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Chronicles

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

St. Francis Ministry

(Ed. note The St. Francis Ministry is organized and staffed by Kelly Montana who brought her compassion for animals as a gift to us when she joined the church several years ago. There is a small red box, clearly marked, placed next to the bulletin board in the narthex. If you ever questioned why you should contribute to this worthy cause, all doubts will be erased after you read this.)

About 11:30 a.m. on May 4, I was driving along Howard Litzler, which is the road that connects 3L Hwy to Winston Avenue. I was on my way home from Walmart. Up at the end of the street near the light there was a pathetic sight -- a

tiny kitten was frantically dragging itself in circles in the middle of the road because its back legs didn't work. I slammed on the brakes and got out of the car and stopped the traffic behind me.

The little kitten tried in vain to climb up under my car, but didn't have the strength. I knew from looking at it that it had either broken its back or pelvis when hit by a car probably no more than a minute before I got there. I picked it up and turned the car around and started driving to Ft. Wright Pet Care to have it humanely euthanized. It was screaming and gasping and biting me because

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it was in pain. I was crying and saying, "It's okay, little baby, somebody cares about you and is going to get you relief soon."

When I pulled into their driveway, its little head dropped back and its mouth was open. I knew that it was dying. I rushed in with it in my arms and said, "Someone please help me. I've got an HBC (hit by car)", and one of their techs took it from me and took it back to one of the vets. A few minutes she came out and said that its pelvis was broken and it was dying, and they needed to humanely euthanize it so it wouldn't suffer any longer, so I gladly paid for that service. I told her thank you and left, and then broke down and sobbed out in my car. Poor little baby with no one to care about it.

It was probably a feral baby, a long-haired tabby with beautiful green eyes, and very young in age, probably no more than 8-10 weeks old at the most. The thought of the incident makes me sick to my stomach, because whoever hit it had to know they hit it, and they just kept going, and how could cars keep passing and no one stop to help. I don't understand that kind of thinking, and will never get that terrible sight out of my mind. My being on that road at that time to be able to ease that little creature's suffering was the work of God, and I thank Him for putting me there.

In Christian Love,

Kelly Montana

IN MEMORY OF A DEAR, LONG TIME CHURCH MEMBER

Maynard Walter Cook, age 87, died on Saturday, April 24. His wife, Priscilla, died in 2009. Maynard became a member of First Presbyterian Church of Covington in April of 1936. He and Priscilla were active members and they made many contributions

through their time and abilities and financial gifts. Kittie Dupps describes Maynard "as a really great guy".

Please keep their friends and family in your prayers.

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS



Donna Kreicker, Pete Beckett, David Weitzel, Mark Brant, Eileen Hastings, Inky Hall and Edie Waite. Please remember our nursing home residents and shut ins: Ruth Comisar, and Evelyn Wallace.

June Birthdays

- Inky Hall 5th
- Ed McNulty 6th
- Darlene Jennings 9th
- Jeff Owen 14th
- Linda Hils 16th
- Andrew Wise 18th
- Marge McDermott 26th
- Patrick Owen 27th
- Dawn Farwick 30th



Please make the following change in your directory:

KC Clarke has a new telephone number
(859) 360-6450

FROM OUR TREASURER

<u>2010</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>		<u>MISSION</u>			
	<u>April</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Desig.</u>	<u>Other</u>
Beg. Balance	13,462	18,217	1,173	561	577	2
Income	6,781	31,871	734	328	2,753	730
Expenses	<u>11,565</u>	<u>41,410</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>3,122</u>	<u>726</u>
End Balance	8,679	8,679	653	39	208	6

MISSION AT WORK

BY: JACK KLEIER

Being a Presbyterian means that we are part of a connectional Church. On May 11, 2010 we saw that in action as our congregation hosted the Presbytery of Cincinnati at its May meeting. Approximately 200 people gathered for worship, fellowship, enlightenment, and to conduct the business of the Presbytery.

Many people came to hear Dr. Walter Brueggemann, a noted biblical scholar and theologian speak on Text, Context, Vision: Is That All? Because Dr. Brueggemann was speaking the crowd was larger than usual. But the volunteers from this church made it all go well and provided a comfortable evening for our guests.

Getting ready for this meeting required a lot of work. Grass was cut on the grounds as well as in the Labyrinth. The Men's Restroom on the first floor got a new coat of paint on the stall walls. Extensive cleaning throughout the building was done by a cadre of volunteers. Finger foods and food for the meal were made or acquired by a number of people and made ready to serve the crowd. The Fellowship Hall was mopped and tables set up to make our guest comfortable while they ate.

