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Chronicles

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Three Little Words

I know! You're guessing, aren't you? Which "three little words" phrase is Smith talking about? You might be thinking that it's probably, "*Jesus is Lord*" or "*I love you.*" because after all this is the pastor's hard copy blog. It probably isn't something like, "You're under arrest," or "Go to you know where," I know that's more than three words, but this is a family publication.

I want to take you back a few years to the time I was preparing for ministry in the Presbyterian Church. I was soooooo cutting edge. I'd done a lot of reading by and about ancient and contemporary scholars, listened to a lot of lectures, and written so many papers on this or that facet of theological study that I rolled into my final year at Louisville Seminary nearly scornful of those ministers who had gone

before me into ministry in the Presbyterian Church. It was as though many had remembered nothing of their studies and had read nothing since. I believed I knew so much more than they did (see the cutting edge remark above).

I felt the burden of such knowledge. It was up to my classmates and me to help get the church straightened out, after all, we were closet Gnostics because we knew stuff about God and Jesus that very few people knew.

Imagine my surprise when some presbytery nabob explained to me that as a recent seminary graduate who had rung all of the bells and blown all the whistles that the denomination demanded before proceeding to the ordination of Ministers of Word and Sacrament, that I was minimally

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qualified to be a Presbyterian minister.

Oh yeah?

Of course it was true. Still is.

The humbling process began soon after I arrived in a rural Alaskan Indian village to begin serving my first call, the Yakutat Presbyterian Church. Easter attendance? About 30. Six cars in that postage stamp parking lot? A good Sunday! What was wrong with those people? Didn't they realize what they had? They had a recent seminary graduate, fully ordained, who could celebrate communion and baptize folks. Thanks to the mission of the Synod of Alaska Northwest they had, for the first time in years an, er, a minimally qualified Presbyterian minister.

Perhaps it *was* better than nothing. The jury is still out.

Between then and now the humbling process has continued. I feel as though so much of my arrogance has simply been whittled away over the years. Obviously it hasn't completely disappeared-- a fact for which I apologize. At some point along the journey, I picked up a pebble and began carrying it in my pocket. The pebble represented everything that I knew about God and God is more and greater than any mountain I know. Later I stopped doing that. Carrying that pebble became a lie. The tiny stone represented far more than I know about God.

One thing that I have tried to do consistently is to merge the metaphysical teach-

ings of scripture with today's newspaper, and the latest scientific revelation. That makes things worse, because when I try to trace creation from subatomic particles to the universe with its nebulous nebulae, or when I try to discern the nuances in and of human beings and how we change or do not change; when I am treated to the beauty of the seasons changing and realize that this is just the merest portion of God's creation, I find myself standing with the psalmist (Ps. 8:4) and with him posing the question, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?"

For centuries people have been trying to cram all of this information about God into a container that is manageable and easily carried. Some even claim to know the will of God. But everything we know about God comes from reading or hearing the words of others, along with insight into our own experience. It's the best we can do, but it does not begin to get the work done.

I have not given up my quest to learn more about God, but one thing I have learned is that the most honest answer a theologian can give in response to the quest after the will of God is

I don't know.

Don



IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Pete Beckett, Mark Brant, Donna Kreicker, Linda Bowen, KC Clarke, Phyllis Houpp, Lynda Jaeger, and Charlotte Owen.

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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



GENERAL

MISSION

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2011	<u>April</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Year - To - Date</u>			
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Beg. Balance	755	4,308	-274	305	547	-1,210
Income	11,893	39,559	1,392	359	1,875	755
Expense	<u>11,087</u>	<u>42,306</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>849</u>
End Balance	1,561	1,561	906	387	1,822	-1,304

MISSION AT WORK

I will begin this month's article with a call to anyone who is interested in mission, stewardship or evangelism. Come join our Umbrella. We are looking for members who can help generate ideas and help us answer God's call to ministry as we carry out those ideas. Our members do not have to carry out both functions, some may have the talent of being creative and producing ideas, others may have the talent to help put our ideas into action. There is room for all. If you are interested, please let the minister, the Church office, or me know and we will get you involved. Our next meeting is planned for June 2, 2011 at 6:30pm. We will meet in the library.

