



November 2015

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Rev. Kathy Riley

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Jim Burdick
Walt Cottongim

Class of 2017

Dan Alexander
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Stacey Ross

Class of 2018

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Tim Reed

Deacon Board

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When I was a kid, as soon as the Halloween pumpkins appeared, I started looking forward to Christmas! I must admit I haven't changed much. These days, I also look forward to the liturgical season of Advent and the beauty and anticipation of worship in that special time. This year at CSPC, we will be waiting for Advent and Christmas, as we also wait and pray while the PNC does its work.

When friends who don't know much about how our call system works ask me about my service here at CSPC, they always ask me how long I'll be here. I always give the same answer: "Until they find their new minister." That's the only answer I can give, and of course, it's the only answer we have when we wonder how long it will be until the PNC finds the candidate they will present to the congregation as their choice for your next installed pastor.

Now that the Ministry Information Form (MIF) has been completed and is online, the members of the PNC will begin their process of reviewing the Personal Information Forms (PIF's) of the individuals who are interested in the position here. This begins their process of prayerful discernment as they seek to make the best decision they can. I learned long ago from my spiritual director that it is not helpful to think of the outcome of discernment as making the "right" decision. Instead, when we made decisions- about taking or leaving a job, when or whether to have children, if we will marry, we go to God in prayer and, using all the information we have, we strive to make the *best* decision possible.

As we wait, we will continue to engage in ministry together, strengthening what we already do and finding new ways to grow together. And we will pray. We will pray for Crystal, Erin, Jim, Mark and Tim, for wisdom and courage; for clear vision and patience. We will pray that they will find joy and strength in their work together. And we will pray for everyone who is seeking a new call into ordained ministry, or a different call than their present one. We will know only the name of the one who is presented to the congregation by the PNC, and assuming the vote is "Yes," only the PNC will know the names of the others. But we can pray for them as they seek to discern God's will for their lives.

May this season of harvest, and of giving thanks, and of anticipation be fruitful and rich with God's blessings for all of God's people.

Grace and peace,
Kathy

The Flames Youth Group

The Flames and Food for Thought – assembled bags on October 4th after church. Be sure to check elsewhere in the Clarion for the schedule of food items that are needed each week so we can keep this great mission project going.



Fall Fun with the Flames and Friends - The Flames joined with Union, Lakeside and Third Presbyterian Church (from Cincinnati) to attend a hayride and corn maze at Farm Haven in Union, KY on the 18th.

It's Good to Fall Behind!

Don't forget that the clocks change overnight this Saturday! Before you go to bed Saturday, turn your clocks back one hour and enjoy that extra hour of sleep! If you forget and come to church at 10, you'll be at church early enough to attend Sunday School! Win/Win!

The Tabitha Guild is "Scarfig it Up"



The Tabitha Guild is a knitting and crocheting group that meets on the first and third Friday of each month at church. We are currently making scarves for the Cold Shelter of Northern Kentucky. If you would like to add to our collection of scarves but are unable to join us, feel free to bring your scarves and put it in the marked box in the first Sunday School Room on the left in the education wing.

If you are able to join us from noon until 2 p.m., please do! We are a small group made up of current and past members of our church and neighbors from our community. Our projects are given to our graduating seniors, shut-ins, new babies, and local charities. We will be glad to teach you how to knit or crochet and provide you with patterns!

Terry David

Praise Band



The Praise Band is in full swing as we continue our work bringing CSPC exciting new music for worship in addition to our beloved standards. The band rehearses every Sunday morning at 8 and is comprised of guitarists Craig Mullin and Mark Boyd, bassist Walt Cottongim, lead singer Maggie Wallace, and guest appearances by percussionists Aidan Murphy and Billie Grant. It is led by Music Director Samuel Martin. CSPC members are welcome to sit in occasionally to offer any time and talents that they have to lend to the mission of the praise band. We thank Sarah Cottongim and Sarah Perine for their willingness to serve as regular substitutes with the band!