Jesus often spoke about hospitality and called on his followers to be hospitable. I think our Church Congregation measured up to those expectations. We could have used a few more volunteers, but all in all the evening went well and the building was warm and welcoming for our guests. Many people expressed their thanks for our hospitality. It is an honor to host Presbytery and therefore I want to personally thank all those that made this evening a success. It has been over five years since we last had a Presbytery meeting here and may be that long or longer before we are asked again.

A meeting of the Presbytery may seem mundane to some, but it is an important part of our being connectional and sharing time and space with fellow Presbyterians to plan and carry out God's work in this region. Again, thank you to all the hard working volunteers for your fine effort in making the evening a success. It is another way that we are in Mission serving God's Kingdom.

FILM CAPSULES**BY: ED MCNULTY***Robin Hood*

Rated PG-13

Blockbuster director Ridley Scott is well served by writer Brian Helgeland in this revisioning of the old Robin Hood franchise. No staff dueling with Little John on a log or riding atop Friar Tuck and being dumped into the stream for this Robin Hood. This is about how Robin Longstride (Russell Crowe) served with Little John and Will Scarlet in the army of King Richard the Lionheart (Danny Huston) and then, after the King is killed while besieging a castle, makes a promise to the dying Robert Loxley (Douglas Hodge) to return his sword to his father Sir Walter Loxley (Max von Sydow) at Nottingham. Marion (Cate Blanchett) is not “Maid Marion” in this version, but the widow of Robert, and, of course...well you can guess what will result. Especially commendable is the depiction of the politics that eventually will result in the Magna Carta—Robin Longstride is declared an outlaw by King John because he champions a precursor of the Carta. Although I still love the 1938 Errol Flynn version with its more colorful costumes, this earthier and history-linked (and more violent) version is well worth seeing.

Iron Man 2

Rated PG-13

This sequel could serve as a Midrash of Proverb’s “pride goes before a fall.” The first Iron Man film depicted the redemption of wealthy war profiteer Tony Stark (Robert Downey) as he uses his wealth and power to become the peace-enforcing Iron Man. What happens to a man when he sits at the pinnacle of power, presuming to retain it for himself and become the sole arbitrator of law and order? It should not be surprising to Christians that such a man would become boastful and a bit arrogant, or that others would strive mightily to topple him, as does a rival entrepreneur teamed up with a Russian inventor consumed with a grudge against Stark. Lots of sparking computer-enhanced combat (enough cars are destroyed to re-invigorate Detroit, were they real!), with some humor and a hint of a son still living in the shadow of his dead father and trying to come to terms with the latter’s seeming neglect.

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED**BY: ED McNULTY***Date Night*

Rated PG-13

Tina Fey and Steve Carell are delightful as Phil and Claire Foster in this cautionary tale (“Never steal someone else’s reservation at a fancy restaurant!”) about a suburban couple trying to recapture some romance in their marriage by dining out. His white lie leads to a case of mistaken identity when two goons show up at their table demanding that the couple return a stolen zip drive. They are chased all over Manhattan, resulting in revelations of corrupt cops, the perversion of a politician, and of course, of how much they mean to each other. Despite a vulgar scene in a sex club, this is an enjoyable hour and a half romp for a couple wanting its own date night.

Letters to Juliet

Rated PG-13

Vanessa Redgrave is the main reason to see this romantic piffle set amidst the golden atmosphere of Italy. When Sophie (Amanda Seyfried), a young woman with her fiancé visiting Verona, joins a group that answers the notes and letters left by women on the wall of the fabled courtyard of Juliet, she answers a forty year-old letter written by an Englishwoman. Sure enough Claire Smith shows up, accompanied by her skeptical grandson Charlie. Will the trio locate the Italian whom Claire could not forget over the years? And will Charlie, who at first dislikes Sophie for what he regards as her meddling, become attracted to Sophie? And will there be a balcony scene, and what will Sophie do about her fiancé? If you need me to answer these questions, come see me about a great bargain on a bridge to the east of us. Still, all in all, another good date night movie.



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COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES

NOTE: In the interest of making Session minutes easier to read through and the interest of conserving paper, the following highlights are given. If you would like to read the complete minutes, please contact the Clerk of Session.

OPENING: The regular meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church was called to order in the church parlor on April 8, 2010, at 7:05 P.M. by the moderator, The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr. Rev. Smith opened the meeting The docket was approved as presented.

The minutes for the regular Session meeting held on March 18, 2010, were approved as presented.