June is the month to celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church, the day of Pentecost. This is the day recognized as the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Christ and empowered them to "get to work." Our church takes up a Pentecost Offering. There are offering banks in the lobby to help children know the joys of giving to the work of the Church. The Pentecost offering is a very important one for the future of the Church. Part of this offering goes to the work of children's ministries. There will be a series of bulletin inserts explaining different projects that have been made possible through our generous support of the Pentecost Offering. I urge you to read them to become better informed about how we can help children at risk.

BY: JACK KLEIER

The local congregation retains 40% of their total offering to be used for a project that they choose to help children at risk. The other part of the offering goes to the G.A. and is used for youth leadership development and other programs that affect children and youth at risk throughout the church.

CLASP is one of the programs that our church has supported through the Pentecost Offering in the past. CLASP has just wrapped up another year. Children of Ludlow (grades K-6) are impacted by the safe environment that we provide from 3:30 to 5:30. We can hope that through this program, during their formative years, the children can witness love for them by the caring people of CLASP.

I have been reporting in this space the progress of the bicycle ministry that takes place in our church building. We sent another 10 re-conditioned bikes to Brighton Center to be given to children in need of a bicycle. If you would like to visit and see the operation, please let me know and I will be glad to give you a tour.

Part of the responsibility of the Mission Umbrella is to promote evangelism. We have not been overly effective in this area for a variety of reasons. We will be focusing on a more effective program in the upcoming months. In the meantime, if you know of someone who does not attend church, offer them an invitation to come worship with you and to renew their faith in Jesus Christ.

FILM CAPSULES

BY: ED McNULTY

Water For Elephants

Rated PG-13. Proverbs 12:6-7; 10

How could a road show be more exotic than one involving a circus back in the days of the Depression when a steam locomotive transported it from town to town? Based on *The New York Times* bestseller of the same name by Sara Gruen, this is the story of Jacob Jankowski (Robert Pattinson), who is about to take his final test in Cornell's School of Veterinarian Science when his parents are killed and the bank takes over his family home. Taking to the road, he winds up in the circus owned by the mercurial August Rosenbluth (Christoph Walkin), whose wife Marlana (a wonderful Reece Witherspoon) is the star bareback rider. When her beloved stallion has to be put down, August buys an elephant named Rosie who proves to be both the success for the circus and the center of a series of events that lead to catastrophe. Beautifully photographed, the film depicts the glamour and the darker side of the old big top circus, making this a romance film you will long remember.

Jumping the Broom

Rated PG-13. Ephesians 6:1-4

In this comic tale of the troubling events that almost destroy an African-American wedding, the old slave custom is the trigger igniting a war between the mother of the groom and of the bride. Angela Bassett and Loretta Devine are fun to watch as the mothers, entering into almost mortal combat at the rehearsal dinner. Bassett is the upper crust Mrs. Watson who boasts "My ancestors were never slaves!" and Devine the blue-collar single mom Mrs. Taylor, who is outraged that the

family custom will not be included in the ceremony. The two families had not met until the day before the wedding, partly because the Watsons live on Martha's Vineyard and the Taylors in Brooklyn, but even more because the kids fear their mothers would not get along. How right they are! If you enjoy a Perry Tyler-like blend of sexual jokes and Christian faith, you will have fun with this wedding comedy in which the bride and groom have decided to remain chaste until their wedding night, a decision that certainly sets this film apart from the usual Hollywood romantic comedy.

Everything Must Go

Rated R. Deuteronomy 30:19-20;

Luke 12:22-23.

Will Farrell is excellent in what could be billed as "The Ultimate Yard Sale Movie." His Nick Halsey is fired because of an out of control drinking problem—not only by his firm but by his wife as well. He discovers the latter when he arrives home and finds his yard littered with all of his personal possessions. His fed-up wife has changed locks on the house and fled, leaving a note informing him she is seeking a divorce. Up to now his life has been a series of bad decisions. His decision to spend the night outside sleeping in his recliner might be his first good decision because it leads him into a relationship with Kenny and Samantha. Kenny is a chubby African-American boy riding his bike around the neighborhood while his mother provides home care to a woman a few houses down. Samantha has just moved in across the street. Both be-

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

come agents of grace for Nick, and he in turn proves good for them.

