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### Note from the Pastor

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Jeff and I just returned from vacation that we enjoyed very much. It was different, though—as most of you know, Hurricane Matthew had developed in the Caribbean and moved across Haiti, Jamaica, Cuba and up the eastern coast of the United States. We left on vacation knowing it was possible we'd have to leave early, and that's exactly what happened. On Wednesday morning we packed up and retreated to the Smokey Mountains, where the weather was beautiful and there was no chance of our vacation being further disturbed!

We did continue to watch the storm, however, and see the damage that was left in its wake. Haiti, still recovering from the earthquake that happened several years ago, was hit very hard;

homes were destroyed, crops ruined, and over 800 people are reported dead. Other parts of the Caribbean didn't receive quite as much damage, and in the US flooding was the biggest problem; still, lives were lost and disrupted and some will never be the same again.

The tendency to blame God for these natural disasters goes far back into ancient times. Terrible storms, droughts, earthquakes and so forth were often seen as punishment for sin or signs of an angry deity. The randomness of destruction and devastation make it difficult for us to process what has happened; as it says in Matthew, the sun rises for the good and evil and rain falls on the just and unjust. Disasters

## Note from the Pastor, continued

don't pick and choose who they hurt; but in our broken humanness we want someone to blame, perhaps so that we don't have to blame ourselves. So we might blame God, or we might blame those "sinners" over there for bringing down the wrath of God. Anything to keep ourselves in the clear.

God came to love the world in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus represents the best of humanity and the love that God

has for humanity, all wrapped up in one package. On the cross, Christ represents the pain of the world; raised from the cross Christ represents the healing of that pain. We are no longer overwhelmed by the pain in our own selves or in the world; therefore we no longer have need to justify ourselves. We ourselves are justified and aligned with God's plan for the world through Christ.

Peace, Rev. Sharon



**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, Mary Lee Harrison, Deborah Grover and Margaret Meyer.



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

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

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Cliff Brown	4th
Tracy Nowak	4th
Howard Story	5th
Jean Jennings	8th
Regan Bales	10th
Sandy Beach	10th
Paula Reinhart	11th
Carol Alverson	21st
Christian Bales	23rd
Jimmy Beckett	26th
Emille Walden	30th



## MISSION AT WORK

BY: JACK KLEIER

Hurricane Matthew just blew by. This was a major Hurricane and did damage from Haiti to North Carolina. PDA has set up an account, DR 000148, reference Matthew on your donation to aid in responding to the major needs caused by this disaster. The effects of this Hurricane will be felt by those areas affected for many years to come.

Haiti has not fully recovered from the last hurricane to hit just three years ago. It is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere and really cannot rebuild without outside help. Beside the damage from the wind, rain and flooding they have lost their food crop, which means there will be nothing to harvest and sell and therefore no money to live on. Their immediate need of course is fresh water. Cholera is a very real and dangerous threat that leads to great loss of life. Haiti will need major outside help in order to survive.

Hurricane Matthew came up our East Coast and hit many cities hard in Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, and

North Carolina. You will be hearing more about this in the months and weeks to come. The Presbytery will be asking for volunteers to go to some of these places to help people rebuild and reclaim their lives and dwellings. Help in any way that you can and support our Presbyterian efforts to help these people in their time of need. Help us to show God's love by extending a helping hand.

We will be conducting the annual Stewardship Campaign again this year. You will again be asked to make a commitment to the Church and its work in the community and the world. There are many ways that church members can be involved. Stewardship is not only the giving of money but also the giving of yourself. God calls us to use our talents in any way that we can. For some of us that may mean just attending Church services on Sunday, and that is desperately needed for a church to be healthy. When you receive a commitment card, please take time to prayerfully **consider what you can do to make COF a vibrant and alive church in its community.**

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



### 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

### November Anniversaries

Gary and Johanna Willis	27th	34 years
Ronnie and Sharon Carlin	27th	53 years

**Save the Date**  
**Our Annual Christmas Tea will be**  
**Sunday December 18th!**



## 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

At Theaters

### Birth of a Nation

Rated R. Running time: 2 hours. 1 Peter 2:18; 1 Samuel 15:3; Isaiah 61:1

The Nat Turner Slave Rebellion took place 185 years ago, but as Nate Parker's powerful film shows, it is still very relevant to today. Thousands of black Americans have been staging their own rebellions against police shootings of black males, with this time many whites joining in their demonstrations for justice. The first half of the film graphically deals with the horrors of slavery, as well as the gross way in which the whites used the Bible to keep slaves submissive. Nat Turner learned to read the Bible for himself, after which his master hired him out to other slave owners to preach a gospel of meekly submitting to their chains. The film is the story of Nat gradually learning that other parts of the Bible taught a very different view, one that would lead to his explosive but short-lived rebellion. It is ironic that the family

BY: ED McNULTY

name of Samuel Turner is today remembered only because of his slave's daring to stand up to his tyranny. A film that *every* American should see!

