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As your editor, I thought it would be informative to ask our new minister some questions, so here's the first installment of Getting to Know your Pastor! Terry

What is your faith journey?

This is a question potential pastors get asked a lot, but here's the quick and dirty version: I was born and raised Presbyterian, part of a family that was very active in church. My faith was shaped and strengthened by years of Sunday School, youth group, mission trips, fellowship, and worship. I heard my call to ministry in my first year of college, when God revealed to me where my gifts, skills, and experiences might be put to God's service. Despite my initial terror, I soon found that God was giving me courage to answer the call—a sure sign of God's presence in my life. Since then, I oriented my life to follow that call, and sought experiences that would deepen, widen, and strengthen my faith.

What was your impression of KY before you came here?

Honestly, I'm not sure I had much of an impression of KY—I think I thought it was kind of like Virginia, only landlocked! I'm definitely looking forward to discovering what makes Kentucky unique!

What is your family structure?

I'm blessed with a wonderful, supportive family. My parents and grandparents (and a smattering of aunts and uncles and cousins) live in Salem, VA, with more family in California, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Florida. My mother is the Director of Development for the Virginia Museum of Transportation, while my father runs the Math Emporium at Virginia Tech. I have one older brother, Robert, who lives in Charlotte, NC and holds two equally cool jobs—as a science educator at the Discovery Place (a children's science museum) and giving ghost tours of the city.

Genealogy? (any note-worthy relatives or stories)

My mother's family has deep roots in Virginia, going back to before the Revolutionary War. That much history is always going to produce some notable names, but probably my most famous ancestor is Alexander Spotswood, who built the governor's mansion that now stands in Colonial Williamsburg and who led the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe on their exploration west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. I guess I've followed in his footsteps, though I've gotten a lot farther than he did!

Are you a city girl, country girl, or a suburbanite?

I've lived most of my life in Salem, VA, which considers itself a small city—about 25,000 people. It's just the right size that when you go to the grocery store, you won't know *everybody*, but you will know *somebody*! Then my college was incredibly rural and my seminary very urban, so I've done a little bit of everything. I'm very happy to be here in Northern Kentucky, where you can get to both the country and the city without too much effort.

How do we reach you?

Okay, so I planted this question, but I want to make sure everyone knows how to get in touch with me. The two simplest ways are by email (pastor.cspresby@gmail.com) or by phone (540-819-4014). You're welcome to call or text; if your call is important and I don't answer, please leave a voice mail so I know what's going on. *If you have an emergency overnight* (10pm-7am), please call twice in row—I have a setting on my phone that silences those pesky midnight telemarketers, but will let repeated calls through. While not technically in my ordination vows, I promise never to be grumpy if you call me in the middle of the night, so if you are in need of a pastoral presence (or even just a hospital buddy), please call.

I'm still figuring out what office hours will be best for my schedule, but eventually I will commit to being in the office for a few mornings and afternoons a week and will share those times with you. For now, it's best to call my cell phone to make sure I'm in the office if you want to drop by.

Carol

Reverend Carol Ferguson



On July 10th, Reverend Carol Ferguson began her ministry with CSPC! We had signs welcoming Carol's arrival on Western Reserve and on the church property. Carol's sermon was inspirational and energizing. A reception was hosted by the Congregational Care Committee afterwards. We look forward to this new chapter in our church's long history!

Building and Grounds - Renovations

CSPC has now spent \$40,000 to make the church waterproof and get rid of mold and mildew issues. We are ready to renovate, but lack funding. The session feels the need to improve the old fellowship hall with everyone's financial support. The area will be used for Sunday School, youth group meetings and social events, plus many other activities. Session has set a goal of raising \$10,000.00. After \$2500.00 has been raised the first phase of fixing ceiling, new lighting and painting the area will be started. As additional money is received, work will be done on the floors, restroom, and kitchen. Session is excited to get this project under way and will appreciate everyone's support.



CSPC in the Community



July 4th was a day off for many people, but not the members of CSPC! A large group of people gathered at church at 9 a.m. and started decorating our float for the Ft. Mitchell Fourth of July Parade. By 10:30, they were headed to the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home to line up for the parade. Since they had a couple of hours until the parade started, Scott organized a cookout lunch.

The weather was not very cooperative, as there was lots of early-morning rain and a constant drizzle for most of the day, but spirits were not dampened as we got ready to hand out thousands of ice pops! As always, the parade route was well attended and our outreach effort was well received.

We also served drinks and ice pops at Middleton Mills Park for their Wild Wednesday Program on July 13th. There were lots of parents and children attending this fun event and since it was hot, hot, hot out – the free refreshments we provided were much appreciated!

