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ONE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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Although the pastor's desk upstairs is now empty, I'll try to fill in during this period while our leaders search for an interim pastor. It would be good during this February, known as "Black History Month," to look beyond our own congregational concerns and consider our African American fellow citizens. From thinking about Martin Luther King, Jr. last month we need to



consider how so many other black people have enriched our lives through the years—in religion, literature, sports, entertainment, medicine, and politics. This is a good time to take out one of the books that our libraries display to honor the month. Or, if you use the Internet, to search out the wealth of information available by typing a few keys. (Last night, while

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working on a writing assignment, I listened to 23 minutes of Martin Luther King's controversial 1967 sermon denouncing for the first time the Vietnam War—and became aware of a host of other possible sites that were also listed. Just type in “Black History” and see what I mean.) Those of you who enjoy movies might want to see *Red Tails, the inspiring story of how the black members of the Tuskegee Airmen won the right to fight for our country during WW 2, despite the bigotry of racists in the*

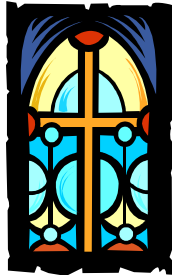
military and the government. Perhaps at church we will be singing some of the Spirituals found in our two hymnbooks.

We need such opportunities to lift us beyond our parochial concerns so that we as individuals and as members of our church can fit into and take part in God's plan for what Dr. King called “The Beloved Community.”

Ed McNulty

COF has a Facebook group! Invite your friends and family to check out our new and improved website and to join our Facebook group! You can access our website to share with your friends and family at www.cofnky.org. Our Facebook group can be found by searching for Community of Faith Presbyterian in the search engine.





IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Pete Beckett, Mark Brant, Donna Kreicker, KC Clarke, Phyllis Houp, Lynda Jaeger, Gary Willis, Mary Lee Harrison and Inky Hall.

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Deborah Grover 3rd
- Caitlin Beach 5th
- Andrea Wise 9th
- Cindy Wise 12th
- Dorothy Thomsen 14th
- Kim Suer 14th
- Kevin Kreicker 22nd
- Nita Kleier 28th



FROM OUR TREASURER

GENERAL			MISSION			
			<u>Year - To - Date</u>			
2011	<u>Dec..</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Desig.</u>	<u>Other</u>
Beg. Balance	11,021	4,308	-1,448	305	547	-1,210
Income	9,895	124,297	805	1,180	3,223	2,514
Expense	11,689	<u>119,378</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>1,219</u>	<u>2,895</u>	<u>3,333</u>
End Balance	9,227	9,227	-889	265	876	-2,030

FILM CAPSULES

BY: ED McNULTY

The Artist

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 40 min. Ecclesiastes 9:11-12, 1 Corinthians 13:4a

The plot is a blend of *A Star is Born* and *Singing in the Rain*, set as it is in the late 1920s and early 1930s. However the form of the film is unique in that we do not hear any dialogue until the very last scene when a movie is being made. The two main characters are a male silent screen idol in decline as sound comes to the movies and a rising young actress whom the star had helped break into the movies. She becomes a beautiful agent of grace as she tries to help a man whose pride is as big as his former fame. This time the over-used word “masterpiece” is not Hollywood hype.

The Iron Lady

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 45 min. Luke 10:41-42, 1 Timothy 2:11-12.

Meryl Streep again proves she is one of the greatest actresses of all time as she loses herself in the role of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Jim Broadbent plays her loyal husband Dennis, with whose total support she breaks through the entrenched gender barrier to rule during such troubled times that she becomes

the object of rage and hatred because of her program of austerity. Although the film follows the usual biopic formula, Ms. Streep’s performance is another of her great ones that you will remember for a long time.

