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# The Clarion

October 2010

Carol Buckhout, Editor

Friends,

I purchased a laptop in June of 2002. It was state of the art at that time. My son Phillip was envious. He wanted to use "Dad's" computer because it was lightning fast and could play all the games and do all the stuff he wanted. Now that laptop sits mostly unused. My girls don't like it because it locks up, is slow, and won't play the games on the internet that they like. "Dad, fix it," they say. I would like to fix it, but a sticker on the computer reads, "Designed for Windows XP." The Windows XP operating system is no longer supported by the manufacturer and to upgrade the memory and the central processing unit (CPU), the heart of the computer, would cost more than buying a new laptop. That laptop is unreliable, almost unusable and obsolete. It needs a new heart.

How about you? What keeps you from becoming unreliable, unusable, obsolete? Do you need a new heart? What about our church?

Consider God's promise,

"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.** You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; **you will be my people, and I will be your God.**"

Ezekiel 36:24-28 NIV

These words were written to God's people who were scattered, unreliable, unusable, and obsolete. They needed an upgrade. They needed a new heart and God was willing to restore them.

Listen to these words,

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,** declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Jeremiah 29:11-14 NIV

God is willing to restore His people who seek Him. Are you ready for an upgrade? Are you ready to come out of exile? I am!

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Randy



**Sunday School for Everyone**

It's not too late to join in a Sunday School class. We offer classes for pre-school through adult, with nursery provided for infants. Adults may choose from Bible Study of 2 Corinthians led by Heather Alexander; God in the 21st Century, led by Steve Thrasher; Presbyterian 101 - learning about all things Presbyterian, led by a team of CSPC members. Sunday School begins at 8:30 and ends at 9:20 so that we're on time for worship at 9:30.

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## Prepare Your Hearts

### CSPC Prepares an Advent Devotional Booklet

The Christian Education committee is preparing an Advent Devotional Booklet for you and your family to use for daily home worship during the Advent season, which begins Sunday, November 28. The goal is to have at least 28 personal devotions to offer our congregation. Please prepare and submit a devotion—you can share a cherished Advent or Christmas memory, tell what Advent means to you, or offer a commentary on a Bible story that pertains to Advent.

#### Ideas and Suggestions:

- Begin your devotion with a passage of Scripture
- End the devotion with a prayer or additional scripture passage
- Incorporate an activity that appeals to both adults and children

#### Guidelines:

- Devotions should be 200-300 words in length;
- Please submit electronically to terrdavid05@gmail.com. Paper copies can be placed in Terry's mailbox.

Deadline for submission is Sunday, November 1, but the earlier the better! Want to contribute, and not sure where to start? Check out Advent devotional sites online.

#### *How about an example of an activity or prayer?*

Advent Activity: Divide a piece of paper into two columns. Label one column Holiday and the other Holy Day. List symbols, activities and expectations.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, it's that time of year again, when I slip into the Holiday mode instead of the Holy Day mode. You know what is in my heart; help me to prioritize what is really important and prepare my mind to love you with all my soul. Amen.*

## Stewards of Children

CSPC will host a presentation of Stewards of Children, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. This program prepares adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child abuse. It is research-based and developed by Darkness to Light, a national organization which works to raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child abuse. The program is presented by trained facilitators from the Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center and uses a video, workbook and discussion. CSPC will be inviting our neighbors from Villa Hills and Crescent Springs to join us for the Stewards of Children presentation, so feel free to bring a friend. Please RSVP to 341-9347 or 442-3200.

## CSPC Financial Update

The Balance Sheet and Operating Statement are posted on the bulletin board opposite the church office, YTD as of Sept. 30, 2010. If you have any questions contact Karen Peters or a member of the Finance Committee.

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$160,713.89	\$162,937.00
Expenses	151,289.75	158,532.00
Difference	9,424.14	

CSPC members and friends continue to invest enough funds with PCUSA to earn us a monthly rebate of .5% so our effective mortgage rate is 5.5%. While we have enough invested to ensure a .25% rebate we could use some additional deposits to ensure that we stay at the .5% level. When you have a CD rolling over check the PCUSA rate sheet and consider investing in a PSUSA note...it helps you and the church!

## Sunday School Offering

This year's Sunday School offering will be contributed to the Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center. The Center serves an eight-county region, providing a coordinated response to children who have suffered sexual abuse, physical abuse or who have witnessed violence. For more information, visit [www.nkycac.org](http://www.nkycac.org).

## Session Notes

At its stated meeting September, CSPC's Session:

- examined Micaela Stephenson for membership. She will be presented to the congregation at a later date with Lauren Newton and their mentor, Michelle David.
- participated in Lesson 9 of the Transformation Discernment Module, facilitated by Patricia McGregor, concentrating on ways to build a loving, Christian community within our own church community.
- heard a report from the Christian Education committee. They will review the times for Sunday School once we reexamine worship times. The committee will produce an Advent Devotional Booklet, which will be available on November 28th. The deadline for submitting devotions will be November 1st. (see separate article)
- heard a report from the Fellowship committee. The Annual Christmas Dinner will be at the Hilton Hotel on December 5th at a cost of \$25 per person.
- received the Finance Committee report. The Stewardship Campaign is being planned, with a Dedication of Pledges scheduled for November 21 and the presentation of the Budget on December 14th.
- received a report from the Mission Committee: CSPC will be hosting IHN on October 6th, Harvest Party on October 23 (along with the CDC Committee), and two road clean-up days before the end of the year. They are also seeking several local mission events to add to the calendar.
- heard the Worship Committee report. Activities include making changes to the worship service, so that it runs more smoothly and is more aesthetically pleasing, such as improving the pew cards, flowers, order of worship, passing of the peace, coordination of Acolytes, etc. Session also voted to change its meeting date to the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at church. Rev. Schafer asked that all committees submit their meeting notes prior to session meeting, noting any motions to be brought forward. Session was directed to review all committee reports and motions.

## Calendar

October 5	Deacons Meeting, 7 PM
October 6	IHN Night at St. Agnes
October 7	Worship Committee 7 PM
October 11	Mary Esther Circle 12:30 PM
October 12	Session Meeting, 7 PM
October 15	Chicks with Sticks, 12-2 PM
October 21	Christian Education Meeting 7 PM
October 23	Harvest Party
October 26	Bound by Books
October 28	Stewards of Children program
October 29	Lunch Bunch
November 1	Church Development Committee 7 PM
November 2	Deacon Meeting
November 4	Worship Committee 7 PM
November 5	Chicks with Sticks, 12-2 PM
Weekly:	Men's Fellowship 8 AM Saturdays
	Cycling Group 12:30 Sundays
	Bell Choir 6:30 Wednesdays
	Choir Practice 7:30 Wednesdays