



May 2016

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CSPC will be having some extra visitors this month! We will be hosting the PC(USA) mission group, Self-Development of Peoples (SDOP) for their annual meeting on May 19-21. They describe themselves this way: *"Self-Development of Peoples is a ministry that affirms God's concern for humankind. We are Presbyterians and ecumenical partners dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting, and enabling by participating in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice."* Their core strategies include promoting justice, building solidarity, advancing human dignity and advocating for economic equity. Self-Development of Peoples is a partnership of love, justice and empowerment reflecting the image of God who stands with all people."

SDOP will have its meetings in our church building, and will be sampling local cuisine at the Montgomery Inn, along with having catered meals brought in. I will be sure to point them in the direction of Graeters, too! SDOP is funded in part by the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering in which CSPC participates every year at Easter. I will be leading the group in a Bible study on Friday morning; if you happen to be at the church on Friday or Saturday at lunch time, feel free to stop in to greet them!

I hope everyone at CSPC will be on the lookout for ways to invite more groups to use the church building, especially once the basement renovations are complete. All uses by outside groups have to be approved by session. This approval can be delegated to the Building and Grounds Committee by session in certain circumstances, but this process still reflects session approval.

There is plenty of space and time when the building is unused - let's all make it our own personal mission to find new ways to share the resource of this beautiful building with the community!

Grace and Peace,

Kathy

Sunday School News

The last Sunday School classes for this school year will be on May 15th. Youth and adult classes will resume on September 11th.

What is Eastertide?

Reverend Riley has mentioned the Season of Easter during the last few Sundays. There is a SEASON for Easter - just like Christmas - also called Eastertide. Most are aware of Passion Week, after Palm Sunday, which leads up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday, but Eastertide is the fifty days after Easter leading up to Pentecost Sunday, which is May 15th this year. Here is a picture of some of CSPC's little ones on Easter morning as a reminder to keep the life and death of our Redeemer fresh in our minds during this Easter season. The end of Eastertide will be celebrated after church on May 15th with refreshments and fellowship.



Have you Noticed?

The song titles of our Prelude, Interlude and Postlude hymns are not printed in the bulletin. But if you take a peek at the monitors at the front of the church, you will find that information there! Sam Martin, our music director, states, "This will help to engage the congregation in the music and allow for more present reflection during piano interludes."

Greeters



Martin Kabongo has been one of our faithful greeters each Sunday for many years. He unlocks the side doors, gives us our bulletins, and reminds Session and Deacons of their badges for identification. AND he knows if you are having a birthday in the coming week! Thanks, Martin, for your welcoming smile and warm handshake!

Terry David

Mission Work is Contagious

One of the community groups that uses our church on a weekly basis has asked to be involved in our mission work. Currently they have asked if they can help us with our donations to the Food for Thought program which provides food for students over the weekends through the River Ridge Resource Center. What a wonderful gesture on their part!

Free Money!!

In April of every year, everyone needs to re-enroll in Kroger's community rewards program, to ensure that CSPC continues to receive rewards based on your purchases at Kroger. Please take a moment to visit www.kroger.com; login to your account, click on Community -> Community Rewards -> Enroll Now -> Re-Enroll.

If you do not already see CSPC as your organization of choice, you can search by our full name, or by our organization number, which is 80062.

This is a free and easy way to support CSPC, as last year we earned just over \$1,000 between Kroger and Remke's rewards. We encourage you to re-enroll today! Any Problems See Dan Alexander.

Design Committee

Two more chairs have been purchased for the Gathering Room. They have arms for those who find it easier to sit and rise in an armed chair. People from the Design Committee are at church during the week sifting, sorting, organizing, and decorating so that our facility will function better and be more attractive. "Hats off" for all the hard work that Erin, Meaghan, Donna, Becky, and Walt have been doing every week!

Building and Grounds

Now that the water proofing has been completed on the older part of our building, the next area of concentration will be the downstairs kitchen and classrooms. It will be a big asset to our facility to have these rooms in safe, useable condition. Watch the Clarion and the bulletin for ways that you can help.