Rio

Rated PG-13. Proverbs 18:24

This funny and very colorful animated film follows the fortunes of a rare Blue Macaw named Blu and his mistress/friend Linda when they travel from cold Minnesota to the exotic city of Rio de Janeiro. An ornithologist from Rio has persuaded Linda that Blu should be partnered with his Blue Macaw named Jewel to keep the rare species alive. Jewel is not impressed with her potential mate because Blu has never learned to fly. However, when animal smugglers kidnap the birds, a series of adventures follow, forcing the little bird to reach beyond his limitations. Blu is aided by some other birds and animals that turn out to be loyal friends. Gorgeous animation gives us glimpses of the lovely city and its lively Carnivale. Lots of humor, spectacular sites, and Brazilian music make this a delightful family film.

Insidious

Rated PG-13. Revelation 7:7-10

This is another example of the new horror tale based on a nihilistic view of the universe, rather than the traditional view in which the tale ends with balance being restored in the character's disrupted lives. Josh and Renai Lambert and their children have just moved into a new house when strange things happen—her books are thrown to the floor, there are noises and fleeting glimpses of movement. They move, and discover that it is not the house, but *they* who are haunted, with their son Dalton going into

BY: ED McNULTY

a coma. A spiritualist and her two bumbling assistants inform them that their son has been taken into a place called “The Further” and that Josh will have to go after him if they are to be able to bring him back. This part of the plot might sound familiar, but *Finding Nemo* this is NOT!

Source Code

Rated PG-13. Proverbs 24:11-14.

Imagine *Groundhog Day* as an adventure thriller with a touch of science fiction elements, and you have some idea of this exciting film. Colter Stevens wakes up on a train sitting opposite Christina, a beautiful woman who knows him by another name. He does not recognize her, nor himself when he looks in a mirror. In the next eight minutes a series of events end with the train being blown up, killing all aboard. He awakens in a pod where a military technician and a scientist explain that he is part of a scientific project in which he must go back to the train and within eight minutes discover who is the bomber. This is not to change the outcome, but to learn the identity of the terrorist so as to prevent future tragedies. The science is mumbo jumbo, but the ideas are intriguing, especially as each of Colter's repeated returns to the train add a piece of information as to who the terrorist is—plus, this being a Hollywood movie, he is drawn to Christina and wants to save her life, even though he has been told he cannot alter the course of events.

Jane Eyre

Rated PG-13.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

Like the Jane Austin novels, Charlotte Bronte's great work has inspired readers for generations, including numerous filmmakers. (Indeed, up the street from the theater where I watched the newest version I came across at a Half-Price Bookstore a DVD of the 1934 version.) Lovers of the novel will prefer the various TV versions because a miniseries offers plenty of time to include details that a two-hour film must condense or leave out. This version is excellent in regard to its cast-- Mia Wasikowska as Jane Eyre; Michael Fassbender as Edward Rochester; and Judi Dench as housekeeper Mrs. Fairfax—as is the atmospheric naturalistic lighting of the dark rooms of the mansion. Lovers of the gothic novel will find both of the film's main characters appropriately suffused with undeserved suffering, suppressed emotions and sexual feelings, and courageous determination to “bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things.”

Atlas Shrugged

Rated PG-13.

As a teenager I went to see the film based on Ayn Rand's novel *The Fountainhead* because it starred Gary Cooper, but was disappointed in his self-centered character, an architect who blew up his own housing project because the builders had

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changed his design without his consent. (The anti-collectivism school of philosophy Rand started, known as “Objectivism,” could be summed up, “It's all about me!”) And now Rand's more famous *Atlas Shrugged: Part 1* has hit the screens, and I like it even less. This story about a woman railroad owner and her steel tycoon ally is such a muddled mess that it is hard to follow, or swallow. Their enemies—the US government, bureaucrats, and herd-following rival businessmen—are portrayed so simplistically shallow that nothing about the film is believable. Moviegoers apparently have shrugged too, the film quickly leaving its only first-run theater for a cheap seat one.

