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Labor Day weekend is approaching. It's the traditional end of summer holiday and marks the beginning of the fall program in most churches. On September 13, our Christian Education Department will start a new season of classes after a brief break from its summer program. I invite everybody to be part of this experience.

Presbyterians have always emphasized education. It's deeply embedded in our DNA. We have always believed that our lives together as particular congregations, as a larger church, and as citizens of our world will be enhanced and strengthened by ongoing educational efforts. We've sponsored colleges, universities, and seminaries. In pioneer days, it was often the Presbyterians who led in the planting of the educational system in a new town. Many Presbyterian congregations had their beginnings, not as a worshiping congregation, but as a community Sunday School. We're all about education.

Why are we like that? Though we don't often think of it this way, education is really our effort at church growth and development and evangelism. And, there's an image of that in the New Testament. Read the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8.

God tells Philip to go to a particular place. There he encounters the Ethiopian returning to his home from Jerusalem, where he had gone to worship. As he rides along, he is reading a passage from Isaiah. Again at God's directive, Philip stops the Ethiopian on the road and asks him if he understands what he is reading. The Ethiopian answers with a famous question: How can I, unless someone guides me? Philip provides guidance, and the Ethiopian becomes a Christian convert.

How can people know of God and Jesus Christ and what our faith means unless someone serves as a guide? How can our children know what we believe, unless we teach it to them? How can people know about the church and it's message, unless the church teaches them? How can people who have been a part of the church all their lives continue to develop their faith and their relationship with the Lord, unless the church teaches them faithful living?

Jesus himself would have delighted to make local synagogues his base of operations in the various towns he visited. Every town had a synagogue, and its purpose was religious education. Formal worship and sacrifices were reserved for the Temple in Jerusalem, but regular trips there were impossible for most people. Yet, each town could provide for education. Without that, the rituals of the Temple wouldn't have made sense anyway.

Most of this is just common sense. But, our busy world tempts us to slack on the Christian education program. It's hard to get the kids all cleaned up and ready for Sunday School at 8:30 on Sunday morning. Isn't it all right to attend our Worship Service and consider it sufficient.

Actually, no. It's not all right. Kids need Sunday School. And, so do the adults! We never outgrow our need for Christian Education. And, if Mom and Dad are eager for their own Sunday School classes, the eagerness will rub off onto the kids.

It's all a self-sustaining effort-- an important effort--and I want to encourage all of you to make it a regular part of your Sunday lives as we move into fall ... **Between the Times.**

--FHS

Remember to Update Your Address Book

The CSPC web and e-mail addresses have changed, effective immediately. The new web address is www.cspresby.com. The new e-mail: e-mail@cspresby.com.

“Rise and Shine” for CSPC’s Fresh Start Sunday School!

Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 CSPC will kick off a new Sunday School year with seven new classes offering options for all ages.

Pre-school and kindergarten kids will continue to meet upstairs across from the nursery; elementary grades will meet in the classroom next door. Middle school and high school students will meet downstairs.

Adults have three class options: Bible study focusing on the letters of Paul (please bring your Bible, other materials will be provided); current topics within our denomination based on the Presbyterian Outlook newsletter; and a study of plants of the Bible.

Fairly traded coffee (decaf and regular) will be brewing in time for the start of classes, just as it was this summer. Fill your mug on your way to class.

We hope you will be part of one of these classes. If you haven’t signed up, you can register online at the new CSPC web site, www.cspreby.com or call the CE chair, Karen Ginn.

Not registered? Want to change classes? No problem. See you in Sunday School!

IHN Volunteers Create Home Away from Home

Many hands from our congregation assisted in another successful week for guests of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Our members act in a support capacity for guests who stay in the former convent house at St. Agnes parish. There were 12 guests, 3 adults and 9 children.

IHN is a national network comprised of groups of area churches. Each host church supplies a clean, safe environment for families as they return to stability with the help of the local day center and its staff. The Northern Kentucky day center is in Newport.

