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Appeal for funds to address border crisis

Money will help churches, mid-councils already working on the border

Presbyterian News Service

The recent focus in the media and in Washington on unaccompanied children crossing the U.S./Mexico border has highlighted the variety of opinions in the debate about U.S. immigration policy.

That variety also exists within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) — a fact Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) realizes and respects. As it appeals for funds to help address the situation on the border, PDA sees this as an opportunity for Presbyterians to listen to the full range of perspectives about immigration while also responding to Christ's call to compassion, said the Rev. Laurie Krause, PDA coordinator.

“People have such a vast range of positions on immigration policy, and in a way, this intercepts with our hopes and our fears about immigration policy,” she said. “But who can turn away a child?”

The appeal asks Presbyterians to donate money to help churches and mid-councils already working on the border to continue their ministries, which range from hosting worship services at detention centers to providing hospitality to women and children dropped off at bus stations with no resources.

PDA is also working with ecumenical partners — including Church World Service, ACT Alliance and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services — to share resources and determine current and future needs.

Because the situation is a “moving target” that is constantly changing, PDA is also creating a working group of Presbyterian entities on the border to share information and resources, Kraus said, adding that the Office of Public Witness and the Office of the General Assembly's immigration issues department are also involved.

“It's a heartfelt engagement of the entire Presbyterian church,” Kraus said.

In addition to donating to the appeal, Presbyterians can create Gift of the Heart kits — collections of items related to hygiene, school supplies, cleaning and baby care. For more information about the kits, go to www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda/making-gift-heart-kits/

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CE Notes

Fall and back to school are fast approaching and the Christian Education Committee has been working hard to make sure that this fall, everyone is growing and learning. If you have any questions about any of the upcoming offerings, please contact Heather Alexander (heathergtsky@gmail.com or 859-663-6607)

IGN is back! Mark your calendars for the start of IGN on **Sept. 10 at 6 PM**. We will meet every other Wednesday through Nov. 5. This time around we will have a themed potluck meal. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex each week to make sure we have a complete meal. Please direct food questions to Nancy Reed (nancyr1959@gmail.com).

Men's and Women's Bible Study: This fall we will begin a Bible Study on Wednesday nights. The men will meet as a part of IGN at 6:30 PM and the women will meet on opposite Wednesdays at 7 PM. For six weeks we will go deep into Romans 12, using the *Living on the Edge* curriculum.

Thank you to everyone that supported the kids at our **Sunday School kickoff breakfast**. The kids received rave reviews on their scrambled eggs and were great helpers making toast, cutting fruit and serving members of the congregation. Members had an opportunity to ask questions about and register for the upcoming Sunday School year and support children and youth activities by making a love donation.



Mark your calendars:

- **Wed., Sept. 3 at 7 PM:** Women's Bible Study starts on an alternating week schedule
- **Sun., Sept. 7 at 9 AM:** Sunday School starts.
- **Wed., Sept. 10 at 6 PM:** IGN (including dinner and bible study) starts on an alternating-week schedule

Youth Groups Will Start after Labor Day

After careful consideration, the CE committee has decided that our Firesiders youth group will be merging with Union Presbyterian's youth group. We hope that by providing a larger group and more leaders to organize activities, our youth will be able to have a more meaningful experience and strengthen their faith. UPC is happy and excited to welcome any of our teenagers. Their first meeting will be after Labor Day. More information will be forthcoming.

CE is also re-forming the Flames youth group. All youth in grades 5-8 are invited to participate. We will be meeting twice monthly with a focus on Fun, Fellowship, and Faithful service. The first meeting will tentatively be on Sept. 14. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more details. If there are any questions or concerns regarding either Firesiders or Flames, please contact Erin Murphy.

Happy Travelers

In July, we had a great time at the Elk Creek Winery. It was a nice ride, and everyone enjoyed the outdoor lunch, with a little taste of wine compliments of Ollie and Donna Rigney. Our next meeting will be on August 28 at 10 AM to plan our next outings. Lunch will be at Whiskey's Family restaurant in Lawrenceburg at 11:30 AM, and then on to visit the historical Dinsmore Home in Burlington. You don't have to be a member of the church to join us. We have a great time and everyone is invited.

