approved Rebecca Bosarge (Knox) for candidacy in her preparation to become a teaching elder and Kelsey Hawisher-Faul (Presbytery of New Brunswick) for ordination as a teaching elder. Kelsey has been called to serve as associate pastor of Heritage Presbyterian Church.

Informational reports were shared:

The Children of Ludlow After School Program (CLASP), a partnership of Northern Kentucky congregations, shared news about their work.

The Congregational Development Task Force (CDTF) announced its goal of planting a new congregation by September 2017.

The Board of Trustees announced the former

Your Presbytery Link, continued

Grace Community property has been sold to the YMCA.

Treasurer Couper Gardiner (Knox) presented the first reading of the proposed 2017 Budget.

The Storm Relief Network invited participation in its October 23-29, 2016 mission trip to Greenbrier County, WV, to rebuild from the Spring 2016 flood. To go, contact Elder John Deye (Lakeside) john.deye@gmail.com, 859-394-2875.

The presbytery approved changes in call:

Lisa Berheisel (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) to interim associate pastor, Wyoming

Jan Dillaman to stated supply, Venice

Tyler Pettigrew to pastor, West Chester

David Zuidema, from associate pastor, Wyoming, to honorably retired, and adopted 2017 Minimum Compensation Standards.

General Presbyter Nancy Kahaian presented her first report to the presbytery. It included an exercise in getting to know one another better and committing to being a willing part of the team. She also announced UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 23 – “100 Days of Cincinnati”

November 5 – “Leading from Within”

November 15 – “World Café” experience included during the Presbytery meeting

November 21 – “Healthy Congregations” Seminar

Late November/December – Advent Bible Study

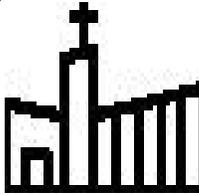
Details will be forthcoming on www.cpresby.org.

Lisa Stenner preached on Romans 12:1-8; she and Carol Ferguson (pastor, Crescent Springs) presided during the Lord’s Supper.

NEW! NEW! NEW! -THE COFNKY WEBSITE

After months of preparation by our design team (Sharon Carter, Patricia Kleier, and Bill Lindsay), plus a team of web designers at NKU’s Center for Applied Infomatics (CAI), our new website at www.cofnky.org is scheduled to “go live,” sometime during the week of 9/19. Visit and browse the website to see all the new and interesting features that we now have. If you have upcoming events or suggestions for improvements, please let any

one of the design team members know. We don’t promise to implement every suggestion that we receive, but all will be carefully considered. Thanks to all who submitted suggestions for the “beta” version, as we were testing the site. They were all very helpful. Note that we will archive the newsletters, bulletins, and sermons for several months back, but older media may be lost in the changeover.



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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal September 7, 14, 21 & 28

Cornerstone food preparation	19th
Serve dinner at Cornerstone 5:30-7:00	20th
Putt-Putt & Pizza 3:00pm	24th
Family Night 5:00-9:00pm	30th

OCTOBER EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal October 5, 12, 19 & 26

Session Meeting 6:45pm	4th
Newsletter Articles Due	10th

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