



Important Dates:

March: Women's History Month

Mar. 15: Cumberland Presbytery Stated Meeting @ Leitchfield



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From the Pastor

Life is stressful sometimes isn't it? The Lord is fully aware of this and offers this promise of peace and comfort from Matthew 11:28-30. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light."

So often we become stressed about things in our lives... winter weather, unpaid bills, over worked, under paid, family squabbles, failing grades, overdue bills, social media conversations, spouses or kids who won't listen, illnesses, snow and ice, etc. These are all a part of our everyday lives. Some things we can change while others are pretty well set. Sometimes you may feel like the hungry customer at a restaurant who ordered his favorite meal. When the waiter arrives at the table, he has his bare thumb on top of his steak. The man says to the waiter: "Waiter, you have your thumb on my steak!" The waiter responds with: "Yes sir, I didn't want it to fall on the floor again!" "Happy, Happy, Happy" as Phil Robertson would say.

When we try to push our way through life without God's direction, we end up worse off. Sort of like the hospital volunteer who transported discharged patients to their awaiting car. He went to this one room where he found this elderly man already dressed with a packed suitcase at the end of his bed. The transporter had a difficult time getting the older gentleman into the wheel chair, but after explaining hospital rules, he let the volunteer wheel him to the front door. When asked if any of his family members were going to meet him, he said, "I don't know. My wife is still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown!" One thing we can give up during lent is pushing ahead of God in our lives. Blessings to you and your family during this Lenten season.

-Rev. Rodney

Session Update

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on February 23, 2014 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at 2:07 p.m.

Rev. Rodney Harris led the devotion using an excerpt from James 2 and *The Bible Answer Book* by Hank Hangraaff, speaking on faith and works.

Elder Ralph Hawkins gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting on January 16, 2014 and the Adjourned Meeting on February 2, 2014 were read and approved.

Elders present: Ralph Hawkins, Delbert Kyle, Michele O'Meara, Doris Shipp, and Steve Young.

Elders excused: Dick Gregory, Carri Roth.

Others present: Seminary Intern, Ethan Harbour.

Ethan Harbour served as clerk for today's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds Committee – Report was given by Elder Doris Shipp with no recommendations.

Other notes:

- The Committee is instructed to verify insurance coverage on the garage to make sure equipment is properly insured (mowers, tractors, etc.)
- Security issues regarding people walking into the Christian Education portion

of the building during the worship service.

Christian Education Committee: Report was given by Elder Steve Young with no recommendations.

Other notes:

- Toddler Church, Nursery, Wild & Wacky Wednesdays, Son Shine Sundays are to be reevaluated at the next Committee meeting.

Finance Committee: Report was given by Elder Ralph Hawkins' with 3 recommendations.

1. A motion was made and passed to approve the 2013 Year End (Jan.-Dec.) financial report.
2. A motion was made and passed to approve the December 2013 Updated Financial Report.
3. The January 2014 financial report is tabled for discussion at the next Stated Session Meeting along with the February 2014 financial report due to some clarifications.

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship: The February Report was reviewed by Elder Doris Shipp with 9 recommendations.

1. On Palm Sunday – April 13 the annual ecumenical offering of One Great Hour of Sharing will be received. The church will process in waving palms and will have palm crosses available.

2. Resurrection of the Lord Sunday (Easter) – April 20 will include the following services:

- Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. with Rev. Rodney Harris preaching
 - Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. (menu of casseroles, fruits, and drinks)
 - Sunday School at 9:30
 - Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper
3. Other Lenten Services
 - Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes – March 5, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 - Maundy Thursday – April 17, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
 4. March 16 Musician (Ethan gone to AR for Ark. Presbytery meeting): Rev. Rodney to call Leah Sleucher and determine if she can fill in.
 5. Jews for Jesus has been cancelled and hopefully rescheduled for a better date.
 6. Mother's Day Activities
 - Banquet Luncheon – May 11 at 11:00 a.m.
 - Worship Service – May 12
 7. Memorial Day – May 25 (special commemoration of deceased service members during the service)
 8. Father's Day – June 15 (special presentation by Carol Hawkins)
 9. Fellowship Hall Piano - Tuning and repair to be done

Ash Wednesday Snapshots

Following the Oscar Awards' "selfies," the hashtag #ashtag appeared with a Photoshopped image flooding Facebook and Twitter, so the lingering attendees of the Ash Wednesday Service decided to do their own #ashtag. (Sorry, to the folks who left early and were not part of the picture.)



