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New Interim Pastor, the Rev. Kathy Riley, Brings Range of Talents to CSPC

Kathy and Scott Riley were a young married couple in Lexington, Ky., with two small children, when they decided in 1996 to participate in a spirituality group at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Riley then spent a year of study and reflection with a spiritual director, culminating in the decision to explore how best to fit her professional life as a clinical psychologist focused on Alzheimer's disease diagnosis and counseling, with the growing appeal of ordained ministry.

Raised Roman Catholic in Dayton, Ohio, Rev. Riley began attending a Methodist church while in middle school. She earned her bachelor's and PhD. degrees at Case Western Reserve University, where she met Scott, and they began attending a nearby Presbyterian church. Their careers took them first to Huntington, WV, and then to Lexington, where they have lived for 20 years and raised daughter Elizabeth, 24, and son Andrew, 22.

Rev. Riley enrolled in the Masters of Divinity program at Lexington Theological Seminary in 1997, and completed her studies in 2002. For the next ten years, she combined her professional life as associate professor at the University of Kentucky with her service as interim and designated minister at Presbyterian churches primarily in central Kentucky.

Rev. Riley has served interim pastorates at churches in Lexington and Wilmore, and was a designated minister in Morehead, all while maintaining her UK responsibilities. Then came an interim calling from a church in St. Louis, which spurred her decision to focus full-time on ministry.

Rev. Riley said the St. Louis church was a good experience, but she's glad to be back in Lexington, from where she will commute to Crescent Springs twice a week, including weekends and for two days in the middle of each week. She notes that all of her previous pastorates have been "challenging and rewarding in different ways."

She expects it will be the same at Crescent Springs, and looks forward to having lots of conversations with members, to understand what needs to be done to prepare CSPC for its future. She wants the entire CSPC family, including those attending and those who are not, to understand that she is coming because she feels called to ministry here.

"It is essential that I feel a mutual sense of call between the congregation and myself," she said. "I certainly feel God has called me to Crescent Springs."

IGN is back!

From Sept. 10 through Nov. 5, we will meet every other Wednesday at 6 PM, starting with a themed potluck meal. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex each week to insure we have a complete meal. Please direct food questions to Nancy Reed (<u>nancyr1959@gmail.com</u>). Separate Bible study programs for men and children will begin after the meal. On alternate Wednesdays, beginning on Sept. 17, the Women's Bible Study group will meet at 7 PM. Both the men's and women's groups will be studying Romans 12.

Flames Youth Group Meets Sept. 14

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 be on Sept. 14. Keep an eye on the bulletin or contact Erin Murphy for more details.

Church Picnic Coming Sept. 21

We will gather following the 10 am Sunday service. It will once again be at General Ormsby Mitchell Park located at 261 Grandview Dr. (Road Better Bodies is on). <u>BRING YOUR OWN MAIN DISH</u>. Our FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE DRINKS, PAPER GOODS, AND CHARCOAL. Grills are available. If your LAST NAME begins with an A-O then PLEASE bring a SIDE OR SALAD to share. If you're a P-Z, then PLEASE BRING A DESSERT.

Happy Travelers off to La Comedia

The Travelers are planning an outing to La Comedia, in Springboro, Ohio to see "He Keeps Me Singing" a play with gospel music on Thursday, Oct. 23. Reservations need to be made by Sep. 25. The tickets are \$38 each which includes a buffet lunch. See Betty Eichelberger for details.

River Ridge School Supplies Needed: Girls and boys pants, sizes 5, 6, 6x, 7 and 8.

Can you hear us now?

Are you getting regular news and updates from CSPC? If not, please email the church office (<u>cspresby@gmail.com</u>) 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!

Financial Update

	August Budgeted	August Actual	YTD Budgeted	YTD Actual	YTD Difference
Income	\$13,210	\$13,720	\$106,680	\$109,138	\$2 <i>,</i> 458
Expense	\$15,429	\$7,490	\$124,647	\$99,495	(\$25,152)
Difference	(\$2,219)	\$6,230	(\$17,967)	\$9,643	

COMING UP AT CSPC:

Sept. 14 – Flames Youth Group Meeting 3 PM

Sept. 17 - Women's Bible Study 7 PM

Sept. 19 – Tabitha Guild 12 PM

Sept. 24 - IGN and Men's and Children's Bible Study, 6 PM