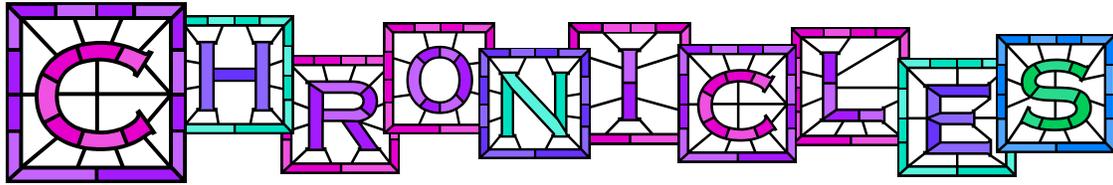


May—June 2017



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Note from the Pastor

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Jeff and I visited Tennessee this week. We attended his mom's 80th surprise birthday party and saw family we hadn't seen in a long time; then we went to the Smokies for a few days. It was a good trip all in all, the best part being the fact that Zella was truly surprised! We saw Nick as well at the party and saw Jay while we were in Townsend, TN and it was so nice to see our children, who are always dear to our hearts even if they aren't near to us physically. We were also able to see my parents and one of my sisters and have a couple of good visits with them; and while in the mountains we were able to see some of the scars from the fires that happened last fall, plus eat at our traditional breakfast place

(The Pancake Pantry) and hike in the Cades Cove area. All in all, it was a good trip!

We are now past Lent and Easter, moving through the Easter Season and toward Pentecost. Lent, as you know, is a time for reflection and repentance, while Easter is the joyful remembrance of Jesus' resurrection. Throughout the Easter season we remember the times that Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection, and we celebrate some of the special ways we think about Jesus—as the good shepherd, for example. Then comes Pentecost, the 'birthday' of the church and then we settle in for the summer and 'ordinary time'. The seasons of the church, while they don't match exactly with

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the seasons of nature, do give us a framework for church life—for worship, for work, for all of the things that make us the body of Christ in the world.

Several months ago I mentioned that I wanted to gather a group to plan a series of worship services through the Easter season; and while that hasn't happened yet I do still plan to give folks an opportunity to be a part of worship planning. I also would like to invite folks to participate in the worship service in a different way—through sharing a story about your faith journey, about something that helped your faith grow, or what COF has meant to you as a faith community.

Also new this year is a reconstituted Buildings and Grounds team, which has been tasked with helping the church be more organized in caring for the property. They will meet on May 11 to begin this process. Anyone is welcome to take part either as an ongoing member of the team or on an ad hoc or as needed basis. We have a lovely property and need to care for it as best we can so that it is available as a gathering space for ourselves and the community.

I feel at this point we are a healthy, thriving faith community, and I look forward to seeing where this year leads us!

Peace,

Rev. Sharon



In our Thoughts and Prayers Please keep the Kreicker family in your thoughts and prayers. Donna passed away on Friday, April 28th. There was a quiet service for family only, at the funeral home. A memorial service may be planned at a later date. If you care to send a card, the address is 9063 Georgian Ct., Florence, KY 41042.

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Nancy Ziegler, Betty Murphy, Shirley Weigel, Ruth & John Roeber, The McDermott Family, Howard Story, Johanna Willis, Nita Kleier, Inky Hall, David Weitzel, Jean Jennings' Family, Emille Walden, Joanna Bailey & family, Mary Lee Harrison, Deborah Grover, Margaret Meyer, Lynda Jaeger and Sandi Brown.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Kyle Brown 5th
- Kelly Stull 5th
- Jessica Brown 12th
- Jim Berry 12th
- Cliff Brown, Jr. 12th
- Micah Addison 19th
- David McDermott 21st
- Roger Bell 22nd
- Terri Brown 23rd
- Ariana Beach 26th
- Johanna Willis 27th
- Roy Miller 29th

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

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Mark and Kim Suer June 6, 8 years
- Bill and Becky Lindsay June 12, 53 years



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

As I sit down to write this newsletter article, spring flowers are beginning to peek out at us. We are reminded that summer is not too far away. This is a good time, as we plan trips, to think about setting a time aside on your travels to perhaps visit a mission site. It's a good way to see in person how mission money is spent. It is also a good time to visit areas to realize why they need our help, to assure that God's work can be carried out.

Buckhorn Children's Center is not too far away and there is a State Park and Lodge nearby. They always welcome visitors at the Agency.