Walt Cottongim

Planning for Growth and Evangelism

The thrust of the Planning for Growth and Evangelism Committee is to turn our attention outward. We are working with all committees and the Session to make our events community friendly. In the December Clarion, Reverend Riley said, "I know CSPC is a welcoming congregation. But we have to take that a step further and be an intentionally inviting congregation, in all that we do. We need to be constantly aware of opportunities to share what is going on here with others, and to find ways to tell the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ, as we experience it here."

Internally, we have updated our website and Face Book page to be more professional and informative. Committees are sponsoring events like the Chili Supper, Wild Wednesdays, and the Fourth of July Parade to reach out to the community. A brochure is being formatted to tell people about our focus at CSPC and new Visitor Cards are already out there telling first-time visitors to our service a little about us.

What can YOU do now? Invite family and friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us! Ask them to come to Sunday services or one of our more informal settings like the Men's Softball Games (most Monday evenings through the middle of July), Vacation Bible School (June 20 – 23), Florence Freedom Night (June 26) or our Annual Ice Cream Social (July 17). These are just some of the upcoming events that are being planned that reach outward from our four walls. The Planning for Growth and Evangelism group is open to your suggestions! Join us or contact someone currently on the committee.

Current committee members are: Kathy Riley, Kim Newton, Betty and Walt Cottongim, Crystal Harden, Craig and Meaghan Mullin, Becky Burdick, Debbie Daly, Dan and Heather Alexander, Erin Murphy, Karen Peters, Terry David, Doug Thompson.

Women's Retreat



The Women's Retreat was held on April 2nd, at the Lakeside Presbyterian Carriage House. The curriculum, Lavender Spring Spa, concentrated on the book of Psalms. We learned about the five types of Psalms: lament, wisdom, ascent, imprecation and confession, thanksgiving. Erin showed us how to make a body scrub which we assembled for a local women's shelter and we shared notes of appreciation with one another. The yearly retreat is a great way to learn more about each other in a small group setting. Watch for this yearly retreat and plan on joining us next year!

Men's Softball is Starting Up

The first Men's Softball game was on April 25th. There will be games most Monday nights, except for holidays through July 18th. Most games are at the Middleton-Mills Park and start at 6:15 or 7:15 p.m. Check the calendar at the end of the Clarion for May games or the online calendar (www.cspresby.com) for all games. Check with me if you have any other questions. All are welcome to come out and watch us play – it is a great family event!

Tim Reed



Tabitha Guild

Our knitting and crocheting group is still making handicraft items for our church and community. We will be making more washcloths for our kitchen and lap blankets for people in wheelchairs. We have several completed afghans/blankets for adult and children's beds. If you know of someone who has a need, please let me know.

Terry David

Food for Thought

We packed our last food bags for the school year on April 24th, but we will continue to collect food items during the summer for when we start up again in the fall. Please remember to check the expiration dates on your donations to make sure they don't expire before we start this program up again in the fall.

Heather Alexander

Vacation Bible School



ART CAMP is the theme for VBS this summer. Coming to CSPC June 20-23rd, 6:15-8:30pm. Ages 5 thru 5th grade. (older children would be great helpers!)

Please join for an explosion of worship as we explore the life of David revealed in the Psalms. We will sing, dance, paint, draw, sculpt, create, invent, and explore.

Signups for volunteers and participants will be coming soon. We are looking for a Bible Adventure Leader, an Art Station Leader, and a Games Leader. If you are not able to actively participate this summer, look for a list of supplies to donate in the Narthex.

Any questions, please contact Elizabeth Mozea (859-261-5489 or elizmoz531@yahoo.com). *GRAPHIC*

Google Us!

Google searches bring up sites that have activity. The more activity, the higher preference the site gets in the list of sites that come up in a search. You can help our church's website move up on this list if you have a GMAIL account! First, Google "Churches in northern Kentucky" - a map comes up. Click on the map and enlarge it. Once you see CSPC come up, give it a Review – click on the number of stars and add a comment. Check with me if you need help with this.

Terry David

Global Mission

The Maddoxes have been worshipping with us for several months now. In June, they will be part of a mission trip to Peru and have asked CSPC to help with donations for the children of Peru.



