



June 2014

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Building faith, Brick by Brick

As the Sunday School year ends, the summer children's worship ministry begins. Our children will be **Faith Builders: Building Faith Brick by Brick**, starting on Sunday, June 1. Children will leave worship after the children's sermon and head downstairs to learn about God's Word through creative play with Legos. **Thank you** to all of those who have volunteered to lead this children's worship this summer.

Congregational Meeting set for Sunday, June 1

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2017 class of Elders and Deacons, members of the next nominating committee, and to seek the congregation's approval for the sale of the house and property on Lorraine Court, and the sale of the house on Western Reserve.

Do you like pancakes?

Come and join everyone on Sunday, June 1, for a Pancake Breakfast at 8:30 AM in the gathering room. If you plan to attend, please sign the sheet in the narthex.

Come hear our Esther perform!

Esther Kang and Frances Cobb, who is principal harpist of the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, will be perform together again at 7 PM on June 4 at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. Their successful five-city concert recital tour in 2012 will finally be debuting in Cincinnati! They will be joined by Autumn West, soprano soloist at Westwood Presbyterian Church. Please join us for a night of music ministry in collaboration with other Presbyterian churches in the Cincinnati area. Let's spread God's love through music! The recital is free; donations accepted. CSPC is hosting refreshments afterward at Mt. Auburn.

Sweet time at women's retreat

Café Chocolat Women's Retreat on May 17 was a sweet time for all in attendance! We spent a day growing closer to each other and God. The women that participated were also able to donate much need supplies for James Barnett and his family.

Update your e-mail with us

Are you receiving email communications from CSPC? If not, please email the church office (csPRESBY@gmail.com) requesting that you be added to our distribution list. You can also contact Dan Alexander directly (idanalex@fuse.net) to be added to the list or to update your primary email address. Make sure you are not missing out on the Clarion newsletter, weather-related updates, reminders of upcoming events, and other important communications!

If you have pastoral needs...

Make an elder or deacon aware of them. Elders are Tim Reed, Jim Burdick, Karen Peters, Debbie Daly, Heather Alexander, Joe Stephenson, Walt Cottongim and Kim Newton. Deacons are Doug Thompson, Wayne Buckhout, Mercy Ofosuhene Becky Burdick, Betty Eichelberger, Karen Greenhow and Stacey Ross.

CSPC at the ballpark

We are organizing a group to go to the Florence Freedom game on June 29. The game is at 5 PM. Tickets are \$8, due by June 22. There is a signup sheet in the narthex.

Seder meal evokes images of family traditions

By Doug Thompson

I remember Thanksgivings when my grandparents, aunts, uncle, cousins, and other family would enjoy a meal of turkey with side dishes that were our traditions. For dessert, we would always have pumpkin, mince and apple pie to choose from.

The adults would gather and reminisce about members long gone of the Cameron, McCance and Thompson families, and retell their stories.

That reminds me of the Jewish holiday of Passover, when families gather to share traditional and symbolic foods during *Seder* meals and to remember the story of the Jewish people and Exodus.

On April 17, Maundy Thursday, CSPC celebrated a Christian *Seder* led by Sarah Cottongim. We read from the *Haggadah*, and had a fellowship meal of traditional Jewish meat and side dishes, a supper like Jesus might have celebrated with the apostles before he was arrested.

"*Haggadah*" is Hebrew for "Telling" and it retells and teaches the Exodus and Passover story to every generation of the Jewish family with a special emphasis on engaging the children. We used a Messianic Passover *Haggadah*, from the Congregation *Shema Yisrael*.

Haggadah interprets the story of the Passover, and we learned how that story and that of our Messiah echo one another in God's plan for us. Each step of the *Haggadah* introduces symbols such as *Matzah*, parsley, horseradish and *Charoset*, eaten with prayers of blessing, and their symbolism is explained. Our fellowship dinner consisted of Israeli salads and Hummus, Chicken Soup with *Matzah* balls, Turkey, Beef Brisket, and Leg of Lamb, Roasted Vegetables and Sweet Potatoes. Desserts included Apple Kugel, Macaroons, and Almond Cookies.

Family Promise suspending shelter programs

In a [letter](#) to CSPC and to other supporting congregations, Family Promise suspended the shelter program in Northern Kentucky in which we participated. Family Promise is in ongoing discussions with Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati, a sister affiliate, to plan for the possible combining of resources, shelters and volunteers. Family Promise relies on grants and donations to remain viable and to fulfill its mission. The current economy has made it even more challenging for groups like Family Promise. Please keep Family Promise, the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati, and the families involved in your prayers.

Mission Update

The [River Ridge Family Resource Center](#) needs pants for girls, sizes 5-6, 6X, 7-8, stretch waist if possible. For more information about mission needs, see Betty Eichelberger. Please continue to donate money, food or paper items for Jim Barnett and his children. Many things are not covered by food stamps.