Coalition for Appalachian Ministry, CAM, is located in Townsend, TN. and of course is in the Smoky Mountains. CAM has a gift shop in Townsend that is unique. All the crafts sold there are made by craft people who are from Appalachia.

I mention these two because our church supports both of them. If you need help in locating a mission unit to visit, let me know. I will be happy to help you.

You might also consider visiting local mission projects that are located here in the area. Be Concerned, Free Food Store, Brighton Center, Master Provisions, just to mention a few. A visit might inspire you to want to become a part of their work

The most important thing, along with money, that mission units need is prayer. Prayer is what keeps many of these projects going. Mission is an ongoing job and it appears that many of them find the demands for their services are continuing to grow. The more we know about them, the better equipped we are to answer their calls for help.

Save The Date
Ice Cream Social
August 19th & 20th, 2017



Vacation Bible School

JULY 9-13 - VBS

It's not too soon to start thinking about VBS. Ft. Thomas First Presbyterian Church will once again host vacation

bible school at Third Presbyterian.

The theme is "MAKER FUN FACTORY:

Created by God, Built for a Purpose."

Contact Jack with your willingness to serve.

The following supplies are needed to make VBS a success:

Toilet paper rolls

Paper towel rolls

Larger paper grocery bags

Large plastic water jug dispenser

24 coffee cans (1-2 lb size)

Traffic cones (about 10)

Large rubber playground balls

Brightly colored marbles

Wet wipes (8 packs); not baby wipes

Tennis balls (20-24)

Assorted cardboard boxes (need to be prepped so need them soon)

Duct tape (variety of colors and prints)

Old bath towels

Puzzles for 3 & under (4)

Heart stickers, medium size (100 stickers total)

Clean soup cans with labels removed

Plastic lids of varying sizes (frosting, spices, water bottles, etc.)

Empty 8 oz. water bottles, label removed

NOTES FROM SESSION MEETING 4/4/2017

Notes from the session meeting, 4/4/17
(not official minutes)

Rev. Sharon will be on vacation from April 27 thru May 3. Rev. Chris White has agreed to fill the pulpit on April 30. The May session meeting will move from Tuesday, May 2 to Thursday, May 4 at 6:45 pm.

New counting schedule:

First Sunday TBA

Second Sunday—Dawn & Dan Farwick-

Third Sunday—Jean Jennings and Bill Lindsay

Fourth Sunday—Joanna Bailey and Gary Willis

Fifth Sunday—Jim and Erika Berry

SPARK report—Sheryl Epping is stepping back from her leadership role; leadership will be picked up by Katie Sweeney and Vanessa Rowland. SPARK will be working on the new playground on Sunday, April 9 from 12-4. They are also working toward becoming a 501c3 organization and will be obtaining their own insurance. Bill Lindsay will advise them as necessary regarding the 501c3 registration.

Trustees will meet Thursday, April 27 at 7 pm.

Jim Berry will contact Tom Malone at Ft. Wright and ask about having them fill the pot holes in the driveway. (Note—Jim has contacted Mr. Malone and they will do it)

Congregational meeting called for Sunday, April 23, to dismiss current Nominating Committee and elect a new nominating committee. Jo Shade will be moderator and representative from Session.

Joanna indicated that Daesik would like to give a concert at COF in July. It would be part of the requirements of his music visa. (no date as yet)

Church Birthday June 4

Battery Hooper/ Ice Cream Social August 19-20

Rev. Sharon suggested pulling up the carpet in the glass hallway and removing the floor tiles, then putting down a concrete surfacing such as a stain or paint (specifically for concrete floors.) We could do this using our own labor as long as floor tiles are properly disposed of and dust precautions observed. It would be a less expensive way to treat the floor, and could be carpeted or have other flooring installed at a later date if desired.

A Building and Grounds team will be getting together to think about short term and long term needs of our facilities. Bill Lindsay will be organizing with the help of Jim Berry.

NOTES FROM SESSION MEETING 5/4/2017

The session of COF Presbyterian Church met on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 6:45 pm. In attendance were Dawn Farwick, Bill Lindsay, Jo Shade, Jack Kleier, Jean Jennings, Jim Berry, and Erika Berry. Our guest was attorney Marcus Schulte, who has been doing some work for us regarding the catch basin easement request from Covington and SD1.

