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Chronicles

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From The Pastor's Desk

MD&D

After several months of programmatic torpor around here, we finally have an event to add to the monthly schedule of our church activities. Thanks to the Congregational Care Umbrella chaired by Erika Berry, for initiating a process that captured a level of interest that may be sustained by your presence over a period of time.

On July 16, we had the first *Movie, Dinner, and Discussion* group that we have had in a long time. This is something we used to do, but it became expensive, and because it was ex-

pensive, not everybody who wanted to participate could afford to. Consider: an early movie at around \$8.00 a ticket, and dinner at a nice restaurant, maybe the Oriental Wok-people seldom get out of there for under \$20.00, depending on the tip you leave. If you're a couple, we're talking close to sixty bucks, which, if you're on a budget could wipe out the "entertainment" line item.

We didn't want to exclude anybody for because of expense (or any other reason!) so this time around we are enjoying the hospitality of each others'

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homes.

MD&D is many things. Three come to mind immediately. First, it is a social event that enables us to get together, invite friends, share a meal, and get to know each other better. Second it is entertainment. We want to watch movies that are so good that even if we've seen them before, we would happily watch them again. For me, *The Adjustment Bureau* was such a movie. I'd seen it twice before the inaugural MD&D at Dan and Dawn's on July 16.

The third thing is, (brace yourselves!) educational-- specifically religious education. Or did you think that the gospel is confined to the Bible? We will be asking the question we should always ask when interpreting a secular audio

visual. Where is God in this story? Now here's the thing, we're all experts on that topic. A seminary diploma does not guarantee me any inside knowledge in seeking the answer to that question. We all search, we all wonder, and in this venue, we can share our searches and wonderings and benefit from the views of others. We educate each other in the many more possibilities than if we were watching alone.

I don't know when the next MD&D will happen. By the time you read this, we will have already decided and hope you will decide to be part of it.

Stay tuned!

Don



We extend our sympathy to Jeff and Lindsay and all the family and friends of Charlotte Owen. Charlotte died on Friday morning, July 22, at Carmel Manor.

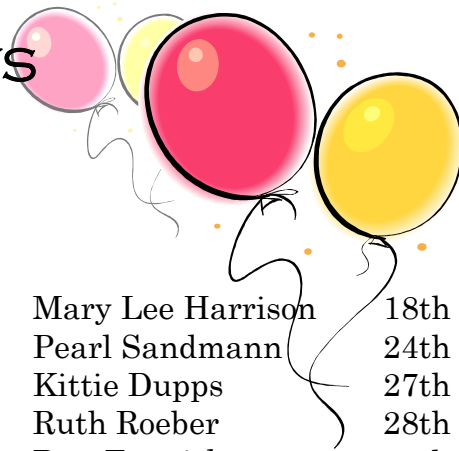
IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS



Pete Beckett, Mark Brant, Donna Kreicker, Linda Lavelle, Linda Bowen, KC Clarke, Phyllis Houpp, Lynda Jaeger, and Gary Willis.

Please remember our nursing home residents and shut ins: Ruth Comisar and Evelyn Wallace

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Derek Beach	3rd		
Dolores Gaddis	4th		
Betty Bickers	7th		
Ronald Carlin	8th		
Jessica Owen	11th		
Matt Hastings	12th	Mary Lee Harrison	18th
Alicia Beach	13th	Pearl Sandmann	24th
Katie Hamilton	14th	Kittie Dupps	27th
Marion Acree	16th	Ruth Roeber	28th
Floyd Hastings	16th	Dan Farwick	29th
Margaret Meyer	16th	Bill Dupps	30th
		Gillian Morrison	31st

FROM OUR TREASURER

GENERAL			MISSION			
			<u>Year - To - Date</u>			
2011	<u>June</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Desig.</u>	<u>Other</u>
Beg. Balance	2,025	4,308	-574	305	547	-1,210
Income	14,386	64,587	597	664	2,381	1,015
Expense	8,099	<u>60,583</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>476</u>	<u>2,341</u>	<u>1,273</u>
End Balance	8,312	8,312	-389	492	587	-1,468