Pirates of the Caribbean: In Strange Waters

Rated PG-13.

The pirate silliness continues in this Disney film that combines the genres of fantasy with swahbuckling. Johnny Depp again seems like he's spaced out on some weed or mushroom derivative as he escapes from London where one of his men is about to be hanged and then sets off in search of the Fountain of Youth, encountering ravenous mermaids along the way. At over two hours, this bloated film is way too long, but might be just the ticket for those who want only escapism in a film outing. It might want you to check out those Errol Flynn classics, such as *Captain Blood*, on Netflix.

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COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SESSION COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH April 14, 2010

A quorum was present.

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

DOCKET: The docket was approved with two additions. The Contingency Subcommittee was placed under Old Business. Designating signatories for the safety deposit box was placed under the Trustees report.

MINUTES: The minutes for the regular Session meeting held on, March 10, 2011, were approved as presented.

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT:

Communion: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated by intinction on Sunday, April 3, 2011, during the morning worship service. The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr. and Dr. Edward McNulty presided with the assistance of Elders Erika and Jim Berry.

The clerk reported that she had completed the task of updating the various church rolls (Active, Inactive, Alphabetical, Elders, Deacons, Trustees, Baptismal, Marriage and Deceased).

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you notes were received from Princeton Seminary students Mary Catherine Jones and Kelly Shriver for the financial aid that they received from the William and Sarah Ernst Endowment Fund.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Smith presented a written report of his activities on behalf of the church since the last Session meeting. He proposed the establishment of a short range planning committee to study the possibilities open to our church between now and 2014.

TRUSTEES: President Dawn Farwick reviewed a written report of the activities of the Board of Trustees. **ACTION:** A motion was made that Session call a special meeting of the congregation of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 1, 2011, following the morning worship service, for the purpose of hearing a report from the Board of Trustees concerning the sale of the property at 423 – 429 Oak Street, Ludlow, KY, and acting upon the board's recommendations. Motion approved.

Elder Farwick reported the following for informational purposes:

- The sale of the Ludlow property will be presented for approval by the Presbytery's Board of Trustees on April 26 and by the Presbytery of Cincinnati when it meets on May 10.

NCR stock and Teradata stock have been sold. The Qwest stock has not yet been sold because Qwest was bought out by another company and the paperwork will have to be submitted to the new company.

Elders Jack Kleier and Harry Eagan reported that they had visited the Fort Mitchell branch of Huntington Bank to sign the signatory card. A question arose as to whether Floyd Hastings had been a signatory in the past since his name did not appear on the card.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Gary Willis provided a written report which was received and will be filed.

CLASP: Elder Jack Kleier reported that the end of year celebration for the after school program will be held at Lakeside Presbyterian Church on May 21. Lynda Jaeger is now a member of the CLASP board.

UMBRELLA REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION AND PROPERTY: Elder Dawn Farwick reported that the clean-up day held on April 9 was a success. In a recent meeting with the Calvary Chin Church leaders, Pastor Thomas explained that they were not using the building as much as they had hoped and were having difficulty paying the extra rent. **ACTION:** A motion to reduce the Calvary Chin rent to \$300.00 per month was approved.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Elder Erika Berry reported that plans are being made for Easter breakfast with Jean Jennings in charge of preparations. Floyd Hastings will handle the purchase of Easter lilies. Silk lilies will be used in the windows along the sides of the sanctuary.

The church anniversary will be held June 5 following the morning worship service. 50-year members will also be honored at that luncheon.

This umbrella ran a survey on interest in possible small groups. Most popular was the movie group. There was also interest in a service of healing and prayer.

A mini-workday will be held on Saturday, April 30, to continue moving furniture from the room behind the parlor and setting up a

nursery/preschool room.