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT:

Communion: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 P.M. with The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr. and Dr. Edward McNulty presiding, and on Easter Sunday, April 4, at both the early service and the regular 11:00 A.M. service. Rev. Smith and Elder Jack Kleier presided at the early service, and Rev. Smith and Elder Linda Hils presided at the 11:00 A.M. service.

On March 21, Harry Eagan was installed as an elder, and Miguel Carlin was installed as a trustee.

CORRESPONDENCE: A note was

received from Audrey Jett concerning events that occurred from 1976 – 1986 in the former Covington First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Smith will reply to Mrs. Jett's note.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Smith presented a report on his activities on behalf of the church during the past month. Elder Joanna Bailey will accompany Rev. Smith on April 14 to take communion to shut-ins.

The congregation was saddened by the death of Henry Thomas Wallace on March 23, 2010. The funeral service was held on Saturday, March 27 in Warsaw, KY. Rev. Smith officiated. Burial was in Napoleon Cemetery in Gallatin County, Ky.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: COF is still at odds with The Yellow Pages over our account. Trustees' President Pete Beckett is handling the problem.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was reviewed. \$957.00 was received for One Great Hour of Sharing.

C.L.A.S.P.: Elder Jack Kleier reported that Presbytery gave C.L.A.S.P. a grant of \$2,500 from last year. Hopefully, C.L.A.S.P. will receive an additional grant this year. The Baptist Church in Ludlow has offered to house the program, but the C.L.A.S.P. board has not yet considered the offer.

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UMBRELLA REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION: Rev. Smith presented a draft of a job description for the Board of Deacons based on Book of Order references. **ACTION:** A motion prevailed to refer the draft to the Board of Deacons for their consideration and input. Appreciation was expressed for Ron Carlin's work mowing the grass with his own equipment while our equipment is being repaired.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Elder Joanna Bailey reported. Thanks are extended to Jean Jennings and Howard Story for preparing breakfast on Easter morning. Attendance was good at both services on Easter with approximately 40 people present at the early service and 82 people present at the 11:00 service. The art that was incorporated into the Maundy Thursday service by Ed McNulty and the music provided by the guest cellist were well received. Discussion about receiving communion by intinction more frequently led to the conclusion that such increase would be at the Session's discretion, but would need input from the congregation.

MISSION: Elder Jack Kleier reported. Discussion of the date and format of the report from the Nicaragua Mission Team led to general consensus that there will be a congregational dinner and a slide show developed by Bill

Lindsay. Members of other churches who participated in the mission trip and their guests will be invited to the event. Mission Umbrella will plan the event. Elder Kleier said that evangelism will be the main theme of the Mission Umbrella for the remainder of the year. A meeting with the leadership of the Calvary Chin Church will be held to discuss liability on Sunday, April 11 at 4:30 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Community of Faith is hosting Presbytery on Tuesday, May 11. Rev. Smith, Joanna Bailey, Chair of Congregational Care Umbrella, and Becky Lindsay, Clerk of Session, need to meet with Sandy Phillips from Presbytery Office to begin planning for the event. The clean-up day was declared a success with at least a dozen members participating and a good amount of cleaning done.

NEW BUSINESS:-ACTION: In reference to Brighton Center's request to use the tent for its Appalachian festival in September, the use was approved and Floyd Hastings was commissioned to accompany the tent to oversee its setup and take-down.

John Mehl is developing a science project for school that will inform people of the problem of rainforest being cleared to raise beef for pet food. **ACTION:** Approval was granted to John to dis-

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play his poster on our “green Sunday” and to ask for commitment by members to using pet food that contains non-rainforest beef.

CLOSING: Joys and Concerns:

Prayers of joy and concern were raised for Ray and Jane Mallory; Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church; Floyd and Eileen Hastings; Baby Milosh; Linda and Mark Bowen; Fred Toh; Jack Kleier; Rev. Don Smith; and

peace in our neighborhoods.

Rev. Smith closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

The next meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. at the church.

Rebecca S. Lindsay,
Clerk of Session

Your Presbytery Link

Highlights of the meeting held
May 11, 2010

The presbytery took the following actions.

Dismissed the administrative commissions that

installed Rhoda Brumfield (pastor, Richwood) and Kathleen Burslem Haines (pastor, Calvin)

ordained Lydia Casey Balmos (Mt. Washington) as a minister of the Word and Sacrament.

Requested each of the churches with majority racial ethnic membership continue to send one additional elder commissioner to presbytery meetings. The churches are Bond Hill, Carmel, Korean, Third, West Cincinnati and Winton Hills.

Approved additional funds necessary to complete a two-year audit; money had previously been budgeted for a one-year audit.