Red Tail

Rated PG-13. Running time: 2 hours 5 min. Psalm 37:5-6

Largely financed by George Lucas, this fact-based but fictional story of the Tuskegee Airmen chronicles just part of the fight on the ground required for the African American pilots to get the right to fight in the sky. It skips most of the ground fight, so well told in the HBO film *The Tuskegee Airmen*, focusing instead on the action in the skies where the pilots protected the B-17 bombers flying over Germany. The Airmen performed so well that the once prejudiced bomber crews changed their views concerning African American pilots’ skills. The computer generated aerial combat scenes overshadow the shallow dramatic ones, turning what could have been a sociological film into a comic book action movie. Cuba Gooding, Jr., who plays the desk-bound major in charge of the squadron also starred in the far better 1995 film mentioned above. To discover the enormity of the racial barrier faced by the squadron at its very inception I urge you to see it.

FILM CAPSULES, CONTINUED**BY: ED McNULTY****Adventures of Tintin**

Rated PG. Running time: 1 hour 47 min. Matthew 6:20-12

Stephen Spielberg's delightful adventure film is based on a Belgian comic strip known everywhere throughout the world but in the U.S. Tintin is a teenaged detective whose flea market purchase of an encased model of a sailing ship named The Unicorn leads to a series of dangerous adventures. Wonderful stop motion animation and non-stop action make this a good family film.

We Bought a Zoo

Rated PG. Running time: 2 hours 4 min. Proverbs 25:20, Revelation 21:2-4.

Although parts of the plot are hard to believe, even though the film is based on the memoir of a Brit who bought a zoo, Matt Damon is excellent as the grieving husband who decides that he and his two children need to move from their familiar haunts where everything reminds them of their great loss. How he deals with his estranged son, adoring daughter, the skeptical zoo staff, the animals themselves, and a hostile state zoo inspector make for good family viewing.

My Week With Marilyn

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 39 min. 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14

Strictly for adults, this true story-based film takes place during the weeks that the American star, accompanied by her husband Arthur Miller, spent working on the film *The Prince and the Showgirl*. The insecure American caused so many problems on the set that director and co-star Lawrence Olivier practically had convulsions in dealing with her. A young apprentice filmmaker named Collin became her unlikely confidant and "handler." This is a good character study and peek into the mechanics of creating a film—and Michelle Williams is superb as Marilyn. Were it not for Meryl Streep in *The Iron Lady*, she would be a shoo-in for an Oscar.

Martha Marcy May Marlene

Rated R. Running time: 1 hour 42 min. Matthew 7:15.

This is a very dark and VERY confusing film about a young woman who escapes from a murderous cult, only to find that she is almost as uncomfortable with her sister and brother-in-law. The confusion comes from the scenes in which we are not sure whether what we are seeing is reality or the hallucinations of her deteriorating mind. One should see this film with a friend who can help sort out the film's meaning.

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

Contraband

Rated. R. Running time: 1 hour 49 min.

Like most adventure thrillers, this has plenty of scenes that must be taken with a pound of salt, but it is about as suspenseful as a film can get. Mark Wahlberg is good as Chris, a retired smuggler devoted to his wife and child but who is pulled back into the business when his slow witted brother-in-law is smuggling a cache of dope aboard a freighter and has to dump it into the sea when federal agents board the ship. The drug lord threatens to kill him if he does not come up with the cost of the drugs, so Chris reluctantly agrees to help raise the money by returning to Panama and smuggle into the US large quantity of counterfeit money. Needless to say, matters do not go as planned.

Joyful Noise

Rated PG-13. Running time: 1 hour 58 min. Psalm 66:1-2, Amos 5:23-24

Church folk will be both entertained and dismayed by this tale of a feud between two divas of an integrated choir of a southern church. Lots of good, bouncy gospel music, but little reality, and plenty of evidence that the scriptwriter who borrowed the title from Psalm 66 forgot that the

BY: ED McNULTY

psalmist invited us to praise the *Lord*. In this film the choir is the golden calf of the congregation, not the aid to focusing the congregation's attention on God during worship. Still, it was fun to see Dolly Parton and Queen Latifah working together.