Keith and Cathy believe in actively following Jesus' message to "Go and spread the good news". Here is what Keith told me recently: Two years ago, we began preparation for a huge project centered in beautiful Cusco, Peru, which is home of the Incan culture. We will be taking 60 students, teachers, administrators, and parents along with a team of doctors and nurses to do volunteer work to study Spanish 2 hours a day and to help many in desperate need. We would greatly appreciate any support that can be offered.

There are lists of much needed items on the table in the Narthex but here is a list of 5 items that are always in high demand in developing nations. Watch for more information in next month's Clarion.

1. children's vitamins
2. school supplies
3. shoes
4. flip-flops
5. books in Spanish

Bound by Books – Adult Book Club

Upcoming books that will be discussed are:

May 24 – Orphan # 8 by Kim van Alkemade

June 28 – The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

July 26 – Unwind by Neal Shusterman

"Check in" with Nancy Reed for more information.

Happy Travelers

The Happy Travelers senior group went to the Tousey House Tavern for lunch in April. We usually meet at 10:30 on the fourth Thursday of each month for a brief meeting and then go to lunch or a special event. See me for more information if you would like to join us.

Betty Eichelberger



Graduate Recognition Set for May 15th

On Sunday May 15, we will recognize the following graduates: Maggie Wallace, Rylee Stephenson, Christ Boyd, and Grace Thompson. We'll have a reception with light refreshments following the worship service so all will have a chance to offer their congratulations.

Session Highlights

March 2016

Session received visitors from Union Presbyterian Church who discussed their experience with the Presbytery of Cincinnati's Transformation 2.0 program. Both said they thought the experience was worthwhile. The process involves a survey of the community, including community leaders, and helps congregations think in new ways about what God is doing in their community and congregation. The process can take up to 18 months. Session agreed to let the presbytery office know that CSPC may be interested in participating in the next round of Transformation 2.0, which begins in July 2016.

Presbytery of Cincinnati meeting

Elder Jeff Buckhout attended the meeting along with Rev. Riley. Jeff gave a report about the Feb. 23, 2016 meeting.

Worship Committee

The committee is requesting session consider purchasing the projectable edition with words and music of the new PC(USA) hymnal, *Glory to God*. Session approved this request. This will allow both word and music of hymns the congregation already knows as well as new hymns to be projected on the screens during worship.

P.N.C. Update

The PNC is going through the process of "neutral pulpit interviews". This process consists of the PNC bringing in a candidate for a weekend visit. We meet with the candidate multiple times, hold various interviews, allow the candidate to visit the church and ask us questions about CSPC. We also go and listen to the candidate preach and lead a service in a neutral church. This is a valuable tool for the PNC to use in the discernment process. We continue to ask and welcome the continued support of the congregation with your prayers.

PNC committee.

May Calendar

Wednesdays – 7:00 – P.N.C. Meeting

Fridays – 7:00 A.A. Meeting

Saturdays – 8:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship

May 2 – Men's Softball at Middleton-Mills 1 at 6:15 p.m.

May 3 – Cornerstone Mission

May 5 – Deacon Meeting 7:30 p.m.

May 6 – Tabitha Guild 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

May 9 - Men's Softball at Middleton-Mills 2 at 7:15 p.m.

May 11 – Worship Committee Meeting 5:45 p.m.; C.E. Meeting 6:30 p.m.; Personnel Committee 7:15 p.m.

May 15 – Pentecost; Graduate Recognition and Reception; Last Sunday School Class until the Fall 9:00 a.m.

May 16 - Men's Softball at Middleton-Mills 2 at 6:15 p.m.

May 17 – Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 20 – Tabitha Guild 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

May 22 – No Sunday School (until the fall); Bake Off (dinner at 5:00 p.m., Dessert Auction 5:45 p.m.)

May 23 - Men's Softball at Middleton-Mills 2 at 7:15 p.m.

May 24 - Bound by Books 7:00 p.m.

May 26 – Happy Travelers 10:30 a.m.

May 30 – NO Men's Softball (Holiday)