Events of Interest

Creation Museum Free in 2014

The Creation Museum near Cincinnati will not charge children 12 years old and under to visit the museum in 2014. All that is required is that an adult visit the museum with the child.



First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 5:00 Youth 5:30 Son Shine Sunday (Kids & Adults)	3 Dartball 7:30 Home Game	4	5 – Ash Wednesday 6:30 Ash Wed. Service	6	7	8
9 – First Sunday in Lent 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 5:00 Youth 5:30 Son Shine Sunday (Kids & Adults)	10	11	12 6:30 Wild & Wacky Wed. & Young Adults 7:30 Choir Practice	13	14	15 Cumberland Presbytery at Leitchfield, KY
16 – Second Sun. in Lent 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 2:00 Session 5:00 Youth 5:30 Son Shine Sunday (Kids & Adults)	17	18	19 6:30 Wild & Wacky Wed. & Young Adults 7:30 Choir Practice	20 7:00 Cloverleaf Neighborhood Meeting	21	22
23 – Third Sun. in Lent 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 2:00 Session 5:00 Youth 5:30 Son Shine Sunday (Kids & Adults)	24 Dartball Banquet at Ormsby Heights	25	26 6:30 Wild & Wacky Wed. & Young Adults 7:30 Choir Practice	27	28	
30 – Fourth Sun. in Lent 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 5:00 Youth 5:30 Son Shine Sunday (Kids & Adults)	31					

A Thought for March...

"Sack Lunches"

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. 'I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap,' I thought.

Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation.

'Where are you headed?' I asked the soldier seated nearest to me. 'Petawawa. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Afghanistan.'

After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time...

As I reached for my wallet, I overheard a soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. 'No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to base.' His friend agreed.

I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty dollar bill. 'Take a lunch to all those soldiers.' She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq; it's almost like you are doing it for him.'

Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, 'Which do you like best - beef or chicken?' 'Chicken,' I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class. 'This is your thanks.'

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the rest room. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars.

Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand and said, 'I want to shake your hand.' Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice he said, 'I was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.' I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers.

Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm. When we landed I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. 'It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.' Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers.

As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'citizens of United States' for an amount of 'up to and including my life. 'That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.'

*PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN
AROUND THE WORLD.*

March Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Ushers

BIRTHDAYS

- Mar. 4 Scotty Bush
- Mar. 6 Robbie Murray
- Mar. 6 Romiade Sodja
- Mar. 9 Maggie McGrath
- Mar. 21 Rodger Davis
- Mar. 22 Michael Zimmerman
- Mar. 24 Nicholas Heil
- Mar.28 Robert Spivey

ANNIVERSARIES

March 28
Garvin & Ethel Scott (1951)



USHERS & GREETERS



March 16
Laura Kaelin; Loretta Woolf;
Brenda Hatcher; Susie Dittmeier

USHERS

March 2
Bob & Jean Spivey;
Steve Young; Michele O'Meara

March 23
Ralph & Carol Hawkins;
Steve & Wanda Young

March 9
Scott & Teresa Taylor;
Karen Faughender;
Josh Richards

March 30
Scott & Teresa Taylor;
Karen Faughender;
Josh Richards



With Christian Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Susie Dittmeier and her family following her mother's death. Naomi Laverne Marcum, passed away February 8 at Kindred Hospital at the age of 82. She was born in Clay County, KY to Robert Lee Caudill and Susan Carnes. Naomi was a graduate of the old Louisville General Hospital School of Nursing and spent 35 years as a Registered Nurse, retiring from Norton Hospital. A memorial service was held yesterday at Owens Funeral Home. Please keep Susie, Ray, David, Laura, Gina, and the entire family in your prayers.



Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to the family of James "Jim" Louis Allamon who passed away February 26. A memorial service was held March 2 at the church. Jim was born on October 28, 1937, in Uniontown, PA. He was one of 14 brothers and sisters. Jim moved to Louisville in 1979 and worked in the paving/asphalt business. Please keep Blenda, Dillon, Mcayla, Zoe, and the entire Allamon family in your prayers.

CP Missions Team - Offering Updates

2013 Loaves and Fishes Offering = \$44,936.17



This will complete the project for the new medical clinic in Guatemala. Thank you for your generous donation to this ministry, which will help to share the love of Jesus with others in a very hands-on way!

Gift to the King Update = \$26,448.90.



This will complete the project for the new facility for the Samaki CP Church in Cambodia. Thank you for helping this young congregation find a permanent home for worship, education, and fellowship, and from which they will go out into all the world!

Upcoming 2014 Missions Offerings

Palm Sunday (April 13)

One Great Hour of Sharing

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church is in conversation with our sister church, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, about becoming ONE denomination. This year's One Great Hour of Sharing theme, We Are One, is both timely and an appropriate focus for us in the church. These conversations have identified the things that have kept us apart but also the many things that bring us together – namely Jesus, who tells us that WE ARE ONE! Think about the impact we can make around the world if Cumberland Presbyterians joined hands with Christians in other denominations in support of this year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Lives will be changed forever – the hungry fed, the lame healed, the lost found, the imprisoned set free, the dead raised to new life. Together WE WILL make a difference for the cause of Christ. When we do this, we will live out the words of Jesus, "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will



know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world." (John 17:22-24).

Pentecost Sunday (June 8)

Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering

The Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering is a new initiative by CP Women's Ministry to continue their long legacy of missionary work. It was approved by both the 2013 CPWM Convention and the 183rd General Assembly. This offering is named for two lifelong missionary families - Buddy and Beverly Stott (Japan) and Boyce and Beth Wallace (Colombia).



Seminary Sunday

During the month of March Seminary Sunday is celebrated. This is an opportunity for individuals and congregations to support the mission of Memphis Theological Seminary – the ecumenical seminary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Please prayerfully consider how you will help MTS prepare the faith leaders of the CP Church.

Your gifts to Seminary Sunday help support the 60% tuition discount provided to all Cumberland Presbyterian students under care. This significant scholar-ship helps ensure that all CPs called to ministry can afford theological education at Memphis Theological Seminary. Together, we are preparing the faith leaders of the future.



MTS supports both the traditional means, the degree of Master of Divinity, of achieving ordination within the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the alternative, the Program of Alternative Studies.



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Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Nolen & Maydie Allen; Dick Gregory (Christopher East Center);
Randie Murray (glaucoma in one eye); Ann & Bob Rose; Steve
Young (Surgery: kidney stint and Lithoplasty)

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Susan Coxhead (Mary Ann Robinson's sister); Harold Day (recovery
from knee surgery, Loretta Woolf's son); Devron Dorsey (Cheryl
Fugate's nephew's uncle, chemo & organ failure); Clara Goodman
(Janet Turner's aunt); Hazel Wimsatt & family (Loretta Woolf's
cousin)

MILITARY

Kyle Johnson; Kyle Lindsey; Matthew A. White

SHUT-INS

Eloise Becker; Jewell Day; Connie Petty; Dawny Porter; John Williams

PRAYER LIST

If someone you know is ill, recovering from an illness, having surgery,
struggling for life, etc., and needs prayer or attention, please, call
the Church Office. If someone you know is on the prayer list that is
doing better, please, call so we can correct and/or update the list.

Other Updates

Temporary Mailing Address:

Dick Gregory
2412 Blevins Gap Road
Louisville, KY 40272

Dick Gregory Offering:

Over \$4,000 have been raised
to go for the treatment and
other expenses for Dick and
Mary Alice. Thank you, to all
those who have given so
generously to help our fellow
church family members.



Shively Area Ministries

SAM continues to need food to
distribute to families in need.
Please place nonperishable food
in the food barrel in the narthex.