The following people from our congregation volunteered this rotation in designated tasks. Ask them about their experience with IHN and look for the next sign-up sheet.

- Dinner preparers – Cindy Holt, Becky Burdick, Carol Points, Evalyn Hoskins, Meaghan Mullin, Carol Buckhout.
- Dinner servers – Marlene and Russ Letsinger, Erica Anderson.
- Activity hosts (helping with evening entertainment and child care) – Grace and Will Thompson, Nana Boateng, Erica Anderson.
- Housekeepers (day cleaning in preparation of guests) – Kathy Grant, Evalyn Hoskins, Karen Ginn

Fund-Raisers Bring in Cash

CSPC recently received checks for \$224.20 from Remke Markets and \$616.60 from Kroger via our fund raising programs with those two grocery stores. Year to date, CSPC has received \$2486.86 from our grocery programs.

In addition, CSPC received over \$45.92 for paper recycling, and has earned \$24.37 from Goodsearch/Goodshop, used by members when they’re searching or shopping online. We’ve also received \$88.36 from Rima’s Diner, which provides a rebate each time one of us eats there and mentions CSPC.

Please continue to bring all your newspapers, catalogues, magazines, etc. to the paper recycling container in the parking lot. The more we recycle the more money we bring in. And, to earn money each time you’re online, go to www.goodsearch.com and type in Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church as your charity.

Kroger pays a rebate of 4% of total purchases to CSPC if you shop with one of their designated gift cards; Remke Markets pays 1% of total purchases when you use their shopper’s card. **If you don’t have one of these grocery cards and would like one,**

please contact Ginny Clark at 689-5871.

All of these fund-raisers are easy and generate money for our congregation with no expenditures from us.

CSPC Logo — A New Look

As you walk through the Narthex, take a moment to look at the poster showing the new CSPC logo.

The logo features a stained glass window resembling the ones in the Gathering Room, which was our congregation’s original sanctuary. The tagline accompanying the artwork is “Sharing the Light of God’s Love.”

The image of the window recalls our congregation’s tradition, while providing a visual reminder of the function of windows—namely allowing light to enter and letting us look outward. As Christians we are called to look outward so that we can share the gospel and God’s love.

The new logo and tagline is the work of the Church Development Committee and approved by Session.

October Opportunites

Reminder: If you would be willing to host a Presbyterian mission co-worker during the General Assembly’s Mission Roundtable in Cincinnati Oct. 24-26, contact William Westmoreland at wilsonmemorial@fuse.net or Carol Winkler at winksmama@insightbb.com.

Also of note: The October Festival Choir will perform Haydn’s Theresa Mass Oct. 11 at Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church, conducted by Betsy Burley of the Pittsburgh Symphony Chorus. Contact Christian Miller at 859-394-4439 if you would like to participate as an ensemble singer.

Thanks in Advance

If you are working or meeting in the church building alone or in a small group, please remember to keep the outside doors locked while you are inside. This practice is good for personal safety and the safety of our property, as well as church liability. It’s simply not a good idea to have unauthorized people in the building if we’re unaware of their presence.

Visitors, delivery people, etc. can ring the door bell if they need to be let into the building.

And, thanks in advance for signing up to clean, staff the office, etc.

Let’s all work together safely.

Session Notes

At its stated meeting in August, the Session:

- Voted to receive James Eavey on letter of transfer and Susan Graven Eavey on reaffirmation of faith;
- Directed finance committee to evaluate availability of funds for potential to hire secretary and cleaning service;
- Approved placement of a plaque on the organ recognizing Elmira Scott as Organist Emerita;
- Approved the new logo for CSPC (see article).

Note: at a congregational meeting August 23, the members of CSPC voted to pursue refinancing of the church mortgage.

September at CSPC

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| September 4 | Chicks with Sticks |
| September 13 | Fresh Start Sunday School |
| September 15 | Session Meeting |
| September 18 | Chicks with Sticks |
| September 21 | CE Meeting |
| September 25 | Lunch Bunch |
| September 28 | Bound by Books |