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UPCOMING EVENTS

5/9, 5/16, 5/23: Choir Rehearsal
5/10: Session Meeting
5/13, 5/20, 5/27: Worship Service
5/14 & 5/15: Cornerstone Project



BIRTHDAYS

Kyle Brown - 5/5
Kelly Stull - 5/5
Jessica Brown - 5/12
Jim Berry - 5/15
Micah Daniel Addison - 5/19
Cliff Brown Jr. - 5/21

David McDermott - 5/21
Roger Bell - 5/22
Terri Brown - 5/23
Ariana Beach - 5/26
Johanna Willis - 5/27
Roy Miller - 5/29

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, Sandi Brown

Friends,

April was a busy month for Community of Faith. With Easter, Comcast Cares day and the annual Birthday Party we've had something going nearly every week! I want to thank everyone who has cleaned, worked on the grounds and landscaping, painted, provided food and drink, and all of the other work that has gone on this month. Comcast Cares Day was a great success, and if you haven't noticed the fresh paint in the restrooms on the main level or in the "art room" in the lower level of the education wing, you should check it out! One thing to notice especially is that the trophy cases have been removed from the hallway in the education wing; the trophies are in the library, so if you'd like to have one you can stop by the church and pick one up.

Ecclesiastes tells us that for everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven. (The older ones of us remember this as a song by the Byrds—Turn, Turn, Turn). It seems that the season that Community of Faith is in right now is a season of transition. Not pastoral transition this time—thank goodness!—but a time to discern what it means to us to be church together and what it will mean as we move forward in time.

When I think about Community of Faith and who we are, I think of things like our dedication to CLASP, our dedication to Nicaragua, and our dedication to ministries like Cornerstone, Covington Partners, Be Concerned, Buckhorn—the list goes on. We do some hands-on ministry, we do some financial or "giving" ministry, but all in all for our size we reach into the community and the world in many ways.

We are also blessed with gifts of the spirit: gifts of hospitality, of care and concern, of love for others, of teaching, of music, of laughter, and all sorts of other gifts. The fruits we bear are water projects, afterschool activities, fellowship events, Sunday school for kids, visits and calls and cards to shut-ins and those in the hospital.

And while there are a lot of ministries that we support and ways we are active, I have recently raised concerns about the building and grounds and how we will be able to maintain them as we move into the future. And a funny thing happened once I asked the question: we all became more aware of issues with the building, which has led to thinking about stewardship in a different way; and we were nominated and chosen for the Comcast Cares day (which besides being a clean/paint/landscape day brought us about ½ of the funds to reglaze the windows in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex, and Offices). SPARK was instrumental in making the Comcast Cares day happen and as an organization is very interested in seeing us continue to exist where we are.

I am still working to create a discernment team to do some talking and thinking and praying about our future here on Highland Pike, because taking our concerns to God and talking them out together is what we do as Presbyterians. I hope to begin to meet before the end of May; and while I have some volunteers if anyone would like to be a part of this please let me know.

There is a lot of potential and resources in our space; the question is, how do we make the best use of it? Please pray for the discernment team as we come together for conversations and let us listen for God's guidance as we move forward.

Peace,

Rev. Sharon

As I write this article, Community of Faith Congregation is preparing a birthday party for the Church. That means we have been together for another year, and as we set our sight toward the skyline, we look forward to serving the Covington and surrounding area for another year. And that is what missionaries do, they serve their area in God's name. They reach out and make a difference each day by sharing God's love with the world. As we celebrate our birthday let us look back and see what kind of a job we have done. Two churches began by one reaching into a neighboring community to be sure they had a place to worship. Then merging and becoming one again. Each celebrating a rich history and witnessing God's love to many people, making a difference.

But like many churches over the years, losing ground as the world changes around them. As we begin a new year, let's look at what we can do to make a difference in the year. Let's begin with the property. Many people walk the grounds with their pets, or others, and a few even jog. Many use the labyrinth as quiet place for prayer. There are some that bring bikes and children to ride in the parking lot. And, of course, there are a number of people who will come just to enjoy the view and perhaps have a bite to eat. The grounds also act as a sanctuary for much wildlife, which adds to the natural setting here on the hill. Don't forget that we make the museum possible through our parking lot. We also serve as the base for SPARK. This is all part of our outreach to serve the community. Or as Christ might say, "Love your neighbor."

May gives us some wonderful opportunities for service also:

May 3 is National of Prayer, a good time to set aside a time to pray for the Nation and those in need.

May 4 is May Friendship Day. Reach out to someone you don't know and maybe start a friendship.

May 6 begins Older Adult Week. Call someone this week and say you are thinking of them. It will make their day, particularly if they are shut-in.

May 6 is also Wills Emphasis Sunday, a good time to think about remembering the Church in your will.

May 20 is Pentecost Sunday. Say Happy Birthday with a gift to the Pentecost Offering.

May 27 is Trinity Sunday, Intercultural Church Sunday, and Disability Inclusion Sunday. Three good things to center our prayers around as we also remember others on Memorial Day.

You see, we can be busy as Missionaries if we just look around. God has much for us to do and it can be catching. Others might want to join such a busy group of Missionaries.

CORNERSTONE MISSION

Community of Faith will be serving at Cornerstone this month. We will prepare the food at COF on Monday, May 14 at 3:00pm. On Tuesday, May 15, we'll serve at Cornerstone. Meet at the church at 5:00pm on Tuesday if you would like to help serve.

Vote for Buckhorn!

Community of Faith is a proud supporter of Buckhorn Children and Family Services.

You can help Buckhorn win money by voting for their organization in the Food City Charity Challenge. The nonprofit organization that receives the most votes will receive a monetary gift of \$12,500. The 2nd Place winner will receive \$7,500 and 3rd Place will receive \$5,000. Go to <http://www.foodcitycharitychallenge.com> until May 29, 2018 to cast your vote for Buckhorn.



Reformation Players Auditions

Auditions for the Reformation Players performance of "Smoke on the Mountain" will be held on June 3 (3pm-5pm) and June 4 (7pm-9pm). The show features 4 men and 3 women roles for performers who can act and sing. Please feel free to pass this information along to any friends or family who might be interested in auditioning!



Thank you!

We are very grateful to all of the Comcast Cares Day volunteers. Whether you helped paint, clean, landscape, or feed the volunteers, the day wouldn't have been as successful without our help. Thank you for supporting Community of Faith and SPARK!



Contact Us

If you have any information that you would like to have included in upcoming newsletters or bulletin announcements, please feel free to contact the church office. We can be reached at 859-331-3238 or communityoffaith@fuse.net.

