



July 2015

**Interim Pastor**  
Rev. Kathy Riley

**Session**

**Class of 2015**

Debbie Daly  
Kim Newton  
Joe Stephenson

**Class of 2016**

Jeff Buckhout  
Jim Burdick  
Walt Cottongim

**Class of 2017**

Dan Alexander  
Meaghan Mullin

**Deacon Board**

**Class of 2015**

Wayne Buckhout  
Elizabeth Mozea  
Mercy Ofosuhen

**Class of 2016**

Karen Greenhow  
Stacey Ross  
Doug Thompson

**Class of 2017**

Sheryl Eichelberger  
Sarah Cottongim

**Clarion Editor**

Wayne Buckhout

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## Some New Beginnings

Summer is in full swing, and so is CSPC! As you'll see elsewhere in this newsletter, we had a great turnout and a wonderful time at the Ft. Mitchell Fourth of July parade! Thanks to Scott Mozea's organizational skills, and tremendous support from the congregation, we had a float in the parade and gave away tons of freeze pops and candy. It looks as if this could become an annual CSPC event!

On July 12, the congregation elected the following:

Deacon: Becky Burdick.

Elders: Shannon Murphy, Tim Reed, and Stacey Ross.

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC): Erin Murphy, Mark Boyd, Crystal Harden, Tim Reed, and Jim Burdick.

2015-16 Nominating Committee: Debbie Daly, Nancy Reed, and Stephanie Boyd.

Stacey and Shannon will be ordained as elders in August and will be participating in new elder training prior to their ordination. A mini-retreat and training will be held in late August for all elders and deacons.

The PNC will begin meeting as soon as their schedules permit. Sharon Wilcox, a ruling elder from Richwood Presbyterian Church, will be the Committee on Ministry Liaison (COM) to the PNC.

As interim minister, my role with the PNC is extremely limited. I will help set up and will attend their initial meeting with Sharon. At that point the PNC will elect a chair and function on their own, with guidance from Sharon. My role will focus on facilitating communication between the PNC and the congregation and session. If asked to serve as a reference for the church on the Ministry Information Form (MIF), I will do that. This means prospective candidates may contact me about CSPC. Those conversations are confidential, and I do not share my impressions or the content of the conversations with the PNC. The decisions the PNC makes about candidates are solely their own; I have no input.

As members of CSPC, your role with the PNC is one of prayer and support. They will have all the materials you provided as part of our cottage meetings and surveys; if they ask for additional input and information, please provide it and participate. If you've been through this before, you know their work is confidential in terms of the names of people they are considering. They will share where they are in the process with monthly updates.

These are exciting times! We have work to do, so stay tuned for invitations to upcoming conversations and gatherings.

Grace and Peace,  
Kathy

## Camp E.D.G.E. Explorers Find Fun and Faith



More than two dozen CSPC “explorers” spent June 22-25 at the E.D.G.E. - Experiencing and Discovering God Everywhere! The week was complete with extreme adventures, exciting challenges, great music, and hours of fun for both explorers and volunteers alike.



## CSPC Parades on the Fourth



It took Scott Mozea's vision, lots of volunteer support and plenty of volunteered freezer space to make CSPC's first foray into Fort Mitchell's 2015 Fourth of July Parade a success. The parade is one of the largest and best-attended in Northern Kentucky. Our band of float riders and walkers tossed hundreds of freezer pops to children, while others waved the CSPC sign to the thousands watching along the Dixie Highway route.

### We're in the News!

The July 2015 issue of *Fort Mitchell Living*, a community monthly publication, included a big feature story about CSPC on page 10.

The story and several photographs covered CSPC's growth and development since its founding in 1898, its attractive sanctuary completed in the 1990s, mission outreach and a our many programs for kids and adults. Copies of the *Fort Mitchell Living* article are posted outside the church office.



## Happy Travelers Crusin' Along

Sixteen Happy Travelers had a great time on the Ohio River in June aboard the Belle of Cincinnati. All enjoyed the trip; the lunch was delicious, and the boat was beautiful. After a brief downpour, most moved on top of the boat to enjoy the scenery. The Travelers will also attend the Kenton County Senior Picnic on Sept. 3. Price is \$7 for your lunch. Please let Betty know by Aug. 3 if you plan to attend. Meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month at 10 AM. If that changes due to an outing, Betty Eichelberger let everyone know. While the Travelers enjoy having the families of CSPC members, the group is open to anyone; Also, if you have an idea for a place you would like to visit, let Betty know and she will try to arrange it.