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH'S
ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL & FUND RAISER**

AUGUST 20TH 12:00PM—6:00PM

AUGUST 21ST 12:30PM—5:00PM

**IN ADDITION TO HOMEMADE ICE CREAM AND COOKIES
THERE WILL BE HOT DOGS, BRATS, METS, BBQ AND DRINKS**

**ALSO ENJOY BATTERY HOOPER DAYS
AT THE JAMES A. RAMAGE CIVIL WAR MUSEUM
NEXT TO THE CHURCH**

We need volunteers to help with set up on August 19th and clean up on the 21st. We also need ice cream dippers, food servers, table cleaners and cashiers during the ice cream social. Call the church or sign up in narthex.

What would our annual social be without your homemade cookies, brownies cup-cakes, muffins and every other type of bar style treats? Not as good, that's what! It would be helpful if you could place 2—3 small size or 1 large treat in individual sandwich bags. And lastly...

We need people to socialize, buy ice cream and cookies. Spread the word to all of your friends, relatives and neighbors, please.

 *Thank You* 

Thank you to Ron Carlin and Bill Dupps for painting the post and trim on the entryway to the Education Building.

Thank you to Bart Groeneveld, Floyd Hastings and Ron Carlin for mowing the grass and keeping the church grounds looking nice.

DON PULLS THE PIN

My dad was born during the Harding administration but came of age during the Roosevelt administration. The one entitlement program that millions of Americans enjoy today became law during Roosevelt's time. Dad was 12 when the legislation was passed. While I was growing up, whenever he told me a joke that I didn't understand, he would look at me and say, "Get it?" When I shook my head, he would say, "You will when you're sixty-five!"

Ah that Depression era humor! Got to love it. At least people had a little something to laugh about during hard times. In my case, I think I took it to heart, such that all my working life I knew that I would retire so I could, "get it" when I became 65.

Nothing has changed about that. I will be 65 this November and intend to retire at the end of December, 2011. I have done some investigation into a variety of medical options, the denominational Pension Plan, and, of course, Social Security, and discovered that the combination of my potential income and Patti's will be enough for us to live in the manner in which we have become accustomed.

CONGRATULATIONS COMMUNITY OF FAITH!

Community of Faith has been partnering with our friends at Union, Ft Thomas, and Mt. Washington Presbyterian to participate in the Equal Exchange coffee program. Through your support of the Equal Exchange Coffee Club our church has been **recognized as one of the top 25 churches in the US** for participation in the Equal Exchange program this year! Thank you for your continued support of this important program.

BY: REV. DON SMITH

The other thing is that when I was installed as pastor of Covington, First in October, 1996, I promised the people of the church that, God willing, I would retire from this church. I am glad that God was willing. I have enjoyed my time for four years with the Covington Church and eleven years with Community of Faith.

Enough about me. What about Jesus' church? You know, the city set upon a hill, looking across the Ohio River valley toward Covington and Cincinnati? By the time I say my goodbyes, representatives will have already been in contact with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). Part of their responsibility is to walk with a church to make certain that the transition from one installed pastor to the next is as meaningful as possible.

I certainly want to do my part in helping this happen in the five plus months remaining. One of the really good things about Community of Faith is that there is no dearth of leadership in this place and you can depend on them.



MISSION AT WORK

Last month I had the unique opportunity to travel to the national offices of the PCUSA in Louisville. While visiting the Presbyterian Center I had the opportunity to interact and have a meeting with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) staff. The staff wanted me to thank the congregation for our donation of Gift of the Heart hygiene kits last summer as they were put to good use during the Haiti earthquake.

