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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change. . ." Psalm 46:2a

As I prepared to write this, I have been aware that today is June 21, 2011, the summer solstice, more or less. For the many thousandth time I look north out of the study window onto a landscape fat with trees offering a seasonal softness, to the land descending toward the big river.

You can imagine how many different views of the same ground you and I have seen during changes of the seasons from the big windows.

From day to day they are miniscule, but we know that six months from now, on the doorstep of Christmas, the view will be very different. Neighborhoods invisible today will no longer be concealed by the trees that have turned their leaves from bright fall colors, to dropping them into the wind, onto the ground.

Change happens slowly, but it happens. It is never static. It is the spouse of time for time travels nowhere without change accompanying. This time next year the fullness will have returned. It is wonderfully predictable.

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Like the ancients, I have always celebrated the time when daylight begins its long march to this day, and as I think about tomorrow, my joy of this day is blunted by the knowledge of the slow journey toward days of longer darkness that also begins. Some people require more artificial light during the dark days to guard against depression. But even in the pit of the darkness, we can recall this day, a day of beauty, and powerful growth. We can predict that in the

passage of a few months, the beauty of summer will return.

But is there no beauty, no softness in the gray afternoons that point to the welcoming of brightly lit homes? God blesses us with beauty all year 'round, and while the beauty changes according to the season, if we know where to look, we are never left without it.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATE !

Krista Roy, daughter of Michael and Janet Roy graduated from Beechwood High School on June 5, 2011. She will be attending the University of Louisville in the fall working on an Art Degree. This summer She plans to visit Europe, Spain, France and Italy with her class. Michael and Janet are extremely proud of their daughter and the hard work and hours she put forth. Congratulations Krista!

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

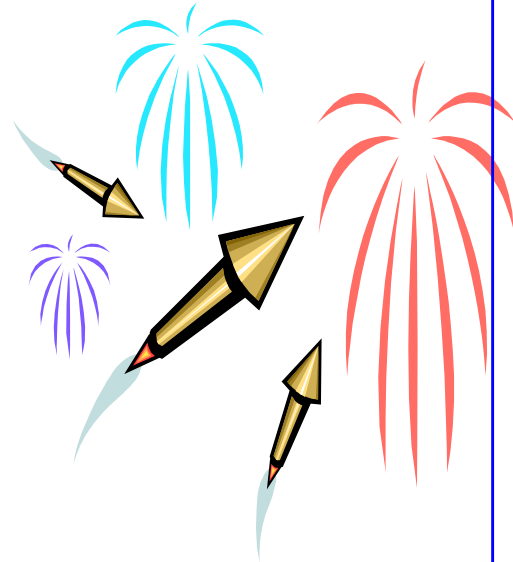


Pete Beckett, Mark Brant, Donna Kreicker, Linda Lavelle, Linda Bowen, KC Clarke, Phyllis Houp, Lynda Jaeger, and Gary Willis.

Please remember our nursing home residents and shut ins: Ruth Comisar, Evelyn Wallace and Charlotte Owen.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Janet Roy 4th
- Lynda Jaeger 5th
- Fredrick Reinhart 6th
- Shirley Weigel 6th
- Linda Lanter 7th
- Pete Beckett 12th
- Bud McDermott 15th
- Betty Murphy 20th
- Austin Whitaker 20th
- Adam Wise 27th
- Harry Eagan 28th
- Faye Massey 28th



FROM OUR TREASURER

GENERAL			MISSION			
			<u>Year - To - Date</u>			
2011	<u>May</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Desig.</u>	<u>Other</u>
Beg. Balance	1,261	4,308	906	305	547	-1,210
Income	10,642	50,201	474	551	2,047	865
Expense	8,822	<u>51,428</u>	<u>1,953</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>2,341</u>	<u>1,061</u>
End Balance	3,081	3,081	-574	579	253	-1,406

MISSION AT WORK

First and foremost, the Mission Umbrella would like to thank the congregation for their support of CLASP throughout this past year. Thank you for attending the end of the year celebration in May. We also want to provide you with a few updates on some of the projects that we will be sponsoring throughout the summer and ask for your help.