Happy Travelers enjoying the Belle of Cincinnati trip included Becky Burdick, Marilyn Reinhardt, Elmira Scott, Virginia Zivkovich, and Donna and Ollie Rigney.

## Calendar

Jul26 to  
 Aug 1 – Youth at Montreat  
 Jul 28 – Elder training – 6:30 PM  
 Aug 2 – Youth Sunday service  
 Aug 6 – Worship Committee – 5:30 PM  
           – CE Committee, 6:30 PM  
           – Deacons – 7:30 PM  
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 Aug 7 – Tabitha Guild, Noon  
 Aug 21 – Tabitha Guild, Noon  
 Aug. 23 – Elder/Deacon retreat  
 Aug 27 – Happy Travelers, 10 AM  
 Sept. 13 – CSPC picnic at Crescent Springs Park, after worship

## PCUSA Responds to Supreme Court's Ruling On Same-Sex Marriage

The U.S. Supreme Court recently issued a decision mandating that all states perform and recognize marriages between same-gendered persons.

There will be lots of questions around this decision.

The PCUSA has provided a question and answer document that should be helpful in understanding how this case affects PCUSA ministers and congregations.

Copies of the document are available in the church office.

## Financial Update

	June Budget	June Actual	2015 YTD Budget	2015 YTD Actual
Income	\$12,854	\$10,137	\$79,624	\$82,876
Expense	\$13,202	\$13,170	\$76,226	\$70,131
Difference	(\$348)	(\$3,033)	\$3,398	\$12,745

## Session Notes

### Stated Session Meeting - May 19, 2015

**Moderator:** Rev. Kathy Riley

**Guests:** None

Rev. Riley opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with prayer and by reading from a Thomas Merton passage similar to Psalm 23. She said the psalm can be meaningful at different times, and that it was helpful when she was thinking about going to seminary.

### Moderator's Time/Docket Building

The docket was approved by consensus. Under her report, Rev. Riley requested approval of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance deployment June 18-21 to Pateros, Wash., to lead caregivers' retreat in response to 2014 wildfires.

**Approved Motion:** For Rev. Riley to be away from the church June 18-21. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will pay \$75 toward pastor supply.

- Reported that Joanie Lukins, a founder of Living Waters for the World, will speak during sermon time May 31. Rev. Riley may go on a Living Waters mission trip the third week of July.
- Discussed the mission statement needed for Ministry Information Form and the formation of a small group to work on the mission statement and a strategic plan. Rev. Riley requested volunteers from session.

**Approved Motion:** To reaffirm CSPC's support for CLASP, an after-school program in Ludlow, which is reapplying for funding from the Presbytery of Cincinnati. (The presbytery wants churches to reaffirm their support to continue a grant.)

#### Clerk's Report

The clerk reported no one went to the Presbytery meeting in May. The next meeting will be Sept. 8 at St. John's Westminster Union Church, Cincinnati.

#### Nominating Committee

The committee has met twice and is still waiting on recommendations/nominations from the congregation. The committee will meet again May 28.

#### Building and Grounds Committee

Rev. Riley relayed the Design Team's suggestions for renovating the old choir room, the office and the copier room. Walt Cottongim discussed the status of proposed zoning for a LED-lit sign for the church. He also updated session on construction of a parking pad for the Western Reserve house.

#### Finance Committee

Financial statements were submitted. Rev. Riley highlighted some issues from the recent financial committee meeting, but said more information would be forthcoming when Dan Alexander, the committee chairman, attends the session meeting.

#### Worship Committee

Written report submitted. The committee is considering different designs for new banners for the church.

#### Christian Education Committee

The committee is planning summer worship for children up through grade 3 or 4. Vacation Bible School will be in June.

#### Deacons

Written report submitted. The members of the Mission Committee want to focus on River Ridge Elementary School for more hands-on work.

#### Approval of Minutes

**Approved Motion:** To approve the minutes for the Stated Session Meeting April 28, 2015.

**Approved Motion:** To approve the minutes for the Called Meeting May 17, 2015

#### Closing Worship

Debbie Daly provided closing worship.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 16 in the choir room at 7 p.m.

