

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## OCTOBER 16, 2022

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### Scriptures for Sunday, October 23

Joel 2:23–32

Psalms 65

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Luke 18:9–14

### In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy

Ruth Roeber

The McDermott family

Johanna Willis

The Kleier family

Jean Jennings' family

Emilee Walden

Kelly Montana

Lynda Jaeger

Kittie Dupps

Ron Carlin

Ella Grace Marksberry

### Worship Services

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

### Save the Date: October 25-26 – CLASP Carrabba's Fall FUNd-Raisier

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25-26, Carrabba's restaurant at the Crestview Hills Town Center will sponsor a FUNd-raiser on behalf of CLASP. For every person who brings a CLASP coupon to the restaurant that day, Carrabba's will donate 20% of the purchase price to CLASP. Both dine-in and carryout meals will qualify for a donation. Coupons will be available shortly in the bulletin, and on the Community of Faith website and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cofnky>).

### Say Hello to Music Director Jie Fang Goh!

Jie Fang Goh was recently hired by Community of Faith, because of his outstanding talent and experience. Fang (pronounced Fong) hails from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He has two undergraduate degrees and two master's degrees in musicology and collaborative piano from US colleges and major universities. He's now working on an Advanced Degree in Opera Coaching at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music (CCM). He has been involved as a collaborative pianist, director, coach, accompanist, videographer, and graphic designer in places as diverse as Waco, TX, College Park, MD, Aspen, CO, Vienna, Austria, in France, and in Hong Kong. Interestingly, his master's thesis was entitled: *Billy Joel's Turn and Return to Classical Music: Fantasies and Delusions*.

In church music, Fang has worked as a:

- Contemporary Music Director and Pianist at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- Music director and pianist at the Mowatt United Methodist Church
- Church pianist for the Bosqueville United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, and
- Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Waco, Texas

He currently works as the pianist for Crescent Springs Presbyterian (upstairs), and as a graduate assistant at CCM. Say "hello" to Fang over the next few Sundays.

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## **Stewardship Season is Here**

This year's stewardship theme is: Growing in Faith Through Active Stewardship. The season runs from this Sunday, October 9, to "Commitment Sunday" on November 6. We will have "Minutes for Mission" in which you may be actively involved, on October 16, 23, and 30.

We plan to send out the Stewardship letter and draft budget during the week of October 16, after the Session meets and approves it. Bill Lindsay will do a brief budget presentation and Q&A after church on October 30. This will not be an official "called meeting" of the congregation, but an informational meeting. Remember, that it is Presbyterian policy that the Session approves the budget, and the congregation approves the pastor's "terms of call" (salary plus benefits) in January. Commitment Sunday, when we ask that you submit your Estimates of Giving, will be on November 6.

Does COF need your contributions, during the rest of this year, and throughout next year? Of course it does. We've experienced some significant income gains in 2021 through sale of the church property. However, the more important question is: Do YOU realize YOUR burning need to give of your time, and talents as a sign of your love and gratitude toward God for God's gifts of grace, peace, and forgiveness to you? If not, the Stewardship team challenges you to seriously consider a change in your thinking, and to shift from: How much does the church need my contribution in order to pay its expenses? TO: How much do I need to contribute in time and talent, not JUST "treasure," in order to GROW IN FAITH and show God how much I love God, and how grateful I am for my life, my gifts and talents, and God's everyday GRACE?