The umbrella is proposing a picnic and campfire on our patio to be held in conjunction with Third Presbyterian and the Calvary Chin church. Suggested dates for the event are September 18 or 25 in the late afternoon.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM: Elder Jack Kleier reported that another ten repaired bicycles will be moved to Brighton Center during April.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Officer Training: Officer training will be postponed until a date in early summer.

Contingency Subcommittee: Elder Jim Berry announced that he will discontinue the committee because of lack of interest.

NEW BUSINESS: Mobile Health Fair: ACTION: A motion to sponsor a mobile health fair during the summer of 2011 was defeated.

Middle Governing Bodies Survey: ACTION: Upon the recommendation of Rev. Smith, a motion prevailed for the Session to participate in the survey on middle governing bodies which is being conducted by General Assembly.

CLOSING:

Rev. Smith closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. at the church.

Rebecca S. Lindsay, Clerk of Session

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Congregation May 1, 2011

Proper notice having been given pursuant to Section G-7.0303b of the Book of Order, a special meeting of the congregation of the Community of Faith Presbyterian Church, Covington, KY, called by the Session of the church, convened at 12:05 P.M. following the regular Sunday morning worship service on the above date in the sanctuary of the church with the Reverend Dr. Edward McNulty serving as moderator.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting was to hear a report from the Board of Trustees concerning the sale of the property at 423 – 429 Oak Street, Ludlow, KY, and acting upon their recommendation.

Quorum (12): The clerk confirmed that a quorum was present.

Dr. McNulty called the meeting to order and led the congregation in prayer.

Elder Dawn Farwick presented the following terms of sale for the Ludlow property:

Buyer: Hermes Construction Company

- Sale price \$125,000
- Down payment: \$20,000
- Amount to be carried by the church: \$105,000 at 5% for 20 years
- After 10 years, Hermes would like to make a balloon payment of \$65,000.

Hermes would make payments monthly of around

\$700 per month.

Along with the terms of sale, the Board of Trustees provided the following for informational purposes:

- Community of Faith would carry the loan instead of a bank.
- Hermes Construction Company would invest in the building by making a down payment of \$20,000 plus the following: a new roof; air conditioning; masonry, concrete, plaster, flooring, and ceiling repairs; window repairs/replacement; insulation, HVAC and electrical upgrades.
- Hermes Construction will get a clear and free title upon final payment of the loan.
- Community of Faith has retained a lawyer to draw up the contract and insurance on the building will certainly be made a part of the contract.
- Hermes Construction is in the business of building churches and rehabbing churches. They will establish offices in the educational wing, rehab the building and use it to showcase their work.

If Hermes Construction defaults on the loan, the property goes back to the lien holder, in this case Community of Faith.

The following information was provided during this congregational meeting:

The Board of Trustees has seen Hermes Construction's credit rating, and it is good.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

If Community of Faith ceases to exist, the payments will go to the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

The Board of Trustees and the Session of Community of Faith, as well as the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Cincinnati have approved the sale.

Payment to the realtor at 6% will be \$7,500.

The lawyer first contacted by the Trustees, Tom Miller, is unable to handle the contract due to time constraints. Therefore, the Trustees are contacting another, recommended, lawyer. The cost of the law-

yer's services should be approximately \$1,000.

ACTION: After discussion, Elder William Dupps moved that the congregation accept the report of the Board of Trustees. The measure carried with a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M. Dr. McNulty closed the meeting with prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Edward McNulty,
Moderator

Rebecca S. Lindsay,
Clerk of Session

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

BY: ED McNULTY

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Freedom Fighters

This fast-paced documentary was scheduled to be shown on PBS at various times around the country this week, so check to see there is an encore broadcast. The story of a landmark series of Civil Rights events, it was the best documentary, indeed *film*, that I saw last fall at the Heartland Film Festival. Not all of the soldiers of freedom have fought with guns: some used the power of love and nonviolence to win over the forces of

hatred and violence. As exciting as any of the fictional Hollywood adventure blockbusters, the film shows the price paid—in blood at times—for the freedom of all Americans to travel in dignity through our land.