The staff shared the donations we send to PDA through our One Great of Hour Sharing offering each year go to help identify families that need emotional and spiritual support. The donations also identify agencies and churches that can assist in rebuilding efforts. They also shared that congregations like Community of Faith can first pray for the continuing work that the national response teams are doing on the ground. These teams have been quite active as they work with our brothers and sisters in Christ across the country as they determine what their long term recovery needs will be.

BY: MIGUEL CARLIN

Second if you or a group of your neighbors would like to assist in the rebuilding efforts that will be occurring later in the summer and early fall please let me know and I will be glad to indicate your interest to the PDA staff. Finally, many of the funds that help respond to the natural disasters immediately have become depleted due to the number of disasters that we have had this year.

In an effort to help boost these funds the Mission Umbrella Team is collecting donations to support the USA Disaster Response Fund. We will be collecting donations throughout the months of July and August during worship. If you would like to give a donation we ask that you please mark on your offering envelope "Disaster Fund Donation" and the Mission Umbrella will be sure that your donation gets to the right place. Thank you in advance for your support of this important mission within the PCUSA.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH BICYCLE MINISTRY

BY: JACK KLEIER

Each week on Wednesdays a few volunteers come to the church and help to refurbish and repair bicycles that are donated to the ministry. Once repaired the bicycles are then donated to be used at the Brighton Center. I wanted to make you aware that the ministry has refurbished and repaired over 50 bikes in 2011. Thank you for your prayers and use of the educational wing for this growing ministry.

FILM CAPSULES

Film Capsules Summer #2, 2011
Monthly short takes on the movies
 by Presbyterian minister Dr. Edward
 McNulty. His longer reviews
 are now available free at
www.visualparables.net.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Pt. 2

Rated PG-13. Isaiah 53:12; Matt. 16:24-25.

The long awaited climax to the series will not disappoint its fans. Harry's saga ends where it began, back at his beloved Hogwarts School, now besieged by the minions of the evil Voldemort. The film starts out slowly, with Harry and his friends laying plans for finding the three remaining Horcruxes, objects that contain a portion of the Dark Lord's soul, and thus which must be destroyed in order to defeat him. No one should go to this without having seen Part 1 (and fairly recently at that), the film taking right up where that one left off. Plenty of daring do, a lot of going back into the past, and some fascinating background provided concerning Harry's nemesis, Prof. Severus Snape. What has always been implicit, Harry's cruciform life style, is much more explicit this time, with even a neat bow to the Christian theme of the Communion of Saints. How anyone can believe that this epic tale of Good vs. Evil is anti-Christian because of the heroes' use of magic is beyond me. Parents of very

BY: ED McNULTY

young children would do well to heed the rating. The 3-D is fair to middling, but totally unnecessary—kids might want to keep them because they are shaped like Harry's round pair.

Another Earth

Rated PG-13. Proverbs 16:6a; 28:13

On the night that teenaged Rhoda Williams hears on her car radio about a blue planet entering our solar system, she makes a fatal mistake. Intending to study astrophysics at M.I.T. after her high school graduation, she is on her way home from a drinking party when she looks up to catch a glimpse of the blue star. Thus her car wanders from its path, crashing into another car and killing the wife and daughter of a famous composer and college professor. After her release from prison, she has given up college plans and works as a cleaning woman at her old high school. When she learns the whereabouts of the widower, who has dropped out of life, she goes to seek forgiveness. However, unable to find the words, she manages to hire on as his cleaning lady. It is fascinating to watch their relationship develop and to learn that the mysterious planet, now so close that it can be seen even in the daytime, turns out to be a mirror image of our Earth. An intriguing "What if...?" film exploring the themes of guilt and atonement. (*Not out yet, so keep watching for it.*)

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

Priest

Rated PG-13. Ephesians 6:11.