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy

Rated R. Running time: 2 hours 8 min. Psalm 5:9-10

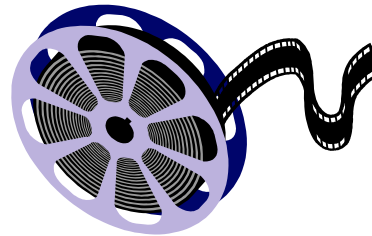
Director Tomas Alfredson's spy film is based on John Le Carre's grimly realistic 1974 novel set during the Cold War. George Smiley is brought out of forced retirement to sniff out a Soviet mole in the British Intelligence agency known as "The Circus." The film is as far from the light-hearted James Bond spy adventures as one can get. No high speed chases, shoot outs, exotic women and locales, or geeky gadgets—just men talking together and purloining and analyzing secret files in settings as drab and sinister as a slum flat. The murky script is sometimes difficult to follow, with so many characters to follow, so I was very happy when a friend loaned me his copy of the book. Now I understand better what I saw, I think.

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED**BY: ED McNULTY****On DVD**

The Tuskegee Airmen.
Rated PG-13. Running time: 2
hours 8 min. Proverbs 14:31-14

This HBO film begins in the USA rather than Italy where a battle royal ensues in launching the Tuskegee Airmen project. A group of mostly college graduated African Americans arrive at the airbase in Tuskegee Alabama where their commander is sympathetic but their bigoted flight instructor does everything he can to wash them out. Only when Eleanor Roosevelt becomes aware of the controversy and adopts the experiment as her

personal project does the Army brass, largely made up of Southerners, yield and allow it to go forward. Though what is called "a low budget film," the details of the struggle are far better chronicled here than in the big screen *Red Tails*. The excellent cast includes Laurence Fishburne, Cuba Gooding Jr., Courtney B. Vance, Mekhi Phifer, Christopher McDonald, John Lithgow, and Rosemary Murphy (as Mrs. Roosevelt). Script-writer Robert Williams actually trained at Tuskegee,

**MOVIE, DINNER & DISCUSSION
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH**

We will be watching the movie *Debt* at Dawn and Dan's house at 7:00pm. Spaghetti will be served for dinner along with bread, salad (Patti) and dessert (Becky). Now all we need is you and someone to bring drinks. Please let Dawn know if you plan to attend and what you would like to bring.
Hope to you y'all on February 4th!!!

MISSION AT WORK

BY: JACK KLEIER

In the downstairs of the educational wing there is a ministry taking place that you may have heard about. It is a bicycle ministry. Every Tuesday morning at about ten o'clock, Jerry Stoup and I meet to re-condition bicycles. These bicycles might have ended up in the garbage dump. But, because a number of people have heard about this ministry, many of the bikes make their way to us instead. We make them usable again.

During this past year Jerry and I re-conditioned 73 bicycles. We sent the majority of them to Brighton Center where they were made available to needy children. In December there was an article in the paper about the annual toy sale sponsored by Brighton Center. The article mentioned that the bicycles were the most popular item at the sale. This year they had about 30 bicycles for their sale, these bicycles came out of our shop. Yes, through COF making space available for us we were able to help make some youngsters Christmas a little brighter.

This past year we also gave bicycles to a foster family for their boys, the Edgewood Fire Department for their adopted Christmas family. Bikes were also re-conditioned and given to Toyoto for their adopted Christmas family, and one bike was given to a young boy at Third Presbyterian Church. The young boy told me later that this was the best Christmas because he had gotten a bike.

Because of the generosity of the church, people who donate bicycles & parts and people who have made other contributions, we have been able to do this work. Before a bike goes out of our shop it is cleaned and polished and it has been made as safe as is possible. We are always looking for used bikes no matter what condition they are in. If they are beyond repair, we will remove usable parts and sell the rest for scrap metal. The money is then used to buy tires and parts that we do not have in stock. If you would like to visit, let me know and we'll show you our operation.

MISSION AT WORK , CONTINUED**BY: JACK KLEIER**

The Mission Umbrella is sponsoring a workshop on February 2 to explain how an overture goes through General Assembly. Miguel Carlin has been working with the Disabilities Group of the General Assembly and is working very hard to get an overture that they are working on through the General Assembly. He has asked the COF Session to endorse the overture ,which has been presented by Twin Cities Presbytery. When Cincinnati Presbytery

meets in Feb. they will also be asked to endorse it. Miguel has done a lot of work on moving this along, he has learned a bit about the process and has found out how much effort it takes to get an overture passed. He requested that we do the worship as a way of helping people understand the process.