Over the last two years, the congregation has faithfully supported our service members at home and abroad. We have put together care boxes through participating in the Adopt a Hero program and partnered with the local America Supporting Americans Adopt Unit committees in both the cities of Lakeside Park and Villa Hills. The unit that we have been supporting, the 1-320th field artillery, is scheduled to return from their deployment in Afghanistan in July.

Please keep the unit in your prayers as the deployment has been extremely difficult for them. In an effort to support the unit, the Mission Umbrella will be putting together journals of encouragement to send to those members of the unit that are recovering at Walter Reed Medical Center. The journals will be available for you to sign during the fellowship

BY: MIGUEL CARLIN

hour during the month of July. We are waiting for a list of addresses and names. When we receive them, we will post them in the narthex and in the bulletin.

In addition to supporting the 1-320th, the mission umbrella is partnering with our friends at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. They collect coupons to distribute to American service members and their families currently serving in Germany. The Mission Umbrella is sponsoring a coupon drive throughout the summer. We encourage you to collect a variety of coupons that have not expired and can be used at any store. A small cookie tin has been put in the narthex for your donations.

As in years past, we will be conducting our annual school supply drive. A box has been put in the narthex for you to drop off your supplies throughout the summer.

Thank you for your support of these projects and we hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

FILM CAPSULES

BY: ED McNULTY

The Tree of Life

Rated PG-13. Job 38:4-7; Matthew 5:45b

Reclusive filmmaker Terence Malick is notorious for making his audience think rather than spoon-feeding them like most filmmakers, and this is especially the case of this beautifully photographed story of a 1950s Texas family. He gives us a clue for interpreting the film's kaleidoscopic series of images and vignettes by quoting Job 38:4-7. Mr. Malick sets the troubles and joys of the O'Brien family within the cosmic context of the creation of the universe in a colorful sequence that rivals the climactic light show/trip in Stanley Kubrick's *2001: Space Odyssey*. This is not an easy film, but is immensely rewarding for those who will stick with it—and is bound to make my annual Top Ten Film list. (For some help in interpreting it, go to my review at visualparables.net—where reviews, but without the discussion questions, are now free.)

Super 8

Rated PG-13. Exodus 22:21; 2 Corinthians 5:16; Romans 12:18
This is a delightful blend of sci-fi horror and coming of age genres. Writer/director J.J. Abrams grew up loving the films of Stephen Spielberg, has been mentored by him, and now works with the creator of *Close Encounters...*, to which this film bears a striking resemblance--Spielberg being the

producer. Focusing on a group of young teenaged boys and one girl making a super 8mm zombie film while a train rushes by and crashes into a car, this would be a good film for the whole family but for the unnecessary insertion of the "F" word into one scene. At the climax there is a nice twist that brought to mind the above Biblical passages, as well as another film from Sci-Fi's aliens invade the earth genre, *District 9*.

Cars 2

Rated G. Ecclesiastes 14:7-8

This being a Walt Disney co-production with Pixar, critics are not allowed to post reviews until the film opens (on June 24), so all I can say is that Pixar fans and James Bond fans will be pleased by this fast-paced movie filled with wonderful art depicting cities in Europe and Japan. The Scripture passage was chosen because it is not Lightning McQueen who is the main character this time, but his best pal Mater the Tow truck, who is not exactly the smartest of cars.

Paris at Midnight

Rated PG-13. Ephesians 5:15-16.
Paris has seldom been so beautifully photographed as in this delightful fantasy romance. By far Woody Allen's best film in at least ten

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

years, Owen Wilson is a Hollywood scriptwriter paying a second visit to the City of Lights, along with his mismatched fiancé and her right wing parents. At the stroke of midnight he is transported via a vintage roadster back to the 1920s where he meets Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Cole Porter, Gertrude Stein, and many more stars of the Jazz Age. It's appropriate that Wilson's character is named Gil, the same as the hero's name in the earlier Allen fantasy, *The Purple Rose of Cairo*.

