

# CHRONICLES

Community of Faith Presbyterian Church  
August 2018



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

8/5, 8/12, 8/19. 8/26: Worship Service  
8/18-8/19: Ice Cream Social  
8/26: Combined Worship Service  
@ Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church  
9/2: Fireworks Party

## BIRTHDAYS

Derek Beach: 8/3	Margaret Meyer: 8/16
Betty Bickers: 8/7	Mary Lee Harrison: 8/18
Christian Addison: 8/8	Pearl Sandmann: 8/24
Ronald Carlin: 8/8	Kittie Dupps: 8/27
Jessica Owen: 8/11	Ruth Roeber: 8/28
Matthew Hastings: 8/12	Dan Farwick: 8/29
Katie Hamilton: 8/14	Gillian Morrison: 8/31
Floyd Hastings: 8/16	

## ANNIVERSARIES

Paul and Pam Miller: 8/14  
Scott and Martha Bennett: 8/15  
Janet and Kenneth Stadtmiller: 8/16  
Robert and Carol Schomaker: 8/16

## From the Pastor's Desk

Rev. Sharon Carter

Dear Community of Faith Family,  
What does 'church' mean to you?

Is church a necessary thing in your life, or is it something you do out of obligation? Do you come to worship on Sunday morning with hope and expectation, or do you come because you've always done it? What brings you to church for worship, for choir, for Cornerstone, for the Christmas tea—why do you come? Church will mean different things to different people, I know that. For some it means 'Sunday worship'; for others, it means 'family.' But what does it mean to you?

Today, I want to focus on Sunday mornings. What gets you out of bed on a Sunday to attend worship—or what keeps you from coming?

I know there are people who just are not able to attend worship services at Community of Faith anymore. I get it, and I'm not thinking of you when I ask these questions. I also know there are folks who attend week in and week out, missing only when they're sick or out of town. I appreciate you all very much!

But there are some who come only occasionally, and while I can't know what's in your hearts and minds that keeps you from coming regularly, you're the ones I'm thinking of as I write this. Because I want you to know something: Worship is important, and it is important that you come to worship as often as you can.

Worship is important because it allows us to reconnect with God, Christ and Spirit in a way that we can't do on our own. Through music, laughter, confession; through hearing scripture read and reading it ourselves we become vulnerable and open to the movement of God in our souls in a particular way. Worship makes us think, makes us feel, and connects us to our own inner spiritual life. We also connect with our church family and friends, which strengthens relationships and ultimately strengthens our faith.

And there's another thing that happens when everyone is at church together: it boosts the morale of those who do attend, week in and week out. If you aren't a regular attendee, do you realize what it costs the fellowship when you aren't there? In a small church it is especially evident when people are absent. But do you realize what a difference it makes when there are 40 or 50 people in worship versus 20 or 25? How much more energy there is in the worshipping community, how much more life? When you don't come to worship you are missed, both for the energy you bring and what others are able to share with you.

I know that people are busy these days and sometimes Sunday morning seems like the only day to sleep in or do errands or spend time with family. But you can sleep in and make it to a 10:30 worship service. You can attend worship and do errands in the afternoon. You can go to Starbucks for your coffee and still make it to church. You can attend with your family and share family time together in the pews.

I'd like to challenge you who are occasional attendees to increase your attendance between now and the end of the year. If you haven't been in a while, stop by for a visit. If you come once or twice every 6 months, try to make it 3 or 4 times. If you come once or twice a month, make it three times. Increase your worship attendance just as you might increase your financial pledge. Because church isn't something we do when it's convenient. It's a commitment—a commitment worth honoring for ourselves, our families, our fellow congregants, and the God who loves us all very much.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

Rev. Sharon

## Mission at Work

### Jack Kleier

One of the mission ministries of COF is the Bicycle Ministry that uses downstairs rooms in the educational wing of the Church. This ministry is carried on by the Bike Guys, Jack Kleier and Jerry Stout. July has been a very busy month for this ministry. The shop is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for reconditioning bicycles to give to needy children. The majority of the bikes are sent to Brighton Center to be given to needy children or adults who need them to get back and forth to work. We have also given bikes to foster children, and at Christmastime to a fire department to give to the adoption families they choose each year. We give bicycles to children throughout the year from Third Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati.

These bicycles are all donations from people who have bikes they no longer need or want. By donating them, we can keep them out of the garbage stream and make a child happy with a reconditioned bike. Our ministry is listed on the COF website, and this past month, we have received donations from three people who found us on the website. We also gave a homeless man a bicycle so he could get to his part time job. He was using the computer at the Cincinnati Public Library and found our ministry. He contacted us, came to the shop on a bus and rode back to Cincinnati on his bike.

We also made a total of twenty bicycles available to Winton Hills Presbyterian Church for their summer program. One of the ministers, Kevin Murphy, from Northwest Community Presbyterian Church, did a week program on bicycle safety. We donated bicycles and the children were taught how to repair their bikes and how to ride them safely. They were each given a bike. They also received a helmet and safety lessons on riding a bike.

This was a busy month for us. We have received donations of 36 bikes in July and we have given 21 bikes away. If you would like a tour of the shop, we are there every Tuesday and would love to show you what we do. You are part of this ministry because you make space available for us. We are in mission together.

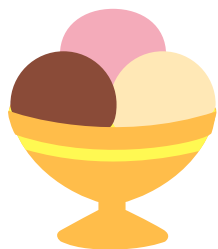


## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Nancy Ziegler, Betty Murphy, Shirley Weigel, Ruth and Jack Roeber, The McDermott family, Johanna Willis, Nita Kleier, Inky Hall, David Weitzel, Joanna Bailey, Jean Jennings' family, Mary Lee Harrison, Emille Walden, Deborah Grover, Kelly Montana, Margaret Meyer, Lynda Jaeger, and Floyd Hastings.

## Ice Cream Social

August 18 - 19  
12:00pm - 5:00pm

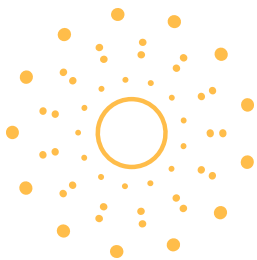


COF will be serving ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, bratts, metts, and assorted baked goods during the Ramage Civil War Museum's Battery Hooper Days. Stop by for an afternoon of food and fun, or volunteer to help serve during the event. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex.

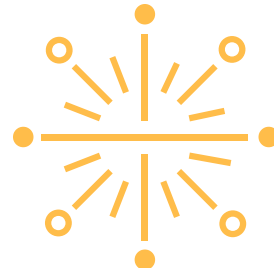


## Fireworks Party

September 2  
8:00pm



Join us for Cincinnati's annual Labor Day fireworks. Food and snacks will be available for purchase.



## Contact Us!



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