This violent film is apparently set in an alternate universe in which humankind and vampires have been locked in perpetual warfare. Only the Holy Catholic Church has been able to muster the discipline and order necessary to keep the vampires from winning. With the rise of a group of priests very much like the warrior priests of the Middle Ages, the Knights Templar, the tide of battle turned and the surviving vampires rounded up and placed on prison/reservations. However, when our hero priest's brother and sister-in-law are killed and his niece (who turns out to be more than this) is abducted, he sets forth, against the orders of his superior, to rescue her. The theocratic church is powerful, but far back in its history abandoned the New for the Old Testament. (*Now showing only at Danbury Turfway.*)

Zookeeper

Rated PG

My expectations when I went to the advance screening of this comedy were so low (having seen *Bad Teacher* the week before) that I was pleasantly surprised at how well it dealt with a basic Christian theme—vocation. But that's about all, this Kevin James comedy about the animals at the Philadelphia Zoo breaking their code of silence in order to

BY: ED McNULTY

help their kind zookeeper connect with the woman who jilted him some years earlier is so filled with gross humor that it is entirely unsuited to the children to whom this film should have been directed. Fortunately, young children dragged to this will probably be bored rather than corrupted.

Bad Teacher

Rated R

Our anti-heroine is indeed a bad teacher, and with a bad script, we wind up with a bad movie. There is no way that at a real school this character would have lasted more than a day showing old teacher movies while she sleeps and drinks the day away. No real principal would have stayed away rather than checking her class to see how she is faring. Best thing about this terrible movie is a rival teacher across the hall who truly is funny at times in her smug illusion that her condescending, folksy ways are reaching her pupils.

Horrible Bosses

Rated R

What starts out as a dark comedy in which three losers plot to knock off each other's tyrannical bosses turns out to be another inane summer comedy to half-watch while eating expensive popcorn and staying cool. Best wait till this comes to a Danbury Theater.

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

BY: ED McNULTY

From Netflix

I, the Worst of All

Rated R. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Feminists, female or male should appreciate this somber tale of a woman ahead of her time.

17th-century Mexican poet Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz (Assumpta Serna) became a nun because the academy would not admit a woman, even one who passed all their tests with flying colors. Rather than accept the fate of a dutiful wife producing heirs for a man, she enters a convent where the liberal abbess allows her to study and write to her heart's content. The new archbishop wants to put a stop to Sister Juana's unorthodox artistic career, but the equally new Viceroy and his well-educated wife become her protectors. The film suggests an erotic attachment (but never consummated) between the two women during their many visits. However, when several years pass and the Viceroy is recalled to Spain, the archbishop and

new abbess reign in Sister Juan. The film's title, taken from a confession she was brow beaten to sign, shows that unlike Hildegard of von Bingen (see the wonderful German film *Vision: From the Life of Hildegard of von Bingen*)

Badlands

Rated PG

Excellent early Terrence Malick film about a mismatched couple who go on a killing spree in Montana and wind up in Montana with the law in hot pursuit.

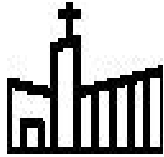
Days of Heaven

Rated PG

Director Terrence Malick's second film, this beautifully shot tale is set in the wheat fields of Texas where the wealthy farm owner (Sam Shepard) falls for the girlfriend of Bill (Richard Gere), an itinerant worker who has fled Chicago after killing a man in a fight.

WELCOME JOHN!

We welcome John Mehl into the fellowship of COF. John made his profession of faith on Sunday, June 12, 2011, during the morning worship service. He is no stranger to us as he was baptized in the former Covington First Presbyterian Church and has been attending church at COF since the church was formed. John is thirteen years old and will be an eighth grader at Turkeyfoot Middle School this fall. He enjoys playing video games, collecting, and swimming. John is the son of Reeka Whitaker and the grandson of Joanna Bailey. Welcome, John!



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AUGUST EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Board of Trustees 6:30pm	11th
Session 7:00pm	11th
Ice Cream Social 12:00pm—6:00pm	Saturday, 20th
Ice Cream Social 12:30pm—5:00pm	Sunday, 21st

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