



CRESCENT SPRINGS
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Between the Times

April 2010

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel

—Luke. 24:21a NRSV

Thus spoke the two travelers who were leaving Jerusalem on the evening of the first Easter and heading toward their home in Emmaus. I've always thought of it as one of the most gut wrenching verses in the Bible. It's the cry of despair from two men Luke presents as followers who had pinned greatly more than their fondest hopes and dreams upon Jesus, only to have it all wiped away by horror of his death. Now it was all over. They might as well go on back home and see if they could pick up with their daily routines again.

The irony of it all is that these men were talking to the Risen Christ himself; but they didn't know it. A lot of commentary has been expended looking for the reason(s) why they didn't recognize the Lord. Luke doesn't try to explain it other than to say that something prevented their recognition. The focus of the story then quickly shifts to Jesus, who begins to teach them about himself based on Old Testament scriptural prophecies. And, he finishes his lesson by opening their eyes so that they recognized him and were forever convinced of the reality of Resurrection.

We might envy them. Few people have had that kind of a revelation from Jesus Christ himself. Two thousand years after the fact, we might really wish to have Jesus do an instant replay for us. We've been carrying this faith story for a very long time, and the weight of it is becoming difficult to bear.

I think the people who live in the early 21st century world during the Holy Season have a lot in common with those who experienced the Holy Season first hand. There is so much confusion. There is so much

violence. There is so much hatred. But, we had hoped that Jesus came to redeem all that.

In the past week, there have been 10 murders or shootings in Cincinnati – or was it 12? I've lost count. A militia group in Michigan – with ties in Ohio and Indiana – was rounded up and arrested for planning to murder police officers and bomb the people who would attend their funerals. And, they said they were doing that to fight the "antichrist." Emotionally unbalanced people have made threats of violence against politicians who "voted the wrong way." Unbalanced politicians have made irrational accusations against one another. The Roman Catholic part of the Church is catching renewed heat over issues of clergy abuse. It was all in just the last week! And, we had hoped that Jesus came to redeem all that.

The Emmaus Road travelers were ready to give up their faith in Jesus because, to them, he was obviously dead. But, Luke paints us a graphic illustration of how the Risen Christ steps in and changes all our ideas about "the obvious." Jesus did not go through the horror and suffering and death of Holy Week only to have those who believe in him miss the point. He is willing to make individual efforts with that. He will, in his own way, come to walk the road with us as we travel. If we open our ears, he'll teach us. If we invite him to stay with us, he will open our eyes, too. It's how he does things with his people, in the first century, in the 21st century, and everywhere.

Between the times . . .

—FHS II

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee has made good progress over the last several weeks. We have now received Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) from 87 individuals – 58 men and 29 women. Of this total, 57 PIFs have been electronically matched with us by the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection, and the other 30 have been received directly from candidates who are interested in us.

Our committee continues to review and screen the PIFs to narrow down the list of potential candidates, and we have begun initial phone interviews with selected individuals. Upcoming steps in the process include conducting additional interviews, listening to sermons, contacting references, and narrowing the search. The PNC will work to keep the congregation informed as we move through the upcoming steps in this exciting process!

Abitibi's April Special

Abitibi, our paper recycler, is running a special promotion in April. If we collect 4,000 pounds of magazines and other paper we will get double our usual reimbursement. So April is a great time for spring cleaning-- gather up all those magazines other paper that you have set aside to look at one day, but never get around to. Bring them in and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. CSPC will reap the rewards and there will be less clutter in our homes!

Spring Fling 2010

CSPC's Second Annual Spring Fling will be May 23-28.

This juried arts and crafts exhibition showcases our congregation along with the work of artists in the Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati area.

Judging for this event was Saturday, April 10. There was a total of 65 entries in a variety of mediums including clay sculpture, all painting media; photography; and fabric art. Judges Leah Goshorn, curator of exhibits at the Frank Duveneck Arts & Cultural Center, and Maurice Mattei, illustrator, designer and photographer, were impressed with both the quality of entries and our church. The judges awarded a Best of Show prize of \$150, a first place award of \$75, a second place prize of \$50, third place award of \$25 and five awards of merit.

\$480.00 was raised through entry fees and a donation of \$100 was received making the total amount raised \$580.00.

Volunteers sign-up sheets will be posted for entry check-in; show setup; opening reception food and ambassadors; gallery attendants; entry pick-up and show tear down.

CSPC Elects

At a congregational meeting March 28, CSPC elected elders, deacons and a nominating committee.

Elders who will serve in the class of 2013 are:

Crystal Hardin, Patricia McGregor, Craig Mullin, and Martha Ann Thrasher

Deacons who will serve in the class of 2013 are: Troy Bitter, Norma Lutz and Carol Points.

The 2010-11 Nominating Committee members will be: Wayne Buckhout, Doug Ginn, Susan Hicks, Emma McGregor, and Doug Thompson.

Thanks to the current nominating committee for their work and thanks to these members for their willingness to serve our congregation.

Virtus Training — for those who work with Children and Youth

Do you work with children in our congregation? Do you plan on working with any of our youth this year? Did you know that the C.E. committee requires you to have completed VIRTUS training? We are scheduling training right now, so please call Terry David (380-9466) and she will let you know about available dates.

Spring Chores? Let Rent-a-Youth Help

Members of the CSPC Firesiders' Youth Group will do yard work and other chores for donations. They have plenty of satisfied customers. For more information, contact Brad Neal or send a message to email @cspresby.com.

If it's Spring, it's Time for CSPC Softball

Softball season begins soon. Men ages 15 or older are welcome to play. and other members are invited to come cheer for the team. Contact Tim Reed at 291-6116 for more information.

Notes from the March Session Meeting

At its stated meeting on March 9, the Session at CSPC:

- Received written reports from the treasurer, building and grounds, personnel and nominating committees.
- Accepted Michael Dunavan and Eileen Thirs Dunavan upon transfer of membership from Jeffersontown Presbyterian Church;
- Renewed the interim contract with Rev. Floyd Starr;
- Voted to hold a joint meeting with the Deacons, May 4 at 7 PM; and
- Voted to hold a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, March 28 for the purpose of electing a slate of elder, deacons and a nominating committee. (see below)

Calendar

April 13 Session Meeting, 7 PM

April 15 Pre-Needs/Final Arrangements Presentation, 7 PM

April 16 Chicks with Sticks, noon

April 27 Bound by Books, 7 PM

April 30 Lunch Bunch, noon

Men's Fellowship, each Saturday at 8 AM