



May 2015

Interim Pastor
Rev. Kathy Riley

Session

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Debbie Daly
Kim Newton
Joe Stephenson

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Jeff Buckhout
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Dan Alexander
Meaghan Mullin

Deacon Board

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Stacey Ross
Doug Thompson

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Pastor's Column

My Lord God

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that my desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

This was written by Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk who lived at the Abbey of Gethsemani near Bardstown, KY. It has held great meaning for me and for countless others who have read it, prayed it and committed it to memory. It speaks of the great hope we all share in committing our lives to the God who loves us, sustains us and guides us in all that we do. It reminds me that I cannot be too certain of my own knowledge in choosing my path in life, and to trust in God when I look to the future.

We are about to embark on the next phase of this interim time as we prepare to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). I think it is especially fitting that this work begins as we celebrate Pentecost! We surely must look to the fresh wind of the Holy Spirit as we seek those who will take on this sacred task. If you are asked to consider being nominated for the PNC, or are considering nominating yourself, please consider carefully and prayerfully if this is a task to which you feel called. It is time consuming and can be challenging, but it is also rewarding and so very important!

All of us will need to offer our prayers and support to the PNC once it is elected. The committee may ask us for additional information as they work, and they will certainly need our patient and steady support as they develop the Ministry Information Form and begin to review the materials they receive from ministers who are interested in the position here.

We may not know where this road will lead, but we can be confident that God will be with us as we go.

Grace and Peace,
Kathy

Another Successful Bakeoff

CSPC'ers on May 17 once again responded with spirited bidding on dozens of goodies donated for the annual bakeoff auction in support of the youth group's trip to Montreat. Corinne Mozea holds the goods as Erin Murphy keeps the bidding lively at the auction following dinner. More than \$2,100 in sales and other donations were raised, supporting six young people – Corinne, Aidan, Adam, Ryan, Justin and Shannon – whom Erin and Meaghan Mullin will lead to Montreat this summer, July 22-26.



Getting Wild on Wednesday, June 3

On Wednesday, June 3, CSPC will provide drinks for those participating in the Wild Wednesday program at Middleton Mills Park. We need lemonade or fruit punch (pre-made or powder) to serve to all of the thirsty families, and need to borrow several large beverage coolers. Please sign up in the Narthex to help and contact Elizabeth Mozea (elizmoz531@yahoo.com) with questions.

CSPC Needs You!

The Nominating Committee is seeking names of CSPC members to be considered for service as an elder on Session, as a deacon, on the Congregational Nominating Committee for the 2015-2016 year, and on the Pastor Nominating Committee that will conduct the search for a new pastor. Kim Newton, chair of the nominating committee, has information about the requirements for each position, and what you will be called on to do. You can reach her at tknewt@fuse.net. If you would like to recommend another member to be nominated for one of those roles, please contact that member and ask for their permission first. On May 17, the congregation voted to change CSPC's bylaws to create three classes of deacons, with two in each class instead of the current three per class.



Marlene Reichert

Welcome, Marlene!

Marlene Reichert is the newest member of CSPC, accepted into membership through reaffirmation of faith on May 3. Marlene lives in Villa Hills and has been worshipping at CSPC for about a year. She has attended Presbyterian and Baptist churches. Marlene has a supportive family, now augmented with her CSPC family. Make sure to reach out and welcome her.

Camp Edge Coming!

Wanted: extreme adventurers ready to trek to the E.D.G.E. - experiencing and discovering God everywhere!

Would you like to spend some time this summer camping on the edge, complete with extreme adventures, exciting challenges, great music, and hours of fun? We are looking for campers and leaders to make our VBS here at CSPC amazing! Please invite others, sign up, and join in an incredible week of adventure and growing in God's love at Camp E.D.G.E. Dates: June 22-25, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Up For Anything – Again!

We held our second Up For Anything on Saturday, May 9. This time, we had an Amazing Race-style scavenger hunt with participating businesses along Buttermilk Pike. Participants received clues, and it was a race to get back to CSPC first. Participants included Tim Reed, and the Mullin and Mozea families. Tim and Craig drew teams, got their clue and they were off. The clues were also posted on Facebook. Terry David and Sarah Cottongim helped solve some, and Marilyn and Elmira were one of the harder clues to figure out. Craig and his team made it back to CSPC just before Meaghan and Tim. The participants really seemed to enjoy the contest and the participating businesses, Graeter's, Dollar Tree, and Signature Hardware, appreciated getting to be a part of our event. Hopefully for the next one, you too will be **Up For Anything!**

-- Scott Mozea



Norma Lutz farewell lunch

The women of CSPC gathered recently to wish farewell to Norma Lutz (standing, third from left), who has moved to Waxahachie, Texas to be closer to her family there. Norma was an active member of CSPC for many years, including serving as a deacon and volunteering at fellowship events.

CSPC Parading on the Fourth

Come one come all, parties needed. We need help representing CSPC in the Ft. Mitchell Fourth of July parade. We have a trailer secured and a truck to pull it but we will need about 20-25 volunteers to ride along and help pass out goodies. On that note, we will be collecting freezer-pop-style Popsicles to dispense down the route. You can find a box for donations in the Gathering Room. If you have questions and/or want to participate please let Scott Mozea know at either 859-750-5948 (cell) or s_mozea@yahoo.com

Scott Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to the following students from our church family who are receiving Scott Memorial Scholarships in 2015: Christopher Boyd, J.D. Boyd, Lauren Newton, Grace-Marie Thompson, and Will Thompson. J. D. and Grace attend the University of Kentucky; Chris, Lauren and Will at NKU.