Sam Martin

Upcoming Deacon Event

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? – November 16th at 6:30 PM

This is a fun and unique way for adults to dine together in small groups in someone's home. You can be a guest and bring a specified dish or be a host and entertain a small group in your home. The host provides the main dish, tea or coffee, and asks for certain dishes that complement the meal, such as vegetable, potato/starch, salad, or dessert. The guest will be given an address, a time to be there, and a certain dish to bring. The host will have no idea who is coming to the dinner and the guests will not know who else will be at their host's home. Who doesn't love a mystery? So sign up in the Narthex and enjoy the evening on Saturday, November 14!

Doug Thompson

P.N.C. Update

Members: Crystal Harden, Erin Murphy, Jim Burdick, Mark Boyd, Tim Reed

The PNC committee has been meeting weekly on Wednesday evening creating the MIF. We have submitted the MIF and been approved by the COM. The MIF has been entered into the PCUSA Church Leadership connection (CLC). The CLC will approve and then perform the matching process, which is a combined automated/manual process. Next steps for PNC will be once we have been notified that the matching process is complete, we will begin to receive Personal Information Forms (PIF). Committee will begin to review the PIF's and begin the process of evaluating and rating the candidates.

Peace,
Tim

Session Highlights

September 2015

- Session discussed the Ministry Information Form presented by the Pastor Nominating Committee and approved it.
- Dan Alexander was the CSPC commissioner to the September Presbytery of Cincinnati meeting and gave a report on the business conducted at that meeting. An updated job description for the general presbyter was presented at the meeting.
- Session discussed the stewardship campaign for October. The theme is “Live Free” and Commitment Sunday is Nov. 1. The target is a five percent increase in giving.
- The church website will be updated and redesigned within the next few weeks.

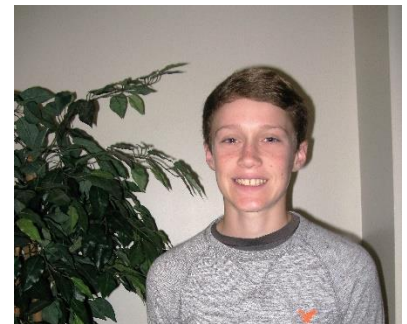
New Members!

On October 4th, we accepted three new members into our congregation:



Charlie Perine - I grew up in Belpre, OH. Went to undergrad at Ohio University; about 45 minutes from home. Then went on to graduate school at Indiana University in Bloomington; spent a year in West Lafayette on my externship before graduating with my Doctorate in Audiology. I moved to the area in 2008 and began my career as an Audiologist at Ear, Nose, Throat and Allergy Specialists (Formerly Head and Neck Surgery Associates); where I am still currently employed. I met Sarah in 2009 and we married in 2012. Reed made her debut December 2, 2014. I play on the church softball team, enjoy watching sports, going to Reds games and collecting bobble heads.

Will Rigney - My name is Will Rigney and I was born on June 18, 2001 in Aurora, Illinois. I grew up in Illinois and moved here to Kentucky when I was 11 years old. I have a brother named Ryan who is 8 years old and he loves sports. I also have a mother named Amy and a Father Rob. On the other hand, I like sports too. In my free time I usually play basketball or play outside with my friends. My major hobbies though are baseball and basketball. I go to school at Randall K. Cooper High School and I would like to either go to NKU or UK for college after high school. When I grow up I would like to maybe become an engineer since math is my best subject.



Tom Ross - Born and raised in Madison, WI. Attended Georgetown College (KY) and Graduated with B.A. in 2008. Currently, Business Account Manager at Cincinnati Bell on the Business Market Operations team. Married at CSPC 10/8/11 to Stacey (Daly) Ross. Enjoys spending time with family & friends. Loyal Packers, Badgers, Brewers, and Bucks fan. Looking forward to parenting as Stacey and I are expecting a child this coming April!

Mission

The Mission Committee is excited for all of the opportunities we have to serve the families of River Ridge over the next few months. Our Food for Thought bags will continue to feed 16 kids over the weekend and our Helping Hands baskets will feed 12 River Ridge families and 4 more in the community over both extended school breaks. Although our food donations often look like we collected a lot it is quickly distributed. To help maximize our giving this year the mission committee plans to put together a list of sale items each week to help you shop for both of our ministries. Look for updates in your inbox and pay attention to end dates because all stores ads have different sale weeks. As always financial donations are appreciated as well. Thank you for your generous donations to feed the hungry in our community.