Received as a first reading a proposed amendment to the presbytery bylaws that would add a member of the Personnel Committee to Presbytery Council.

Learned that the presbytery trustees have given permission to Fairfax Church to explore the possibility of selling its church building.

Approved 2010 terms of call for ministers serving as pastors or associate pastors.

Validated the ministry of Cinda Gorman as Seasons of Purpose Life Coach.

Commissioned Pat Brown (Kennedy Heights) as commissioned lay pastor to serve at Norwood.

Commissioned Deborah Ramey (Lakeside) as commissioned lay pastor to serve at Hartwell.

Appointed moderators: Barbara Tesorero to Norwood and Nathan Wright to

Your Presbytery Link, continued

Immanuel.

Appointed Chris White as stated supply of Christ Church.

Renewed agreements for one interim pastor and four stated supplies to continue service.

Designated Cecil Albright (former pastor, Immanuel) as honorably retired.

Renewed agreements for four commissioned lay pastors to continue service.

Elected presbytery officers: Council Chair Nancy Schmidt (Pleasant Ridge), Treasurer Jim McVicker (Heritage), and (to assume office in September) Moderator Cinda Gorman.

Thanked out-going officers: Council Chair Tom York (pastor, Knox) and Treasurer Ev Landen (Knox).

Elected Alan Landes (pastor, Crestview) to Presbytery Council.

Elected ordination readers: Vicki Abend (elder, Mt. Washington), Amy Snow (assistant chaplain, Children's Hospital), Terry Webster (pastor, Ft. Thomas First) and alternate Kathy Barlow Westmoreland (pastor, St. John's Westminster)

Dissolved the administrative commission that worked with Aurora First: Kevin Murphy (pastor, Northwest), George Betz (elder, West Union), Denise Pass (at-large), David

Ealy (associate pastor, Lakeside) and Renee Kreisa (elder, St. John's Westminster).

Recognized and thanked David and Carol Legg (Mt. Washington) for their work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Heard Dr. Walter Brueggemann, pastor emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary speak on "Text, Context, Vision and Stamina."

Commissioned commissioners, advisory delegates and alternates to the 219th General Assembly.

Examined and approved Rich Jones (Northminster) for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament and called him to serve as designated associate pastor at Northminster.

Decided to put the property of the former Seventh Church up for sale.

Learned about upcoming events

July 18 – Presbyterywide Picnic at Loveland

September 27-28 – Retreat for Ministers of the Word and Sacrament

For more information, visit www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES !

Alicia Beach is a 2010 graduate of Scott High School. She will attend Western Kentucky University in the fall and major in elementary education.

Alicia's achievements include Drum Major for the Scott High School Marching Band, active in Concert and Jazz band, NHS President, Varsity #1 Doubles Tennis Player (currently undefeated). She was a Hanner's Hero and a member of the Superintendents Advisory Council. Alicia intends to return to Kenton County when she begins her teaching career.

She has received numerous awards over the years, the most prestigious being a 2009 Governor's Scholar and receiving a scholarship to WKU.

Alicia has also attended The Dance Center and taken various dance classes for 15 years, including ballet, tap, jazz hip hop and musical theatre. In June she will dance her Senior Recital for The Dance Center.

Jenna Brashear, step granddaughter of Bill and Kittie Dupps, is graduating from University of Kentucky. She is graduating Summa cum laude with a Bachelor of the Arts degrees in International Studies and German and a Music Performance minor. She was a Singletary Scholar, A Chellgren Fellow, a Gaines Fellow and a member of the Honors Program, Vice President of Phi Kappa Phi and was recently inducted

into Phi Beta Kappa. She will be visiting Ireland in the next few weeks as part of a class.

Erica D. Dupps, daughter of Eric Dupps and granddaughter of Bill and Kittie Dupps has completed her credit hours at the University of Kentucky.

Her Bachelor Degree will be in Hospitality Management and Tourism. She has to complete an Internship. She is employed by the Christian Student Fellowship at the University of Kentucky and will be planning events and meals and catering meals. This applies to her Internship.

Anna Gamel, granddaughter of Jack and Nita Kleier, graduated from Thomas More College, cum laude, with a BA in Biology and an AA in Spanish. She was a St. Thomas More Fellow and a member of Tri-Beta. She will be attending Pikeville College-School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Ellen Gamel, granddaughter of Jack and Nita Kleier, graduated from Notre Dame Academy, Park Hills. She will be attending Thomas More College. She received the Chancellor's Scholarship and was admitted into the James Graham Brown honors program. She also plans to attend EMT class and become a member of the Edgewood Fire/EMS Department.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Session

June 3

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