The Robert and LaVerne Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Robert Scott in 1994. Until his death in 2004, Mr. Scott was an active member of Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church, where he began attending services as a youth. Because he had worked his way through college, he set up the scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to other students who sought a college education. For 21 years Mr. Scott served as a member or chairman of the Kenton County Board of Education. Scott High School in Independence is named in his honor.

Calendar

- May 24 – Pentecost Sunday – wear red! Classes will resume in September.
- May 28 – Happy Travelers – 10 AM
- June 1 – Softball – Pioneer Field, 6:15 PM
- June 3 – Wild Wednesday event – Middletown Mills Park
- June 4 – Worship Committee, 5:30 PM
 - CE Committee – 6:30 PM
 - Deacons – 7:30 PM
- June 5 – Tabitha Guild, Noon
- June 8 – Softball – Middleton Mills 7:15 PM
- June 15 – Softball – Middleton Mills 6:15 PM
- June 16 – Session – 7 PM
- June 19 – Tabitha Guild, Noon
- June 22-25 – VBS
- Men's Fellowship every Saturday, 8-10 AM

Financial Update

	April Budget	April Actual	2015 YTD Budget	2015 YTD Actual
Income	\$12,854	\$12,356	\$53,916	\$58,601
Expense	\$13,105	\$10,319	\$52,435	\$47,584
Difference	(\$251)	\$2,037	\$1,481	\$11,018

Session Notes

Stated Session Meeting

March 17, 2015

Moderator: Rev. Kathy Riley

<u>Class of 2015</u>		P	E	A	<u>Class of 2016</u>	P	E	A	<u>Class of 2016</u>	P	E	A
Debbie Daly		X			Walt Cottongim	X			Meaghan Mullin		X	
Kim Newton		X			Jim Burdick	X			Dan Alexander	X		
Joe Stephenson		X			Jeff Buckhout	X						

Clerk – Crystal Harden P=Present

E=Excused

A=Absent

Quorum: yes

Rev. Kathy Riley opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. with prayer and by reading from “Thoughts in Solitude” by Thomas Merton about discernment.

Moderator's Time/Docket Building

The agenda was approved by consensus. Under her report, Rev. Kathy Riley:

- Updated session on the Chin community request to use the sanctuary on Sunday afternoons.
- Discussed the need for cottage meetings in April to discuss the future of the church. Rev. Riley said she will ask people who think strategically to help come up with a plan. Members also will fill out surveys and see the Ministry Information Form. The form is used by applicants to learn about the church. The form has 10 characteristics you want in a new pastor. Approval from the Committee on Ministry required to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Discussed changing bylaws to reduce the number of deacons to six.
- Rev. Riley handed out information on the way to classify churches based on size. She said CSPC was at one time a program-sized church, but now is a pastor-sized church. The next pastor should be involved in committees and know what's going on in the church, serving as the hub of communications..
- Discussed a request to take study leave April 17-24 to attend the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as part of the National Disaster Response Team.
- Discussed changing the date of the next session meeting to April 28.

Approved Motion: To change the date of the session meeting to April 28.

Approved Motion: To approve study leave for Rev. Kathy Riley April 17-24 to participate in the National Disaster Response Team (April 17-22) and to go to New Jersey (April 23-24) to work with first responders from Hurricane Sandy.

Clerk's Report

- Reported letters confirming a rebate given to the church for members' investments, and detailing mission funds available through PCUSA.
- Recorded session's decision to not offer communion on Palm Sunday or Maundy Thursday during Holy Week.
- Building use request for March 22 from Sheryl Eichelberger to use the gathering room for a wedding shower.

Approved Motion: To approve the building use form for a shower in the gathering room March 22.

Personnel Committee

Members of the personnel and worship committees and session interviewed a candidate for the music director position.

Building and Grounds Committee

Report on foundation issues at the Western Reserve house that could impact the asking price for the property. Will consult with real estate agent again about the asking price. Also reported a recommendation to put in a gravel or a blacktop pad so new owners could park. Discussed church repairs. The window in the sanctuary was replaced for \$760, offset by donations. Estimates for fixing the water issue in the basement is \$57,900 from Everdry. Bids to be sought on roof repair. The church also needs repairs in the restroom, as well as some HVAC maintenance.

Approved Motion: Authorize a price as low as \$99,999 for the Western Reserve property.

Finance Committee

Monthly financial reports were submitted. The finance committee completed an annual review of the financial records with the help of Ernie Elliot and Mark Boyd to meet requirements of the Book of Order (G-3.0113.) The committee will promote the Kroger Community Rewards program. Dan Alexander, finance chair, will work with Building and Grounds chair Walt Cottongim to prioritize the list, which could cost up to \$380,000. The sale could help fund some of the needed work.

Worship Committee

Approved Motion: To set Maundy Thursday service for 7 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Approved Motion: To approve the Stated Session Meeting minutes of Feb. 24, 2015 with corrections.

Closing Worship for April

Jeff Buckhout volunteered to provide the closing devotion for the next meeting April 28, 2015, which will be in the upstairs Sunday school room. The meeting was changed from April 21 by consensus.

Closing Worship

Joe Stephenson provided the closing worship. Rev. Kathy Riley closed the meeting with prayer at 9:20 PM