



April 2011

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The Clarion

Beloved,

Sometimes I feel like a prophet. The prophets Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Hosea were told by God to live as examples to Israel. Accordingly, these prophets often lived their lives in such a way as to show Israel what was going to happen to them in areas concerning Israel's rebellion and exile. In many ways, I think the life I and my family are living mirrors life here at CSPC. My family is experiencing transition. We are not living the way we are used to, our family is spread out, and we have no idea what the near future holds. In some ways, the church family seems to be feeling the same way. I hear comments about how different things are than the way they used to be, some new families are joining while other families are leaving, and it seems like we are not sure why we are here or what ministries are viable and thriving and which should be laid to rest. Where are we going and what will life be like when we get there? Or as many a parent has heard, "Are we there yet?"

***"You will seek me and you will find me
when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13)***

There is good news and challenging news. First, the challenging: being in transition is usually not that much fun. People who are used to a certain way of doing things and have adapted to a certain level of comfort may experience anxiety when the status quo is questioned and the existing ways things get done are modified. Likewise, fear of the unknown is difficult for some people. We want answers and want them now. Unfortunately, transitional times do not often give answers in a timely fashion.

The good news is, like Israel, God has a plan for my family and for CSPC as well. I am accepting of the challenges my family is experiencing because I know things will settle down eventually. Our plan is to sell our home in Illinois, find a place here in Kentucky, and bring our family together again. In a similar fashion, life at CSPC will settle down as the Session of the church embarks on a plan of discernment of God's will for the church and together makes plans for the future. In fact, I am kind of excited about the future. We serve a good and gracious God. His Word to us is the Word he declared to his prophet Jeremiah: "You will seek me and you will find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you." (Jeremiah 29:13-14a). God is at work, right now, right here, and CSPC is part of His plan. For some, these are exciting and uncertain and hope-filled times. For others, transition is a challenge. Personally, I like seeing and being part of God's hand at work.

While these may be uncertain times for us, God is certain, just and steadfast. We can always put our trust in the Lord and entrust our lives to God's service. My hope is that patience and a desire for unity will prevail and get us through. The verse that comes to mind comes from Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Life may be difficult now, and it may get worse before it gets better. As for me and my household, we will continue to serve and trust the Lord. May you find your trust in the Lord and seek His will now and forever.

In Christ,

Randy

Give, Act, Pray

Fish Banks, One Great Hour of Sharing Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

As all of us continue to pray for the people of Japan and follow news of the devastation of the earthquake and tsunami in their country, we can check for updates at www.pcusa.org. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is involved in aiding the Japanese people and is funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign and the children's fish banks. These will be gathered during the offering on Easter.

Kids, if you need a Fish Bank (or a second one!) pick it up in the Narthex or Sunday School classrooms. Parents, if you're challenged by assembling the Fish Banks, check with Ryan and Braden Alexander. They can help.

The History Behind the Gifts

Throughout its history, CSPC has been blessed to receive non-monetary gifts that have contributed to the life of this congregation. Often, these gifts were made in memory or honor of a church member. Examples are the manual organ in the corner of the sanctuary, the Gethsemane window in the Gathering Room and the memorial garden.

Session is developing a consolidated, accurate record of these gifts and needs your help to gather specific information. If you know the history behind one of these gifts, please submit the information in writing so that we have correct spellings of names, dates and other details. These written submissions may be e-mailed to Janet Stadtmiller at jrstadt@fuse.net, mailed, or hand delivered.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is gathering nominations for the next class of Elders and Deacons. If you are interested or have someone you believe would be a good candidate, please contact Brad Neal (727-1424) or Patricia McGregor (491-4698).

CLASP Fund Raising Report

The fund raiser at Max and Erma's on March 22 raised over \$500 for the Children of Ludlow After School Program. Thanks to all who participated!

CLASP provides after-school care for children in grades 1-6 from Ludlow Elementary School and can always use reliable volunteers to help the children with homework and supervise the other activities. Donations are always needed. Volunteers are required to have a background check.

The program is supported by CSPC, Lakeside Church, Community of Faith Church and First Baptist Church of Ludlow, as well as grants from Presbyterian and area

foundations. At CSPC, Ernie Elliot (331-2941) and Jerry Hinners (491-7676) can answer your questions.

Lenten Worship and Soup Suppers

Our congregation continues to meet on Wednesday evenings (April 6 and 13) for soup at 5:30, followed by Lenten worship at 6:30. If you'd like to prepare soup to share, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room, so we can be prepared.

