



October 2016

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Carol's October Odds and Ends

Installation. It's hard to believe that I'm coming up on three months as your pastor here at Crescent Springs Presbyterian! God has blessed me richly with the opportunity to be in ministry alongside you. In the Presbyterian church, the process to call a new pastor is a long one, and we still have one more step to take—celebrate! A service of installation celebrates the relationship between a pastor and congregation. Because we believe that we are a connectional church, the Presbytery of Cincinnati will officially install me here, with various members of the Presbytery serving as representatives. **This service will be Sunday, October 2 at 6PM**, followed by a reception. I encourage you to come and celebrate the hard work you all have done in preparing for and welcoming a new pastor, and envision the ministry we will do together as we follow God's call into the future!

Race and Faith Conversations. During the month of September, a group of Crescent Springs Presbyterians have been meeting to talk about race and our faithful response. These are hard conversations, but as the news unfolds daily, I am reminded of how necessary they are. Majority-white churches are often silent on issues of race, out of fear that they will say the wrong thing, or a belief that it isn't our business. I am grateful for the courage of our Race and Faith group, who have been willing to break the silence. I am committed to continuing to engage with these issues in the future, and hope that you will share with me your own stories, concerns, prayers, and hopes as we seek to follow Christ's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

A Note of Thanks. I'd like to share a personal note of gratitude for all your kindness after the passing of my grandfather. I was so glad to be able to go home and be with my family for his memorial service, and have been touched by your cards, thoughts, and prayers. I am so blessed to be among you all!

Peace,
Carol

Welcome Marianne and Tyler!



Tyler and Marianne Gross joined our church on September 4th. They are friends with Tom and Stacey Ross and have been attending CSPC for a while now. If you haven't spoken with them yet, here is a little information about their family of three.

Tyler is from Boone County, and Marianne is from Anderson Township in Ohio. Tyler went to Georgetown College where he played football, and Marianne went to Wright State University. They met in Cincinnati on a blind date and have been married 4 years now. Tyler is a web developer at a company in Newtown and Marianne works as a VP of Marketing at a company downtown. They have a 5-month old baby we are in love with named Carolyn!

They love sports, travel, and spending time with friends and family. Tyler also coaches high school football in the fall - he is the offensive line coach at Covington Catholic High School - Go Colonels!

They both grew up in faithful families, Tyler at Richwood Presbyterian where he attended with his grandmother and family. Marianne came from a Catholic background. When they started a family they wanted to find a church community to raise their children in. "We found CSPC through Tom and Stacey Ross, who have been good friends of ours for years.", Marianne added, "We got married a year apart then had daughters 4 days apart!"

"We were so happy at CSPC from the beginning - everyone has been so welcoming and friendly from day one. We are excited to raise our daughter here, and hope for Carolyn (and Nora!) to have a great church experience and upbringing in the CSPS family."

Church Picnic

We had beautiful weather for the church picnic on September 18th. There was a good crowd and great food under the shelter house at the Crescent Springs Community Park. Thanks to the Congregational Care Committee for organizing this annual event. Look for photos in this month's Clarion.

The Holidays Are Coming!

Are you starting to prepare for Advent and the Christmas holidays? Here's a novel idea – A Reverse Advent Basket. Instead of getting a small gift each day of Advent, take turns having family members ADD an item to the basket each day to support our mission projects! Your Reverse Advent Basket could be themed to support one mission like Food For Thought or your basket could represent several of our missions. At the end of Advent, bring your baskets in and leave them in the Gathering Room. If you can't find an item to add to the basket on one of the days, add cash – it can be designated or added to the mission budget.

Mission Committee

Our Food for Thought Ministry is off to a good start but we need even more help to make it a great start. With your help CSPC will support the River Ridge Family Resource Center by providing 20 Food for Thought bags per week to help feed food insecure children over the weekend. Currently, our primary needs are shelf stable milk, pasta meals and individual fruit cups, but donations of 100% juice, crackers and cereal are always appreciated. The next pack will be on Sunday, October 2nd following the service. The Mission Committee is excited to announce that we will be partnering with Emmanuel Methodist Church to provide 10 additional bags. Their church will provide us with monetary donations and we will purchase the food and pack the bags for delivery. Other needs at the Family Resource Center include gym shoes (size 11-5 for boys and girls), girls' leggings (size 6-14) and boys' pants (size 6-10). And don't forget we are always collecting gently used clothing for Lifeline Ministries and non-perishable food and hygiene items for our Food Pantry. Distribution of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets will be here soon so help stock our pantry early! If you are interested in joining the Mission Committee our next meeting will be Thursday, October 20th at 6:30.

Heather Alexander

Idle Hands?

A clean church makes a good impression on first-time visitors. The congregation has taken on the responsibility of housekeeping around our facility. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex and each task will take less than half an hour. Get your family together and cut that down to minutes! If you have a monthly committee meeting, arrive early and knock out a little dusting or mopping before your meeting starts – easy peasy!

Flames Youth Group



In September, Flames visited the Kidz Klub ministries at Cornerstone in Covington. We also held our kick-off party to welcome new members, Madeline and Aubrey! We are very excited about all our upcoming activities. In October, we will join our friends at Union Presbyterian for a corn maze and hayride. We will also make a snack for Ronald McDonald House in Cincinnati. If any members of the congregation would like to donate pop top tabs, please bring them to church by October 16th.

