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# The Clarion

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## CRESCENT SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Mike's Meanderings



Dandelions.

Yep, my lawn has them, and I don't really mind.

I admire dandelions. I think a dandelion is a great Christian role model.

For instance, dandelions have deep, deep roots. You'll know this first-hand if you ever try to dig a dandelion out of your yard. A dandelion takes its stand and there it stays no matter what. They are totally committed, as Christians should be utterly devoted to Christ. Paul calls it being "rooted and grounded."

Yet even with such deep roots, dandelions also know how to fly. Those feathery seeds launch into the wind and travel across the world. It reminds me of how Christians entrust ourselves to the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit, allowing God to carry us where God pleases.

The dandelion seeds also can teach us a few lessons about evangelism and spreading the word. You probably know that dandelions aren't native to this country. European colonists brought the seeds along so they could grow dandelions for greens, tea, and medicine. From a few garden plots in the east,

dandelions now cover the whole continent. That's a powerful model for growing the church!

Dandelions also understand community. There's no such thing as an individual dandelion. What we think of as one dandelion flower is actually a cluster of dozens of tiny blossoms all clinging to one another to form one bloom. A solo dandelion is as impossible as a solo Christian. We are meant to be a community and trying to live our faith alone is a sure recipe for disaster. Someone is always trying to obliterate the lowly dandelion, but those yellow flowers just keep coming back—like the church. The Jesus movement has undergone so much persecution through the centuries, and that persecution is still a strong force in many parts of the world. Yet the church survives and thrives anyway, because we are in God's hands. Yeah, we can learn a lot from dandelions. If you don't have any in your yard, feel free to pluck a few at my house.

*Mike*

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### **Pentecost**

We will celebrate a combined Pentecost worship service on May 15 at 9:30. This service will replace the 8:30 and 11:00 services for that Sunday, and we will cancel Sunday School classes for that day. A time of fellowship will follow the service. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Room if you are willing to bring breakfast foods for the fellowship afterwards. Mark your calendar and lay out your **red clothes**.

### **Laverne Scott Memorial Scholarship**

If you are a high school student about to enter college or currently a college student and would like to apply for the Laverne Scott Memorial Scholarship, the forms are available in the rack across from the office. The forms are due back in the church office on May 15. For more information about this scholarship, please contact Elmira Scott.

### **Become A Reporter For The Clarion**

The Clarion is currently seeking enthusiastic church members to submit articles involving all facets of CSPC church life. Our committee heads submit articles on a regular basis, but we welcome contributions from anyone in the congregation. We have many events and gatherings our readers would love to know about!! New ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Be a part of The Clarion newsletter team and discover a fun and fulfilling way to offer your creative talents for God's work.

--Billie Grant, Editor

### **--One Great Hour of Sharing**

Thanks to your generous giving CSPC's OGHS offering exceeded \$2,000. Your gifts will provide aid to those in need around the globe!

--Dawn Miller - Mission Committee Co-Chair



## **The Clarion Cedar Ridge Camp Top Ten Reasons To Send Your Kids to Camp**

- 10-- So your kids can learn to be independent--isn't that what they (you) want?!
- 9--Their favorite counselors miss them!
- 8--So they can make friendships that will last a lifetime--with people from different schools, different churches, and different backgrounds.
- 7--Camp is COOL--with shade and a clear blue swimming pool, who wants air conditioning! (Don't worry--our cabins have a/c too!)
- 6--The kid's sitter won't return your phone calls.
- 5--At camp, your kids will develop social skills. Every camper is included in activities and interacts with others in positive ways.
- 4--Alone time with God--something that isn't easy to do with the hectic schedules kids keep.
- 3--Because they can't canoe in their backyard!
- 2--To expose them to arts, drama, sports and outdoor recreation programs--campers have fun and develop self-esteem.
- 1--You just finished an embroidery class and needed a reason to sew initials in everyone's clothing!

**Call Cedar Ridge Camp - for more information at (502) 267-5848 or register on the web at [cedarridgecamp.com](http://cedarridgecamp.com)**

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### MISSION UPDATE

Since January, we have helped 8 individuals and their families with prescriptions, food, rent, utility bills, and gasoline. Your generous gifts of Kroger bonus points/gift cards and Shell gas cards help us to meet these emergency needs of local families. Thank you!