The Art of Getting By

Rated PG-13. Proverbs 6:6-9a; Ecclesiastes 1:2-3.

Not nearly as profound as its makers intend it to be, this is the story George Zinavoy (Freddie Highmore), a senior at an exclusive Manhattan prep school, who seems to have imbibed too much of the Book of Ecclesiastes—that is, if he has laid aside his Camus and read something so unhip. Because life has no meaning or purpose for him, he has refused all year to write his papers or do his homework (indeed, this Sundance film originally was entitled *Homework*.) When he is attracted to a girl George decides to accept his principal's offer to pass him, IF he turns in every class paper and homework assignment. Though far better than most summer teenaged comedies with

their gross humor, there are some serious flaws that bothered this reviewer.

ONLY AT THE KENWOOD THEATERS

X-Men: First Class

Rated PG-13. Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:21

This Marvel Comics-based prequel goes back to the era of World War Two to give us the background of the formation of the X-Men. As super hero films go, this can be enjoyed as much by adults as well as teenaged viewers. With its theme of the majority in society fearing and then persecuting anyone who seems different or superior to the norm.

Bridesmaids

Rated R. Proverbs 17:9

This complicated tale of female friendship is far superior to *Sex in the City*. Annie (Kristen Wiig, also script co-writer), is asked to be maid of honor at the wedding of her long-time friend Lillian (Maya Rudolph). Helen (Rose Byrne), a more recent friend is jealous of Annie, and at the engagement party the two become enmeshed in a dual as to who will praise the most and have the last word concerning Lillian. This and many other episodes are very funny, with Annie making so many mistakes that she almost wrecks her life and the wedding. Guys also can

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

BY: ED McNULTY

have a lot of fun at this escapist comedy.

ON CABLE

Falling Skies

TNT is offering a 'decent aliens invade the earth' series on Sunday nights that is far superior to the recent *Battle: L.A.* A history professor father and his three sons, after his wife has been killed during the invasion, are part of a Massachusetts group of soldiers protecting 200 civilians as they hide from the outer space invaders. Stephen Spielberg is producer, and his hand can be detected in numerous

places, such as the scenes with children and the opening series of a child's drawings that tell the story of the invasion that has taken place before the action begins.

Film Capsules is the Rev. Dr. Ed McNulty's synopses of current films plus suggested scripture readings with similar themes. Ed, is an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Cincinnati. Fuller descriptions and discussion questions are available by subscription at www.visualparables.net.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

The next Ladies Who Lunch will actually be Ladies Who "Dine." We miss a lot of the working ladies and it stays light longer, so we will be having dinner at the **Greyhound Tavern on Wednesday July 20 at 6:30pm**. This will need to be a reservation event. Please mark your calendars today for July 20 and join the ladies who are munching their way through Northern Kentucky and the environs. We look forward to a large crowd. Thanks to all who have made these gatherings such a fine time. Carol

A Note of Thanks!

Our friends at Trinity Presbyterian Church would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and encouragement as they continue to recover from the tornadoes this past April. The recovery work is ongoing and the church is currently serving as a point of contact for the Interfaith Food Shuttle, an agency who is working to provide food and direct support to those impacted by the deadly tornadoes. Additionally, the church has set up a Good Samaritan Fund to help provide financial assistance to those individuals that need help paying their bills. Please continue to pray for all of those individuals that are currently being impacted by the multiple disasters that are occurring across the country.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SESSION COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH May 12, 2011

A quorum was present.

The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr. Rev. Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

DOCKET: The docket was approved as presented.

MINUTES: The minutes for the regular Session meeting held on, April 14, 2011, and the special congregational meeting held on Sunday, May 1, 2011, were approved as presented.