### [Queen of Katwe](#)

Rated PG. Running time: 2 hour 4 min. Proverbs 19:17; Luke 4:17-18

If you are looking for a feel-good film that is not cloyingly sweet, this Disney film is it. Set in the Ugandan slum of the title, it is the true story of a preteen illiterate girl who joins a church-sponsored chess club and rises to the top. Like its many sister sports films, it is a tale of the underdog taking on the world. It is also a fine mother/daughter story. It is good to see the church and faith depicted in such a positive way outside the faith film genre. And you don't have to know much about chess to enjoy it.

### [Deep Water Horizon](#)

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 28 min. Proverbs 21:26; Jeremiah 22:13a; Luke 12:15.

The true story of what happened when in the Gulf of Mexico, the oil rig that gives its name to this film caught fire and created the greatest

**FILM CAPSULES, CONTINUED**

oil spill in history. British Petroleum officials, wanted to cut corners, so they nixed a test of the system and insisted that it go on line so that they could recoup the drilling expenses. Many men lost their lives in the fire, but fortunately a nearby ship rescued most of the men in time. A thrilling story of bravery, the film also is a prophetic indictment of corporate greed that created a huge amount of environmental damage as well as the loss of lives.

[Snowden](#)

Rated R. Running time: 2 hours 14 min. Proverbs 23:23. Amos 5:10.

You might want to change your opinion of this man so vilified by our government officials. The documents that Edward Snowden revealed that they had been violating the US Constitution by their spying on the emails and telephone calls of Americans and even of numerous foreign heads of states. And lying to Congress about it, the latter which, according to Snowden, motivated him to steal and turn over the thousands

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of documents to a team of British journalists. This real-life tale of a whistle blower (?) or traitor (?) is far more thrilling than the dozens of fictional spy dramas that have been drawing crowds for years.

[The Accountant](#)

Rated R. Running time: 2 hours 4 min. Proverbs 3:31.

Ben Affleck plays a CPA whose extreme case of autism has made him a math savant. His unpretentious strip mall office south of Chicago is a front for his laundering the money for numerous international drug kings, arms dealers, and dictators. Two Treasury Department agents are on his trail, as well as an assassin hired to protect a discovery the CPA has uncovered at a corporation manufacturing artificial limbs. A typical thriller (lots of killings by guns and martial arts moves) made interesting because of the autism of the main character. We root for him but cannot admire him.

**FILM CAPSULES, CONTINUED****BY: ED McNULTY**

On DVD

[Bulworth](#)

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 48 min. Jeremiah 3:27

Warren Beatty starred in, directed, and co-wrote this 1998 political satire about a US Senate campaign in which a disillusioned decided to end his seemingly useless life by getting an acquaintance to hire a killer to assassinate him. Faced with death, he starts telling the truth about the cor-

ruption in politics caused by tons of money being given to the candidates, Crowds start to admire him for his truth telling, and he also falls in love with a beautiful volunteer. He now wants to live, but his go between is in the hospital suffering from a coma. How can he call his death off? One speech about obscenity is especially powerful in this funny take on politics which, sad to say, is still relevant 20 years after its release.

**PRESBYTERY YOUTH TO “REFLECT AND RESPOND TO RACISM”**

You are invited to bring your youth group and join other youth from the Cincinnati Presbytery to participate in the 2016 PYC Fall Event – “Reflect and Respond to Racism”. The gathering is planned for Sunday, November 6, 2016, 4:30-7:30 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, and includes games, dinner, program and worship. The Presbyterian Youth Connection has organized a program, with time for reflection, discussion, and a response to racism in our churches, schools and communities. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

RSVP to Sharon Clegern, [sclegern@fuse.net](mailto:sclegern@fuse.net), 513-482-0811. You will need to bring updated (2016-2017) PYC Permission forms and chaperone certifications to the event. We welcome your call, text or email if you have questions. We hope you will join us!

## COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES

**STATED MEETING  
OF THE SESSION  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY  
August 2, 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, August 2, 2016, in the library at 6:53 P.M. by the Rev. Sharon Carter, Moderator.