Mission Outreach

River Ridge Family Resource Center Pocket Folders with prongs, all colors; colored pencils; crayons, packs of 24; dry erase markers; girls and boys pants, sizes 6 and 8. Also, please donate money, food or paper items for Jim and his four children to help in this difficult time. Many things are not covered by food stamps.

Can you hear (from) us now?

Are you receiving email communications from CSPC? If not, please email the church office (cspresby@gmail.com) requesting that you be added to the distribution list. Make sure you are not missing out on the Clarion newsletter, weather-related updates, reminders of upcoming events, and other important communications!

Session Minutes

Stated Session Meeting - June 16, 2014

Moderator: Rev. Chuck Myser

Guests: None

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. with song, worship and prayer by Rev. Chuck Myser.

Moderator's Time/Docket Building

Rev. Myser read Rev. 3:20-22 and discussed Bob Munger's "My Heart: Christ's Home," an essay about encountering Jesus in various rooms.

Clerk's Report

Communications: Session discussed emails about Friday morning men's gathering that Rev. Randy Schafer is attending. Session contacted the Presbytery of Cincinnati for guidance. Presbytery officials relayed policy regarding restrictions on pastoral contact with congregation members after a pastor leaves.

Approved Motion: To write a letter to Scott Mozea and others copied on his original email to Rev. Bobbie Bella at the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Invitation to Conversation: Discussed a letter from a member concerning ministry at the church and if the church needs to be more outwardly focused. One elder agreed to talk to the member and discuss her concerns, and let her know what money is available for ministry work.

Interim Pastoral Committee

Documents have been posted on the CSPC website to solicit candidates for the interim pastor position. The committee is seeking a candidate with the appropriate training and experience who can work full time.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee has fixed lights in the sanctuary and continues to work on upgrades for the Lorraine Court house.

Nominating Committee

Training of new officers is tentatively set for the end of June, after which session will need to set a time for examination. Session tentatively set ordination and installation for July 13.

Approved Motion: To approve having Rev. Chuck Myser continue to moderate CSPC session meetings.

Approval of Minutes

Approved Motion: to approve the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting May 12, 2014, Called Session Meeting May 25, 2014, Congregational meeting June 1, 2014 and the Congregational Meeting Jan. 12, 2014, as amended.

Closing Worship

Rev. Chuck Myser read Psalm 133 and gathered prayers and concerns. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Myser.

Called Session Meeting - Tuesday July 8, 2014

Moderator: Rev. Chuck Myser

Guests: Sheryl Eichelberger, Meaghan Mullin, Dan Alexander, Sarah Cottongim

The meeting was called for the purpose of examining the elected class of 2017 Elders and Deacons and the candidate to fill a vacancy on the 2016 class of Elders.

Approved Motion: To approve the 2017 class of Elders and Deacons.

Financial Report

	July Budgeted	July Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Actual	YTD Difference
Income	\$13,210	\$15,444	\$93,470	\$95,418	\$1,948
Expense	\$15,429	\$6,848	\$109,218	\$92,005	(\$17,213)
Difference	(\$2,219)	\$8,596	(\$15,748)	\$3,413	

Calendar

Aug. 1 – Tabitha Guild 12 PM

Aug. 7 – Deacons Meeting 7:30 PM

Aug 11 – Men's Softball Tournament – Middleton Mills Field 1 at 7:15 PM

Session Meeting 7 PM

Aug. 15 – Tabitha Guild 12 PM

Aug. 17 – Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast, 9 AM

Aug. 28 – Happy Travelers –10 AM

Sept. 3 – Women's Bible Study 7PM

Sept. 5 – Tabitha Guild – 12 PM

Sept. 7 – Sunday School begins

Sept. 10 – IGN and Men's & Children's Bible Study – 6 PM

Weekly Events

Sunday Worship – 10 AM

Men's Fellowship – 8 AM Saturdays