### **Stated Session Meeting - June 16, 2015**

**Moderator:** Rev. Kathy Riley

**Guests:** None

Rev. Riley opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with prayer and read ordination questions for session members to think about.

#### Moderator's Time/Docket Building

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

- Requested another volunteer for the Planning Task Group. Walt Cottongim already has volunteered. Dan Alexander will put together a master calendar spreadsheet.
- Decided against going on Waters for the World Mission trip due to a change in dates.
- Took home communion with Doug Thompson to Mary Maegly, and with Meaghan Mullin to Wilma Herrick. She still plans on providing home communion to Eloise Parr.
- Informed session she'll have a modified schedule the week of July 4 to go to Miami, Fla. with her son.
- Asked session for additional volunteers for home communion. Joe Stephenson and Jim Burdick said they would be willing to go if available.

### Clerk's Report

The clerk requested a commissioner for the Presbytery of Cincinnati meeting Sept. 8 at St. John's Westminster Union Church, Cincinnati. Dan Alexander tentatively volunteered to attend.

**Invitation to Conversation:** Marilyn Reinhardt offered suggestions regarding the selling of the Western Reserve house. Jim Burdick will respond verbally to Marilyn.

### Nominating Committee

The committee has commitments from four people for the upcoming Nominating Committee and five people for the Pastor Nominating Committee. The committee had four spots it needed to fill for elders, and have commitments from two people. The committee had two spots to fill for elder and has a commitment from one person. The committee expects to meet one more time to confirm the slate of candidates. Session will need to set a congregational meeting to approve the slate.

### Personnel Committee

The committee discussed the need for a sick leave provision for music director position. The previous music director was paid hourly, so did not have sick days. The personnel committee will come up with a sick leave proposal.

### Building and Grounds Committee

The committee discussed the estimate of improvements on the Western Reserve house, but session agreed to discuss the listing with Ed Letsinger and provide a minute for mission update on the house.

### Finance Committee

Monthly financial reports were submitted. Finance Committee Chair Dan Alexander said the church needs to re-register with the Kentucky Secretary of State. Jim Burdick will be the new registered agent, replacing Kathy Vicory. The officers are Tim Reed, president, and Crystal Harden, secretary, and directors are Debbie Daly, Kim Newton and Joe Stephenson.

**Approved Motion:** To list Jim Burdick as the registered agent and maintain the officers and directors as listed.

Dan Alexander reported that the church received \$5,205 from the Robert and LaVerne Scott Scholarship Trust Fund. The Scott Scholarship committee dispersed \$6,000, leaving \$10,655 in the fund balance. Dan Alexander discussed the need to adjust the budget since the Western Reserve house has not sold.

**Approved Motion:** To adjust the budget with three months of current mortgage payments and a reduction in the music director line item.

### Deacons

Motion: To support the Cornerstone Ministry organized by Union Presbytery Church as they apply for a Congregation in Mission for Partnership Grant from the Cincinnati presbytery.

The session was unable to approve a motion because the departure of one session member left the board of elders without a quorum. The elders agreed by consensus to support the request.

### Adjournment

The session adjourned the meeting with prayer at 9:10 p.m.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 21 at 7 p.m. in the upstairs Sunday school room.

## **Congregational Meeting - Sunday, July 12, 2015**

**Moderator:** Rev. Kathy Riley

The meeting was called by the Session of Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church for the purpose of voting on the 2015-2016 slate of officers, the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee and the Pastor Nominating Committee. A quorum was present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Riley at 11:05 a.m.

Elder Jim Burdick, a member of the current Nominating Committee, discussed the slate of candidates. The church will still have one unfilled deacon position. The candidates are:

- Tim Reed and Shannon Murphy for the Class of 2018, and Stacey Ross for the unfilled Class of 2017 elder position.
- Becky Burdick, Class of 2018, for deacon.
- Debbie Daly, Nancy Reed and Stephanie Boyd for 2015-16 Nominating Committee.
- Erin Murphy, Mark Boyd, Crystal Harden, Tim Reed and Jim Burdick for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Rev. Riley asked whether there were any nominations from the floor. With none, the slate stood. Rev. Riley asked for a voice vote for each group of candidates for the elder, deacon, Nominating Committee and Pastor Nominating Committee positions. Each group of candidates was approved.

**Approved Motion:** To adjourn

The meeting ended with prayer by Rev. Riley at 11:15 a.m.