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT:

Communion: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated by intinction on Maundy Thursday, April 21, 2011. Rev Smith and Dr. Edward McNulty presided assisted by Elder Floyd Hastings. Communion was also celebrated on Sunday, May 1, 2011, during the morning worship service. Dr. Edward McNulty presided. Elder Roger Bell assisted.

In answer to a question that arose at the April Session meeting as to whether Elder Floyd Hastings was one of the signatories with access to the safety deposit box, this clerk has checked the minutes and found that Floyd was given authority in the March 18, 2010, and March 10, 2011 regular Session meetings. Floyd can sign the signature card at the Ft. Mitchell branch of Huntington Bank.

The clerk was given permission to speak to the congregation during a Minute for

Outreach explaining some of the changes that are occurring within the PC(USA).

PASTOR'S REPORT:

TRUSTEES: Trustees' President, Dawn Farwick, reported that the sale of the Ludlow property was approved by the Presbytery of Cincinnati on May 10, 2011. Dawn has contacted Janis Adams, Stated Clerk of the presbytery to acquire the paperwork necessary to complete the sale of the property. The lawyer is confident that we will be able to close by the end of May.

Board members have talked with the Insurance Group which has put together a policy that gives COF better and cheaper coverage. **ACTION:** Upon recommendation by the Board of Trustees, a motion that two days after closing on the Ludlow property we make the switch from Guide One to Insurance Group was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Gary Willis provided a written report which he reviewed with the Session and about which he answered questions. The report was received and will be filed.

CLASP: Elder Jack Kleier reported that the end-of-year celebration for CLASP will be May 21, 2011, at Lakeside Presbyterian Church. A sign-up sheet for dishes to take to the potluck supper is posted in the narthex.

UMBRELLA REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION AND PROPERTY: Chair Dawn Farwick reported that the main emphasis of the umbrella has been lawn mowing. **ACTION:** A motion was adopted to allow Carol Alverson and Bart

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

Groeneveld to trim the shrubbery in front of the glass hallway.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Elder Erika Berry discussed a date and time for starting the movie group. By consensus, it was agreed to begin during the summer after the umbrella has handled the June 5 Church Anniversary and 50-year Luncheon.

The umbrella will meet on Sunday, May 15 after worship service. Congregational Care Umbrella will give a Minute for Outreach on May 22, 2011.

Matt Hastings asked for a list of elders (2 plus an alternate) to assist with communion. Elder Erika Berry will formulate the list.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM: Chair Jack Kleier reported. Motion: Permission to fund up to \$250.00 to change the airplane tickets toward possible visit from Nicaraguan CEPAD partner, Anita Taylor, in September. Madisonville Christian and Lakeside Presbyterian will also help. Motion approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Officer Training: The make-up day for officers' training has been cancelled.

Commissioners Report on Presbytery: At its meeting on May 10, 2011, held at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Cincinnati took the following actions:

- Approved proposed amendment to the PC (USA) Constitution 10-1: Foundations of Presbytery Polity and Form of Government.
- Approved a request from Community of Faith to sell its property located at 423 - 429

Oak Street, Ludlow, KY.

Elected the Rev. Kevin Stainton as vice moderator and Elder Jill Moormann (Knox) as moderator to begin service in September.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business.

CLOSING: Prayers for joys and concerns were lifted for the following:

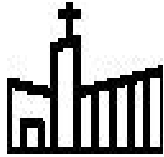
Avilia Ruiz; our Nicaraguan partnership; Martha Bell; McDermott family at the death of Bud's sister, Gertrude Braun; Floyd Hastings's niece; Christine; Presbyterian unity amid changes; Scarlett; Fred Toh and the Lower Mississippi River flooding situation; Gary Willis. Dawn Farwick's family; Arianna Beach, Caitlin Beach.

Rev. Smith closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

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

Rebecca S. Lindsay, Clerk of Session





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JULY EVENTS

Board of Trustees 6:30pm	July 14
Trustees 7:00pm	July 14
Ladies Who Lunch @ Greyhound Tavern 6:30pm	July 20

Choir Rehearsal will resume in August.

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