Film Capsules is the Rev. Dr. Ed McNulty's synopses of current films plus suggested scripture readings with similar themes. Fuller descriptions and discussion questions are available by subscription at www.visualparables.net. Also, several of his video reviews can be seen on **You Tube** by logging onto his **User Name PresbyCritic**.

Your Presbytery Link

The Presbytery of Cincinnati met on May 10, 2011 at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Education –Elder Susie Lewis (Montgomery) and Elder Susan Imhausen (Kennedy Heights) shared insights into ways interim pastors have made a difference in the lives of their respective congregations. The Rev. Michelle Bacon (interim, Trinity) reviewed stages of a congregation’s life: birth, growth, stability, decline, death. She stressed that intentional efforts are needed to move from stability or decline back to growth.

Fellowship – Special greetings were extended by Vefa Erginbas of the Niagara Foundation, which promotes global fellowship among Christians, Jews, and Muslims, and by the Rev. Raafat Zaki (transitional executive, Synod of the Covenant). Presbytery members and commissioners gathered around tables to share conversation and a light meal. Visitors included the confirmation class of Christ Presbyterian Church.

Worship – “Servant leadership” was emphasized in homilies delivered by Elder Deborah Ramey (CLP, Hartwell), the Rev. Kevin Stainton (pastor, Heritage), and the Rev. Raafat Zaki. The offering was col-

lected to benefit hunger ministries designated by Mt. Auburn and Sardinia First churches.

Business -- The presbytery took the following actions.

Approved requests from Community of Faith and Providence to sell portions of their properties.

Renewed agreements for ministers and elders to provide pastoral leadership with congregations.

Appointed session moderators.

Approved 2011 terms of call for ministers in installed positions.

Dissolved the pastoral relationship between Loveland and the Rev. Tim McQuade. And granted him permission to serve as a chaplain with Hospice of Cincinnati.

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

Elected ordination examination readers: Elder Vicki Abend (Mt. Washington), the Rev. Terry Webster (pastor, Ft. Thomas First), and the Rev. Kathy Westmoreland (pastor, St. John’s Westminster).

Approved proposed amendment to

Your Presbytery Link, continued

the PCUSA Constitution 10-1: Foundations of Presbytery Polity and Form of Government.

Dissolved Bantam Presbyterian Church at the request of the congregation and gave thanks for its members and ministry.

Commissioned Elder Vicki Abend as commissioned lay pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church.

The presbytery also received reports.

2010 church statistics and year-to-date financial statements

The Permanent Judicial Commission has elected Elder Nancy Schmidt (Pleasant Ridge) as its moderator and the Rev. Kimberly McCoy (at-large) as its clerk.

The synod has approved the presbytery's 2010 minutes.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry has enrolled Christy Mitchell (Hillsboro First) as an inquirer and granted permission for

Elder Robert Northcutt (Aurora First) to begin lay pastor training.

The Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati, an inter-faith ministry including the presbytery, is focusing on homelessness/affordable housing and immigration reform in 2011.

The Outdoor Ministry and Christian Education Mission Team has scholarship funds available for individuals and groups to attend PCUSA camps and conferences.

The presbytery is partnering with the United Church of Christ to conduct lay pastor training. Classes begin in the fall.

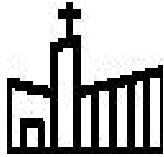
Upcoming events: November 4-13 – Presbytery Mission Trip to Guatemala

For more information, visit www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATE !

Caitlin Beach is graduating from Dixie Heights High School on June 1, 2011. She will be receiving the Kentucky Scholars Diploma and the Work Ethic Diploma, and will be wearing an NHS stole. She plans to go to the University of Louisville in the fall, majoring in Fine Arts with a concentration in photography. She has received the Trustees (Merit) Scholarship from U of L to cover part of her tuition



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JUNE EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
Mission Umbrella Meeting 6:30pm	2nd
Church Anniversary Celebration 12:15pm	5th
Board of Trustees 6:30pm	9th
Session 7:00pm	9th

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