As we enter into the holiday season, let's not forgot those who are less fortunate than we are. We have three opportunities to help needy families in our area: **Food for Thought** (provides meals for school-aged children to take home on the weekends) and **Helping Hands** (provides food baskets for local families at Thanksgiving and Christmas). Not sure what to bring? Here is the schedule:

Food for Thought

- 1st Sundays – 8 oz. Chef Boyardee entrees, cheese or peanut butter cracker sandwiches
- 2nd Sundays – Single-serving cereal packets, apple sauce
- 3rd Sundays – 100% juice boxes, cheese or peanut butter cracker sandwiches
- 4th Sundays – shelf-stable milk, nutritious snack packets, like trail mix, fruit snacks, etc.

Helping Hands

- November 1 – Boxed mashed potatoes or stuffing mixes, jars or cans of cranberry sauce or turkey gravy
- November 8 – Large cans of soup
- November 15 – Crackers, apple sauce, boxed Jello, cans of candied yams
- November 22 – Peanut butter, jelly. Bring your frozen turkey to church
- November 29 – Boxed spaghetti, spaghetti sauce

Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be held on Dec 20th this year. Practices will be starting on Wednesday nights, October 28th, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Anyone who is interested in participating or helping is invited to attend. Any questions can be directed to Elizabeth Mozea (elizmoz531@yahoo.com or 859-261-5489).

Building and Grounds

Session has been discussing the water issues in the basement areas of the old part of the church building for a number of months. The Building and Grounds Committee has requested bids on doing the work necessary to stop the water from seeping into the building, waterproofing, and mitigating the moisture and musty odor. At the October 20 session meeting, session voted to approve a contract for the work to be done, at a cost of \$35,836. The waterproofing is guaranteed for the life of the building. Session believes this work is necessary to preserve and protect the integrity of the building. The funds will come out of the proceeds of the sale of the 704 Western Reserve house, with roughly half of those funds remaining. The proceeds from the sale of the Lorraine Court house were used to pay down the loan, less the amount used out of general budget for repairs and other costs. When the waterproofing work is completed, the basement rooms will be usable once more. The next step will be to replace the carpeting in the basement with new flooring.

Sound Board Crew

During church services, you may have asked yourself, "What are those guys doing in the back corner?" The answer is: running the sound board. The computer and sound board are used to



display song lyrics for our hymns and praise band music and to adjust the audio equipment for the pastor, liturgist, and musicians. We also use this equipment for special presentations such as the Stewardship program, the Christmas pageant, and Vacation Bible School. Looking at the sound board you can get easily overwhelmed, but it's all really simple. The most difficult thing about it is just turning it on and hooking it up. We do most of the work ahead of time. Many of the songs have previously been programmed into the system. After that is done, you only adjust one or two things during the course of the service. We use a program called ProPresenter. It is very similar to Microsoft PowerPoint. If you would like to learn more about the program and how it works, please check with Shannon Murphy.

Financial Update

	Sept. Budget	Sept. Actual	2015 YTD Budget	2015 YTD Actual
Income	\$12,854	\$16,080	\$118, 186	\$124,215
Expense	\$14,169	\$14,715	\$117,407	\$110,690
Difference	(\$1,315)	\$1,365	\$779	\$3,525

November Calendar

Wednesdays – 6:30 – Bible Study; 7:00 – P.N.C. Meeting

Saturdays – 8:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship

November 1 – Commitment Sunday, Assemble F.F.T. Bags, Flames Youth Group Meeting 3:00

November 5 – Deacon's Meeting 7:30

November 6 – Tabitha Guild 12 noon – 2:00

November 10 – Cincinnati Presbytery Meeting 5:00 p.m.

November 12 – Mission Committee Meeting 7:00

November 14 – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 6:30

November 15 – Flames Youth Group Meeting 3:00

November 17 – Session Meeting 7:00

November 19 – Happy Travelers 10:00 a.m.

November 20 – Tabitha Guild 12 noon – 2:00