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

**STUDY/ DEVOTIONAL:** Transformation 2.0 information was presented and an exercise in listening/ interviewing was done.

**APPROVAL of the DOCKET: ACTION:** The docket was approved with no changes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the regular session meeting held on June 7, 2016, and called meeting held on June 5, 2016, were approved.

**CLERK OF SESSION'S REPORT:** The Lord's Supper was celebrated by intinction at the morning worship service on July 3, 2016. Rev. Carter presided assisted by Elder Johanna Willis.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Performed a wedding on July 29 at Eden Park.

Vacation August 12-15 (The Rev. Jackie Penkowski filling in on Sunday, August 14) Vacation September 16-18 (pulpit supply to be announced) Vacation October 3-9 (pulpit supply to be announced)

Wednesday Night Bible Study in September—Lecto Divina format

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Home-school Partnership Advisory Board will meet with SPARK in August.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Matthew Hastings provided a written report on the state of the church's finances year-to-date. Bottom line, we are fine and meeting our budget.

### TEAM REPORTS

**Administration & Property Umbrella:** SPARK idea for playground update was discussed.

**MOTION:** To allow SPARK to dismantle current playground equipment and sell the slides, with proceeds going to new playground design. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** To allow SPARK to proceed with development of new playground design with the church donating up to \$500 to the project. Motion passed. Downstairs kitchen got cleaned last Saturday. Public areas for ice cream social and upper kitchen will be

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES****CONTINUED**

cleaned on Saturday, August 13. Dan Farwick fixed the toilet in women's restroom in educational wing. Found out that it is City of Covington that will be doing the water collector. Therefore sewer department won't give us any break on our bill.

**Education:** Had a short meeting on Sunday, July 31. Would like to do display in time for ice cream social. September will be Christian education month. Will have something each week.

**Congregational Care Umbrella:** Making ice cream Saturday, August 4.

**Mission & Evangelism Umbrella:** Had a meeting on July 12. We participated in the mobile health fair. Reported on cooking/serving at Cornerstone. Invited BeCon and Covington Partners to ice cream social. Reported on VBS at Third Presbyterian Church and all the churches that were involved. Website project is moving along. Hoping to have the new website live soon. Need chair for stewardship campaign. Discussed joint worship

services with Third Presbyterian Church.

**Deacons:** Donated \$100 to Christian's neighbors. Did luncheon for Bill Dupps funeral. Will be donating ice cream to shut-ins.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Worried about cracks on backside of the building. Looking for a structural engineer to come and give us an opinion. Hopefully for free. Elder Dawn Farwick will reach out to friend who is architect.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Joys and concern – Nita Kleier, Richard Lindsay and Fred Toh, Ella Grace, Al Jaeger's son-in-law and his son.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M. Rev. Carter closed the meeting with prayer.

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

**Dawn Farwick,  
Clerk Pro Tem of Session**

**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE NEW WEBSITE -COFNKY.ORG**

Our new website at [www.cofnky.org](http://www.cofnky.org) is live. Visit and browse the website to see all the new and interesting features that we have. If you have upcoming events or suggestions for improvements, please share them with Rev. Sharon, Bill Lindsay or Patricia in

the church office. We don't promise to implement every suggestion that we receive, but all will be carefully considered. Thanks again to all who submitted suggestions for the "beta" version, as we were testing the site. They were all very helpful.

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September 6, 2016, 6:45 pm

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, September 6, 2016, in the library at 6:50 P.M. by the Rev. Sharon Carter, Moderator. Rev. Carter opened the meeting with prayer.

**STUDY/ DEVOTIONAL:** Rev. Carter led the Session in a study of Luke 10:1-11, the story of sending out the Seventy. Transformation 2.0 is using this passage as their guiding scripture.

**APPROVAL of the DOCKET: ACTION:** The docket was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the stated meeting held on August 2, 2016, will be presented for approval at the October Session meeting.

**CLERK OF SESSION'S REPORT:** The Lord's Supper was celebrated by intinction at the morning worship service on Sunday, September 4, 2016.

Rev. Carter presided assisted by Elder Jeff Carter.

Rev. Carter will respond to the request from presbytery for information for the new Presbytery directory.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Rev. Carter will be out of town on the next normal Session meeting date (October 4). **ACTION:** A motion to reschedule the October Session meeting on October 11 was approved.