See Erin Murphy or Meaghan Mullin for more information.



Note from Your Editor

I have been in charge of the Clarion for a little over a year now. I would love to have your feedback. Do you have suggestions for monthly articles or one-time features? Let me know!

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Baptisms are a Blessing



In September, we had a double baptism! Nora Ross, daughter of Tom and Stacey along with Caroline Gross, daughter of Tyler and Marianne, were brought into the faith by Carol, assisted by Debbie Daly, Nora's grandmother. What a joyous family event as we ALL welcomed our new sisters/daughters/granddaughters into our church and not a tear was shed (except maybe by some of us in the pews).

Hazardous Waste Disposal

There will be a hazardous waste disposal day at the Florence Freedom Park on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. If you clean out your garage and basement this fall, set aside your paint cans, antifreeze, paint cans, etc. and bring them to the ball park at 7950 Freedom Way in Florence. Shredders will also be available and it is a free event.

Yearly Giving Statements

Yearly giving statements were sent out through email in September. If you do not have email or did not receive your statement, see Karen Greenhow (mommylittle57@gmail.com or call at 859-341-0358)

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 fall:

October 25 – The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens

November 29 – All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (off-site location – check with Nancy Reed for more information)

December – No meeting

Watch the Clarion for the 2017 book list.

Annual Church Picnic 2016



Shelter House at C.S. Community Park



Doug fires up the grills



Karen tending the hamburgers



Some Greenhows arriving



The Gross family and Tom Ross



Time to chat



Lots of CSPC tee shirts!



Time to chow down!



The Alexanders



Eating



Visiting



and playing in the sunshine

Praise Band

Did you hear some sweet, new sounds coming out of the left side of our church on September 18th? That was Nicki Hodgins, a second- year master's student in opera at CCM.

When Maggie went off to college, it was decided the lead singing position was a position that needed to be maintained as a full leadership position. The decision to hire a paid singer was agreed upon and approved by many people, including Worship and Personnel Committees, and approved by Session. Sam stated, "Upon hearing the requests and tastes of various CSPC members based on what they would like to hear in a lead singer, I recommended Nicole Hodgins, who then met with and was approved by Personnel Committee. She brings a wealth of vocal experience to the table, and performs in a variety of genres and settings."

Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself to Nicki in the upcoming weeks!



Happy Travelers

This group was formed 5 years ago for the seniors at CSPC but we are no longer limited to seniors. Anyone can join us for lunch and our outings. Last month we traveled to Maysville for lunch and toured The Miniature Museum. We met on September 22, to discuss the October trip to LaComedia. Reservations have to be made 30 days in advance and we must have 20 reservations to get the discounted price. We continue to send " Thinking of You" cards to our home-bound members.

If we get 20 reservations for our October outing, we will be traveling to Springboro, Ohio to have lunch and see **Million Dollar Quartet**. The LaComedia Dinner Theatre will be presenting this hit musical about the night that Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins found themselves all in the same recording studio and an impromptu jam session resulted.

Happy Travelers meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at church. Join us for fun and fellowship!

Betty Eichelberger

Past Member Recognition

Three years ago, Gig and Marjorie Henderson moved to New Jersey to be closer to Marjorie's son, Trey. Gig was recently recognized by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders for his efforts in the Korean War with a medal for distinguished service.



Gig served with the Air Force as a Ground Controlled Approach Operator at the Goose Bay Air Force base for one year. Goose Bay is located in the Labrador region of Newfoundland in the northern-most area of eastern Canada. His job was to help pilots land their aircraft when there was no visual reference to the ground. He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant over his four years with the Air Force.

One of his favorite memories was serving with his brother, Bill, in the control tower while they were both stationed at Fort Knox, KY. Gig, aged 86, also fondly remembers his many years at CSPC and being the scripture reader at our church services.

If you would like to drop Gig or Marjorie a note, their address is 350 Oxford Road, Room 124, Oxford, NJ 07863-3224.

Sunday School is for Everyone!



Sunday School is in full swing at 9 a.m. each Sunday! We offer a Nursery for our babies, staffed by Caroline, who steps in to help our Elementary Class if there are no babies to tend. In September, Sarah served as facilitator for the Elementary Class as they study Growing in Grace and Attitude. This class will be led by Amy in October. Our 5th – 8th graders are studying the Old Testament this year. Scott led the class in September and Meaghan will work with this class in October. Our Adult Class will be led by Craig for the school year as they look at the Presbyterian curriculum called Engage. They are currently doing the Mission chapter of this course study.

October Events at CSPC

Fridays – 7:00 A.A. Meeting

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

October 2 – FFT pack bags 11:00 a.m.; Installation and Reception for Carol Ferguson 6:00 p.m.

October 4 – Cornerstone Ministries

October 6 – Worship Committee 5:30 p.m.; Congregational Care Committee 7:00 p.m.

October 7 – Tabitha Guild 12 noon – 2:00 p.m.

October 9 – Stewardship Campaign begins

October 10 – Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 20 – B and G Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m., C.E. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 21 – Tabitha Guild 12 noon – 2:00 p.m.

October 25 – Bound by Books (The Life We Bury) 7:00 p.m.

October 27 – Happy Travelers to Springboro, Ohio

October 30 – Commitment Sunday, bring in your pledge cards

November 6 – **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS.** TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON NOVEMBER 5TH