Mr. Schulte recommends creating an agreement separate from the easement. Easement would not be signed until agreement details are met. This would allow us to require our approval of survey, final plans, etc. before easement is signed.

SPARK purchased a new picnic table, which we will reimburse them for. They have also been working on the new playground, and we have reimbursed them \$250 (1/2 of cost of removal of old play structure.) The last 2 months of their school year we received around \$900 in fees from them, and they are costing us about \$100 per month in utilities. They will be dropping Thursday from their schedule next year due to lack of interest in that day of the week.

The date for serving dinner at Cornerstone has changed from May 22-23 to June 19-20, due to a request from Union Presbyterian Church to switch months. We will also be cooking and serving in July. Matt and Bill are working on a way for items to be purchased through a COF debit card that would be reimbursed by the Presbytery grant via Union PC so that Cheryl Massey (or whoever shops) does not have to front the cost of the food.

Jack reported that the bike ministry has refurbished and given away 16 bikes so far this year—14 to Brighton Center and 2 to 3rd PC.

Buildings and Grounds team will meet Thursday, May 11 at 6 pm to discuss projects and priorities for the coming year.

Church birthday celebration is changed from June 4 to June 11, due to Rev. Sharon having to do library duty on June 4.

Next Session meeting will be held Tuesday, June 6, at 6:45 pm in the Adult Sunday School Room.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Family Promise recently partnered with Sweet Cheeks Diapers! Sweet Cheeks will provide diapers of all sizes to each child in need during the families stay in shelter. Upcoming Events: Family Promise will be holding a Barleycorn's fundraiser on April 19th! The Florence, Cold Spring OR Lakeside Park are all participating locations. Eat at barleycorns to help end family homelessness! Present the electronic coupon or a hard copy to your server and 15% of your check will be donated back to FPNKY.

The Perry Family graduated and moved April 6th! Linda has enrolled in college and will be living with her three children at the Lincoln Grant Scholar House to finish her degree. The children have been smiling from ear to ear since they found out they will each have their own bed! I wanted to share this testimony written by Linda (Mother) on our Facebook Page, it truly encompasses the impact this program has made on her family:

"This is an excellent program. If you are at a place in your life where you just want to die cause you just lost your home with 3 children, you feel like a failure. You lose all hope. You feel as though you have no one. Alone, frighten, and scared. Then I find out about this Program. It was a blessing. I was ready to just give up. I felt like I did not have anymore fight in me. I received a call from a lady named Amber. She set an appointment for me to come in. Once I got to Family Promises I immediately felt welcomed. Amber had the prettiest smile and spoke softly. It was like walking into your Church. You know how you feel when you first enter your Church, like any worries you had were all lifted off your shoulders. A moment of peace sits upon your heart...Well that was exactly how I felt when I arrived here at Family Promises.

Not only did they welcomed me, but my children as well. This Program is a Amazing. You get

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the opportunity to better your life. They help you in every way possible. I never thought in my life that I would be back in school. Family Promises made that happen. I can not explain how I feel inside. Knowing I am getting a huge chance to better my life as well as my children's. I may be moving into a brand new apartment as well.

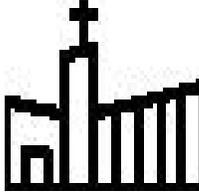
This all is capable of happening because of this program "Family Promises" So to the families that feel as if there is no where or no one to turn to. I highly recommend that you should reach out to the staff

here. It has given me so much hope. I can go on and on about how great of a Program this is when you can just come and find out for yourself. I want to give thank to all the staff members here. I want you to know what you all do changes our lives. Knowing that you all are responsible for all the greatness that has happened to me and my children... Gratitude and prayers to each staff member here at Family Promises..."

OKLAHOMA STAGE SHOW

Kincaid Theater will be performing Oklahoma at the Griffin Center. COF is planning an outing to see the production on Sunday afternoon, **June 25th**. We will meet at the church, eat our sack lunches and carpool to the theater. Tickets are \$15. Please see Kittie Dupps if you are interested in attending.





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MAY EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Memorial Day—office closed 29th

JUNE EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal June 7, 14, 21 & 28

Session Meeting 6:45 pm	6th
Church Birthday Party after worship	11th
Cornerstone Project Mon & Tues	19th & 20th

JULY EVENTS

Session Meeting 6:45 pm	11th
Mission Meeting	13th
Cornerstone Project Mon & Tues	17th & 18th

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