As we begin a new year, the Mission Umbrella extends an invitation to you to come join our group and help make mission work.

MISSION UMBRELLA PRE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA will be meeting in June this summer in Pittsburgh, PA. The Mission Umbrella hosted a "Pre General Assembly Workshop" on February 2, 2012. This workshop was an opportunity for you to learn how an overture is presented at General Assembly, and review a few of the topics that the General Assembly will be talking about this year. An overture that Community of Faith is reviewing in relationship to individuals with disabilities was also discussed. If you would like a recap of the workshop, e-mail Miguel, he will be happy to go over it with you.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SESSION
COMMUNITY OF FAITH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 8 and 19, 2011

DECEMBER 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church was called to order at 7:15 P.M. in the church parlor by the Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr., Moderator. Rev. Smith opened the meeting with prayer. It was determined that a quorum was not present. A motion to adjourn the meeting to Monday, December 19, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. in the church parlor was adopted. Newly elected elders were invited to attend.

DECEMBER 19, 2011

OTHERS PRESENT: The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr., Moderator; Rebecca S. Lindsay, Clerk of Session; William (Bill) Lindsay and Christian Addison were present as elected elders of the Class of 2014 to be installed in January 2012.

QUORUM (4+Moderator):

A quorum was present.

OPENING: The regular meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church, adjourned from Thursday, December 8, 2011, was called to order at 7:04 P.M. in the

church parlor by the Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr., Moderator. Rev. Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

DOCKET: The docket was approved with three additional items: (1) Consideration of the relationship with the Calvary Chin Church following Rev. Smith's retirement was included under Unfinished Business; (2) Actions needed to obtain a presbytery-appointed moderator for Session and Congregational meetings was placed under New Business. (3) The scheduling of the Annual Congregational Meeting was placed under New Business.

ACTION: A motion prevailed to give voice to William Lindsay and Christian Addison, both elected to Session, Class of 2014, but not yet installed.

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 10, 2011, regular Session meeting and the December 4, 2011, special Congregational meeting were approved as presented.

CLERK OF SESSION'S REPORT:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated by intinction on Sunday, December 4, 2011, during the morning worship service. Rev. Smith presided assisted by Elders Matthew Hastings, Harry Eagan and Rebecca Lindsay.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

The clerk researched the minutes and clarified for Elder Harry Eagan the Session and Trustees terms of members who were to be nominated as church officers.

On Tuesday, December 6, the clerk contacted The Rev. Chris Torrey, Committee on Ministry Chair for the Presbytery of Cincinnati, and The Rev. Kevin Murphy, COM South Cluster Chair, and informed them that the congregation of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church had voted in a special meeting held on Sunday, December 4, 2011, to give its consent for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the congregation and The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr.

Also discussed with Rev. Murphy was the need for Presbytery to provide a moderator of Session until such time as an interim pastor is in place.

The clerk ordered at no cost a set of twenty-five (25) tent-style desk calendars from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary to be offered to the congregation.

The clerk requested that the elders provide their full names for use in church rolls and minutes as required by presbytery guidelines.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Smith provided a written report of his activities on behalf of Community of Faith over the past month. **ACTION:** A motion to allow the Circle of Hope to continue meeting at the church was approved. The group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings.

TRUSTEES: The Board of Trustees met on December 8, 2011. Elder Jo Shade reported that the Trustees are looking at a new, more reliable and cheaper phone service. Elder Floyd Hastings reported that he and Elder John Kleier are working to replace burned out light bulbs in the sanctuary.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Gary Willis provided a written report of COF's finances for the past month. The report will be filed. The need for an assistant treasurer with authority to act in the absence of the treasurer was discussed. Elder Floyd Hastings will speak to Matthew Hastings to see if he is willing to serve as Assistant Treasurer.