Tabitha Guild

We donated a whole box full of doo dads to Martha Ann Thrasher, for her Fidget Quilts. She was very appreciative and has already made up nine quilts! Thanks, Martha for putting our leftover doo dads to good use!

Flames Youth Group



On July 3rd, our youth volunteered at the Kids' Club at Cornerstone Ministries.

Eight middle-school students along with leaders Erin Murphy and Meaghan Mullin attended the Montreat Middle School Conference in Maryville, TN in July. The theme this year was "Work in Progress". They had a wonderful time and were excited about sharing God's message with our congregation on July 31st.



Guess Who's Coming to Visit?!

Norma Lutz and her daughter, Linda Morrison, will be in town this month! Their plan is to attend church on August 14th – God willing. Early in 2015, Norma moved to Waxahachie, Texas, where she has an apartment and is enjoying being close to family. Be sure to look for Norma on the 14th!

CSPC on Facebook



If you are on Facebook, please be sure to Like or Join our pages. [Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church Members Past, Present, and Future](#) is a group where anyone can post pictures, comments, and get information. [Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church](#) is a page where our administrators post pictures, comments and information. You can also post a comment on this page, but it will be reviewed before it is posted on the left side of the page under Visitor Posts. Both are great pages and a good way to stay connected and see what CSPC is doing.

Christian Education Committee

Children's Church is ongoing through August. The kids are having a wonderful time! If you are interested in volunteering, please pick up a lesson plan and sign up in the Narthex. Sunday School will start in the fall on September 11th. If you are interested in teaching or participating, please let Erin Murphy know. There will be Elementary, Middle Youth, and Adult classes available and you do not need to make a nine-month commitment as the C.E. committee has flexible teaching schedules! Please sign up in the narthex!

Bound by Books

Our adult book club discussion group is made up of men and women, church members past and present, and community members. Most months they meet at church at 7 p.m. and are open to new members. Here is a list of the books they will be discussing this summer:

August 23 – [The Luckiest Girl Alive](#) by Jessica Knoll
 September 27 – [Go Set a Watchman](#) by Harper Lee
 October 25 – [The Life We Bury](#) by Allen Eskens

Happy Travelers

The Happy Travelers is a fun group for seniors, which meets the 4th Thursday of every month at church, then goes out for lunch. Sometimes there are special outings. We carpool to all our outings. Join us if you are looking for fun and fellowship. See Betty Eichelberger for details of our next outing.

Mission Opportunities

Thanks to all who took brownie mixes and brought them back to church for our Cornerstone Ministries. We collected headphones and backpacks for the River Ridge Resource Center through the end of July. We will continue to support the Food for Thought program, so be sure to bring in 8-ounce Chef Boyardee entrees, shelf-stable milk, 100%% fruit juice packs, individual serving cereal boxes, peanut butter or cheese crackers, applesauce packs, and healthy snacks. Life Line Ministries is still looking for new or gently-used clothing that is appropriate for the work place. There are containers in the Gathering Room for your donations.

Congregational Care Committee



On July 17th we hosted our annual Ice Cream Social, which was a huge success! Several local youth groups met at our church earlier in the day to get information about their Montreat Conference and their families were all invited to enjoy the frozen treats! The line to get ice cream went from the Gathering Room to the Sanctuary doors in the Narthex! It was loud and hot but it was a fun time. There were so many people that we had to set up tables and chairs outside but there was plenty of ice cream, toppings, and desserts for all!



This month, Scott will organize a scavenger hunt on August 5th for the congregation. We are hoping to introduce Carol to some of the iconic locations in the Northern Kentucky area. This should be great fun for all as we divide into teams and zip around the area snapping pictures of local places from our list of hints! See you on Friday, August 5th at 6:00 p.m. We will start out at church.

September 18th will be the Annual Church Picnic right after church at the Crescent Springs/Villa Hills Park at the corner of Buttermilk and Collins Roads. Watch for more details next month in the Clarion!

August Calendar

Fridays – 7:00 A.A. Meeting

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

August 2 – Cornerstone ministries

August 4 – Worship Committee 5:30 p.m.; Congregational Care Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

August 5 – Tabitha Guild noon – 2:00 p.m.

August 10 – Wild Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Middleton Mills Park, Shelter 2

August 11 – Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.; Mission Committee 7:30 p.m.

August 16 – Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 19 – Tabitha Guild noon – 2:00 p.m.

August 23 – Bound by Books (The Luckiest Girl Alive) 7:00 p.m.

August 25 – Happy Travelers 10:30 a.m.

September 1 – Congregational Care Committee 7:30 p.m.