Holy Week Worship

Join CSPC as we worship together during Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday (April 21) we will meet for worship and communion at 7 PM. Good Friday's worship service will also be at 7 PM. On Easter Sunday (April 24) the community sunrise service will be at Villa Madonna at 6:30 AM. At CSPC, we will follow our regular schedule with Sunday School at 8:30 and worship and communion at 9:30.

Hey, Guys!

It is once again time to dust off the softball gloves and cleats, and stretch out the old legs and arms. Softball season is right around the corner. The CSPC softball season will begin May 2. The team welcomes all men ages 15 and over who wish to play.

Coach Tim Reed (291-6116) needs to hear from everyone who plans on playing this coming season. Also, please let Tim know of anyone who may not be on his list for e-mail updates to players. Watch for announcements of date and time of the first practice.

Fellowship News—Fun with your CSPC Family

The Fellowship Committee is seeking donations of individually wrapped candy and small trinkets/prizes for the *Children's Easter Party*, Saturday, April 23rd. Please place your donations in the marked box in the Narthex. Thank you!!!

Sunday, May 29 at 5 PM the Fellowship Committee is holding a *Barbecue Supper and Kitchen Shower* to help update our kitchen so we can use it more effectively. There will soon be a "registry" of desired items posted on the Gathering Room bulletin board. Please sign your name beside the item or items you wish to shower our church kitchen with! The Fellowship Committee will be providing drinks and barbequed/pulled pork, chicken and beef on buns to coincide with the kitchen shower. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish to share. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert. We hope to see you there.

Sunday, June 19 at 7:05 pm CSPC will take a group outing to a Florence Freedom baseball game. The more folks who attend, the cheaper the tickets! Last year,

tickets were about \$8.00. Tickets must be paid for a week in advance, so watch for the sign up sheet in May. It's Father's Day, so make plans now to take Dad out to the ball game and join in the fun and fellowship.

Session Notes

At its stated meeting March 14, 2011, CSPC's Session:

- * Received visitors from Cincinnati Presbytery representing the Committee on Ministry (COM); Rev Kevin Murphy and Mike Gillespie conducted a Triennial Review discussing the life of CSPC with Randy and with Session
- * Approved docket and minutes from February 14 stated session meeting, as read
- * Formalized the approval of a memorial service held at CSPC on Saturday March 5th at 3 PM for Gene Plaggenburg who passed away Feb. 19
- * approved Pentecost, June 12th, as confirmation Sunday for William Hunter Thompson
- * Tabled a motion to hold a training session for incoming elders until the Nominating Committee is further along in its work
- * Drafted a revision to CSPC's bylaws to allow session approval of simple motions by email; revision is pending congregational approval;
- * Accepted, with sadness, the resignation of Donna Diehl as Financial Secretary
- * Approved Brad Neal as chairperson and Patricia McGregor as co-chairperson of the 2011 Nominating Committee

Calendar

April 3, 4:30	Firesiders
April 4, 7 PM	Church Development
April 6, 5:30	Soup Supper
6:30	Lenten Worship
April 7, 7 PM	Worship Committee
April 9, 9 AM	Praise Band Rehearsal
April 11, noon	Mary Esther Circle
7 PM	Session Meeting
April 12, 6 PM	Revelation Class
April 13, 5:30	Soup Supper
6:30	Lenten Worship
April 14, 6:30 PM	Revelation Class
April 15, 9:30AM	Revelation Class
noon	Chicks with Sticks
April 16, 9 AM	Praise Band Rehearsal
April 17, 4:30	Firesiders
April 18, 7 PM	Mission Committee
April 19, 6:00PM	Revelation Class
6:30 PM	Daisy's Meeting
April 21, 7 PM	Maundy Thursday
	Communion Service
April 22, 9:30AM	Revelation Class
7 PM	Good Friday Service
April 23 10 AM	Children's Easter Party
April 24	Easter
6:30 AM	Sunrise Service, Villa
Madonna	
9:30 AM	Worship and Communion
April 26, 6PM	Revelation Class
7 PM	Bound by Books
April 27, 8:30PM	Nominating Committee
April 28, 6:30PM	Revelation Class
7PM	The Learning Committee
April 29, 9:30AM	Revelation Class
noon	Lunch Bunch
May 1, after worship	Fellowship Committee
May 7, 9:00AM	Women's Brunch
May 25	IHN Day at St. Agnes
May 29	Barbecue/Kitchen Shower
June 19	Father's Day
7:05 PM	Florence Freedom Baseball Game
Wednesdays, 7PM	Bell Choir Practice
7:40 PM	Choir Practice
Thursdays, 10 AM	Women's Prayer Group
Saturdays, 8 AM	Men's Fellowship