### TEAM REPORTS:

**Worship Team:** Rev. Carter will be out of the pulpit on Sunday, September 17 and Sunday, October 9. The Rev. Jackie Pinkowski is scheduled to preach on October 9. Rev. Carter is still looking for someone to fill in on September 17.

**Administration & Property Team:** Session discussed possible ways to raise funds to replace the front door and the floor in the narthex and halls. The estimate for the door is about \$3,000, for the floors approx. \$12,000, or perhaps \$8,000 if we provide labor. Elder Dawn Farwick has contacted Transitions about volunteer labor.

The center door in fellowship hall cannot be opened which is a fire hazard. It needs to be fixed.

**ACTION:** A motion was adopted to

## **COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED**

sell the snowplow blade for the best offer.

**Education:** Elder Joanna Bailey reported that the Book Share bookshelves are up in the narthex. Rally Day will be celebrated on September 11 with refreshments. On Sunday, September 18, Music Director, Joanna Bailey, will be out of town. We have had informational cards (business card size) printed to give to visitors.

**Congregational Care Team:** Thanks were expressed to Elder Jean Jennings and everyone for all their hard work on the ice cream social and the fireworks party.

**Mission & Evangelism Team:** The team will be meeting on Thursday, September 8.

**ACTION:** Family night with Third Presbyterian Church and SPARK was scheduled for the last Friday in September – September 30.

Elder William Lindsay reported that the new website is nearing completion.

Elder William Lindsay also reported on Transformation 2.0. Interviews have been conducted at church and in the community in order to learn about our “neighborhood” and to discover areas of need that we might meet. Glenn O. Swing Elementary School would be a good place to offer our help.

**Nominating Committee:** Elder Rebecca Lindsay will organize the committee and start working.

**Deacons:** The Deacons will meet this coming Sunday, September 11, following the morning worship service. The Deacons distributed Community Of Faith ice cream to our shut-ins.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M. Rev. Carter closed the meeting with prayer.

**NEXT STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION IS** Tuesday, October 11, 2016 AT 6:45 P.M. SHARP IN THE LIBRARY.

Rebecca S. Lindsay,  
Clerk of Session

## **MISSION FAIR—OCTOBER 30 IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH**

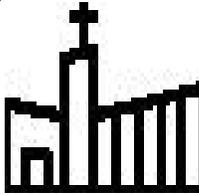
On Sunday, October 30, immediately after church, we will have a Mission Fair to highlight a number of our outreach mission partners and activities. Plan on visiting display tables and talking to participants and partnership personnel about what they, and we, do at Be Concerned, CLASP, Covington Partners, Equal Exchange, Nicaragua, and SPARK. A light lunch will be served, and a summary report on Transformation 2.0 will be presented.

## **A NEW KIND OF BIBLE STUDY— WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT OUR MISSIONS**

Would you like to be an active participant in a new kind of Bible study in Community of Faith? After our mission fair on October 30, we plan to kick off a new mission-focused adult Bible study, starting on November 6. Would you get up on Sunday mornings for three months in order to find out what the Bible says about why we do what we do in our outreach mission work at COF? Our outreach mission ministries include CLASP, the bicycle ministry, Nicaragua, SPARK, Covington Partners, Be Concerned, and our four PCUSA missions. We also have several “seasonal” missions, such as Transitions, the Angel Tree, and Buckhorn.

What is God calling us to do with our neighbors in our quest for Transformation? What if we discovered that

our current mission activities and those in the future were part of God’s great plan in our neighborhood (s) in the world? What if, in addition to studying the Bible, you could hear from our own “missionaries”? What if you could take “field trips,” and see slides and videos, and have some hands-on involvement in our various ministries? What if these experiences led you to get involved, stay involved, or start a brand new mission ministry of your own? What new thing is God calling you to do? Join us on November 6 at 9:45 a.m. to begin a new adventure in Bible study and Christian education. We are even considering a “virtual” version of the study, if you can’t attend in person, but it won’t be quite the same as being there.



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## OCTOBER EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal	October 5, 12, 19 & 26
CLASP Fundraiser	18th
Mission Fair after Church	30th
Adult Bible Study kick-off after Mission Fair	30th

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal	November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Session Meeting 6:45	1st
Newsletter Articles Due	7th
Presbytery Meeting @ Mt. Washington 5:00pm	8th
Mission Committee Meeting 7:00 in the Parlor	10th
Cooking for Cornerstone	21st
Serving at Cornerstone	22nd
Happy Thanksgiving!	25th
Office Closed	26th

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