Cincinnati Presbytery Notes

- At its May meeting, [Cincinnati Presbytery](#) elected Nicolas Yoda (pastor, Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian) as moderator and Mary Ann Jacobs (elder, St. John's Westminster) as vice moderator, both to be installed in September; Hal Porter was elected as alternate General Assembly commissioner.
- Two Presbytery-led leadership development events are scheduled for this fall:
Sep 8 –transformation & mission, led by Bill Golderer
Oct 18 –hymnology and the new PCUSA hymnal, led by Walter Brueggemann
- More information about signups will be available over the summer via the Presbytery office.
- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry is encouraging ruling elders interested in preparing to be commissioned to pastoral service to contact CPM Chair Kay Atkins, or Stated Clerk Janis Adams at the Presbytery office.
- Members of a new Congregational Development Task Force of the Presbytery have been appointed. They are: Michelle Bacon (pastor, Montgomery), Rod Ford (Covenant-First), Couper Gardiner (Knox), Rich Jones (associate pastor, Northminster), Abby King-Kaiser (in validated ministry outside congregations), Stephanie Marston (Mt. Auburn), Angie McDonald (Carmel), Mark Mong (pastor, Mowrystown), Cliff Peale (Lakeside), Kevin Stainton (pastor, Heritage), Laura Tewes (Richwood), and Louisa Umphres (associate pastor, Lakeside).

Session Notes

Stated Session Meeting - April 14, 2014

Moderator: Rev. Chuck Myser

Moderator's Time/Docket Building

Rev. Myser led a devotion by talking about author Carlo Carretto and the need for prayer, especially during Holy Week. The devotion time included prayers and songs.

Clerk's Report

- Letter from Presbytery of Cincinnati about reduction in the amount owed for 2014 per capita due to the loss of members. CSPC will need to request a return of the overpayment, if the amount has been paid already.
- Email from Presbytery about the renewal of the Christian Video License for 2014. Presbytery will no longer pay a lump sum for all the congregations. Session will research what the church needs for the license renewal.
- Emails from Brad Neal regarding setting up email blasts/website capability on church computer. The session will rely on the computer administrator Dan Alexander to determine if new software is needed.
- Letter from the Church of the Palms in Sarasota, Fla. requesting a certificate of transfer for Judson Joyce.
- Approved Motion: to transfer membership for Jud Joyce

Invitation to Conversation

Four communications from congregation members to Session. Session members will follow up on each question or request.

Building and Grounds Committee

Volunteers cleaned out the Lorraine Street house. Hoping for appraisal soon. Seeking bids for window trim and roofing work.

Finance Committee

Approved Motion: To appoint Jim Burdick and Dan Alexander as those with the authority to sign donations-in-kind forms. Crystal Harden, as Clerk of Session, named on the KY Secretary of State incorporation renewal form for the church.

Nominating Committee

Two members have agreed to be nominated as deacon and a third is considering. Two have agreed to be elders and the committee is talking to one more. Still working on identifying people to serve on the next nominating committee and someone to lead officer training.

Worship Committee

Approved Motion: Move May communion to May 11, due to Rev. Chuck Myser's absence May 4.

Deacons

Written report distributed.

Christian Education Committee

Written report distributed.

New Business

Appointment of Interim Pastoral Committee

Approved Motion: To appoint the Interim Pastoral Committee with Sarah Cottongim, Donna Rigney, Doug Thompson, Shannon Murphy, Kim Newton and Tim Reed as members and task them to begin their work.

Other Action

- Agreed by consensus to allow temporary removal of a section of fencing along church property to allow the delivery of a gazebo at the former Marksberry house. Property owner to put the fencing and church property back to its original condition once the gazebo is delivered.
- Agreed to allow Little Red School House to use the church for kindergarten graduation May 31, 9 a.m. Jim Burdick will let school staff into the building.
- Next stated session meeting will be May 12, 2014.

Old Business

Vision Team Report and Implementation

Session agreed to meet April 21, 2014 at 7 p.m. to discuss the Vision Team Report.

Closing Worship

Kim Newton read a passage from Proverbs, and then session offered joys and concerns.
The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Myser at 8:30 p.m.

Financial Report

	April Budgeted	April Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Actual	YTD Difference
Income	\$13,210	\$12,261	\$53,840	\$54,510	\$670
Expense	\$15,441	\$14,599	\$61,778	\$57,487	(\$4,291)
Difference	(\$2,231)	(\$2,338)	(\$7,938)	(\$2,977)	

CSPC Calendar

- June 1 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 AM
- Congregational meeting 11 AM
- June 2 - Men's Softball at Pioneer 2 7:15 PM
- June 4 - Easter Kang recital, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian 7 PM
- June 5 - Deacons 7:30 PM
- June 6 - Tabitha Guild, Noon to 2 PM
- June 9 - Session, 7 PM
- Men's Softball at Middleton Mills 2, 6:15 PM
- June 16 - Men's Softball at Middleton Mills 1, 7:15 PM
- June 20 - Tabitha Guild, Noon to 2 PM
- June 23 - Men's Softball at Middleton Mills 1, 6:15 PM
- June 26 - Happy Travelers meeting, 10 AM
- June 29 - Florence Freedom game 5 PM
- June 30 - Men's Softball at Middleton Mills 5, 7:15 PM