#### --IHN Night

Our next IHN night is on May 11. If you can prepare food, serve as a dinner host or activity host, or perform housekeeping duties that day please sign up on the poster in the Narthex on Sunday May 8.

#### --Welcome House Heart for the Homeless Event 2005

Mark your calendars for the annual Heart for the Homeless Event on June 17, 2005 at the Marquis in Wilder, Kentucky. This year's program will include a silent auction, money raffle, diamond necklace raffle, and much more.

The mission of Welcome House is to collaborate with the community to provide a continuum of quality services for individuals and families who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, to eradicate homelessness, and foster stability and promote a just society.

Contact Stephanie Boyd for more information.



#### Six Sweaters Sent to Guidepost's Knit for Kids Project

Three knitted and three crocheted sweaters were packed off to Guideposts in April. Thanks to Marilyn Reinhardt, who crocheted three sweaters, and Ruth Schweitzer, Grace Thoeny and Stephanie Thoeny, who each knitted one sweater, for their hard work for a worthy cause.

--Stephanie Thoeny

### Information On Living Wills

The life and death of Terri Schiavo recently brought Living Wills to the public's attention. This is a brief summary of the document known as a Living Will:

Also called an "advance directive," a living will is a document executed by a competent adult that does any or all of the following:

- directs the withholding or withdrawal of life prolonging treatment (such as the use of a respirator);
- directs the withholding or withdrawal of artificially provided food and water;
- designates one or more adults as a surrogate to make health care decisions on behalf of the person executing the Living Will;
- directs the giving of all or any part of the adult's body upon death for medical purposes.

Living Wills are different than a regular Will. A Living Will deals only with health care issues. Wills operate to pass property and belongings from a deceased person to people or institutions that survive them.

The circumstances in which a health care surrogate named in a Living Will can act to withhold or withdraw food and water are limited. Also, a Living Will is not binding on emergency medical responders. EMT's, by Kentucky law, must attempt resuscitation of a person unless a separate "Do Not Resuscitate" form is provided to them, which is different than a Living Will.

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A person can write his or her own Living Will or use a form provided by a hospital. The grantor's signature must be witnessed by two adults and notarized. Because of the heightened interest in this service, my law firm has decided to offer Living Wills free for anyone who desires one. We feel it is important for those who want to control their health care, in the event of incapacity, have the proper documentation. I would gladly answer more questions you may have about Living Wills. My office number is 341-0255, extension 111. You can also set an appointment through Judy in my office at ext. 125.

--Karen Ginn

**Congratulations** to Grace VanMelle and Lucy VanMelle who earned First Honors at Villa Madonna Academy for the third quarter.



Thanks to Alan Vicory for speaking at the combined meeting of the Flames and Firesiders on May 1 about the importance of water, the Ohio River and pollution control.



*Men's Prayer Group Meeting every Saturday at 8 a.m.*

*AA meets every Monday at 8:15 p.m.*

**MAY/JUNE CALENDAR**

**The Clarion**

- May 9 - Mary Esther Circle 12:30
- May 9 - Session 7:00
- May 11 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30
- May 12 - Lectio Divina 7:00
- May 14 - Women's Breakfast 9:00
- May 15 - Gold Sparks 12:00
- May 15 - Pentecost (One Service) 9:30
- May 15 - Firesiders Bake-Off 5:00/6:00
- May 16 - Christian Education 7:00
- May 18 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30
- May 22 - Gold Sparks 12:00
- May 24 - Bound by Books 7:00
- May 25 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30
- May 27 - Lunch Bunch for Adults
- May 29 - Gold Sparks 12:00

- June 1 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30
- June 2 - Deacons 7:00
- June 6 - Piecemakers 7:00
- June 8 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30
- June 12 - Gold Sparks 12:00
- June 13 - Mary Esther Circle 12:30
- June 13 - Session 7:00
- June 15 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30
- June 19 - Gold Sparks 12:00
- June 20 - Christian Education 7:00
- June 22 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30
- June 24 - Lunch Bunch for Adults
- June 26 - Gold Sparks
- June 28 - Bound by Books 7:00
- June 29 - Bells 6:30/Adult Choir 7:30