UMBRELLA REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION AND PROPERTY: There was no additional report beyond the items discussed in the Trustees' report.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: The

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

Christmas dinner and celebration of Rev. Smith's ministry with COF was very successful. A red wagon has been found for the nursery/preschool room and will be used to transfer toys, books and materials to the Narthex during the morning worship service. Parents with young children can sit with them in the Narthex where they can hear the service. Provision of a teacher for Adult Sunday School Class I following Rev. Smith's retirement is not an immediate concern.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM:

Gift cards donated during Advent have been sent to Buckhorn. Food in the barrel in the narthex will be delivered to Be Con where it will be distributed to needy families during the holiday season. The Joy offering is currently being received.

Bicycle Ministry – Elder Jack Kleier reported that bicycles have been distributed recently to various agencies and children. Altogether, seventy-one (71) bicycles have been reconditioned and distributed during 2011.

The Mission Umbrella will be meeting on January 10, 2012.

Elder William Lindsay reported that plans are being formed for the Nicaragua Mission trip which is sched-

uled for February 28 - March 11, 2012.

ACTION: A motion to schedule an offering for Nicaragua in the middle of February was adopted. A more specific date will be designated at a later Session meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Calvary Chin Church – Rev. Smith indicated that Miguel Carlin had offered to obtain a procedural plan for hosting an immigrant congregation. Elder Floyd Hastings reported that the clean up following the Calvary Chin use of the building has improved. The Chin congregation has assembled cleaning tools including a vacuum cleaner. Rev. Smith has spoken with Pastor Thomas about keeping the front door closed where heat is on in the building.

ACTION: A motion that the Clerk of Session write a letter informing the Presbytery that the Calvary Chin (American) Baptist Church is using the facility on Sunday afternoons and at other times as approved by the Session was adopted.

ACTION: A motion was adopted to authorize Clerk of Session Rebecca Lindsay to be the liaison between COF and the Calvary Chin Church. Rev. Smith will meet with Pastor Thomas and the clerk to discuss this change in leadership.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

NEW BUSINESS:

The clerk will contact the Rev. Kevin Murphy, South Cluster Chair of Committee on Ministry, to find out whether COM has appointed a pastor to moderate Session and Congregational meetings following Rev. Smith's retirement until an interim pastor is in place.

Annual Congregational Meeting.

ACTION: A motion to schedule the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 29, 2012, was adopted.

All annual reports should be completed and turned in to Administrative Assistant Patricia Kleier by January 9, 2012, for inclusion in the Annual Report which will be distributed prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

By consensus, scheduling of ordination and installation of elders and deacons was left to the clerk and the moderator who is appointed by presbytery. A tentative date of January 15, 2012, was set for ordination and installation. Although COF has at times included the installation of trustees in the same service as eld-

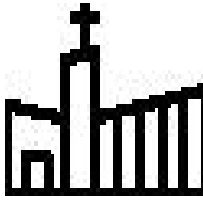
ers and deacons, such installation is a business matter and there is no service provided for it by the Book of Order. Any installation of trustees needs to occur separately.

Officers Training: Training of elders and deacons will be postponed until the appointed moderator is in place. The Clerk of Session will coordinate with the appointed moderator to plan the training.

CLOSING: Joys and Concerns: Prayers of thanksgiving and concern were lifted for Floyd Hastings; K.C. Clark; Mark Bowen; Mary Lee Harrison; Jim Berry; Martha Livingston; Joanna Bailey; and David Weitzel. Rev. Smith closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

The next meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. at the church.

Rebecca S. Lindsay
Clerk of Session



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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal 1, 8, 15, & 29

Movie Dinner & Discussion 7:00pm @ Dawn & Dan's	4th
Board of Trustees 6:30pm	9th
Session Meeting 7:00pm	9th
Congregational Care Meeting 12:00	12th
Presbytery Meeting at St. John's Westminster 5:00pm	14th
President's Day - Office Closed	20th
Ash Wednesday	22nd
First Sunday in Lent	26th
Nicaragua Delegation departs (return home 3/11)	28th

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