



GOOD NEWS
July 2010
United Presbyterian Church
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

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This month we will take 6 youth down to Chattanooga on a Mission trip. While there, we will be working in relational ministries with other youth groups at a variety of locations, including a Boys and Girls Club, Head Start, Salvation Army, a local recreation center, and a nature preserve. This will be a formational week for our youth. They will be shaped by what they see and experience, and through Bible study and discussion, they will reflect on how God calls each of us to service in the world. They will be formed as disciples of Jesus Christ. This will be an invaluable experience for our youth to grow in the life of faith, but when they return, we must continue to nurture that growth as a community of faith.

Our English word “mission” comes from the Latin “missio,” from the verb “mittere” – to send. The word itself connotes action, and movement outward. The Book of Order describes the church’s mission in these active words: “going into the world, making disciples... baptizing ...teaching...demonstrating...sharing...participating...healing and reconciling and binding up wounds, ministering to the needs of the poor, the sick, the lonely and the powerless, engaging in the struggle to free people from sin, fear, oppression, hunger, and injustice, giving itself and its substance to the service of those who suffer...”<sup>1</sup> Some of these activities sound downright dangerous, and indeed, “The Church is called to undertake this mission even at the risk of losing its life, trusting in God alone as the author and giver of life, sharing the gospel, and doing those deeds in the world that point beyond themselves to the new reality in Christ.”<sup>2</sup>

In our more than 226 years as a church, there has been much sending out, going into this community and beyond in service to others to the glory of God. We have much to be proud of in our history, but mission is never something we check off of our “To do” list. Mission – an active, outward focus – should be at the center of our church life, always pushing us out of the comfort of our pews and into whatever mission field we are sent.

We are a primarily older congregation, but there are still many ways that we can reach out and serve. Lee Russell and the Outreach Committee are organizing “Dress for Success,” collecting used coats, suits, dresses, and other items for women and girls that can be given away to those who need these items but can’t afford them. Pat Carpenter shared with the church an opportunity to volunteer through the VA hospital, taking time to visit with Veterans and giving their caregivers a break. There is more information about that program in the Narthex. There is something that each of us can do. God has given each of us gifts to use for service to the world. You might not be able to build a Habitat house, but perhaps you can make phone calls to shut-ins, or send cards or notes the homebound or people in jail.

Please be in prayer for the mission trip, for safety in travel and work. Pray that these youth will be filled with a desire to learn and grow into deeper relationship with God and with each other. Pray for the current ministries and missions of the church, and let us also pray that we will continue to discern God’s call for our mission and ministry as a church.

Grace and Peace,  
Stephanie and Andy

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<sup>1</sup> *Book of Order*, G-3.0300c

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, G-3.0400

## Grace Notes

As we think about mission and prepare to send our youth to Chattanooga (two of whom were recently baptized here), this month let us reflect on Baptism, through which we are all called to service as members of the Body of Christ.

From the *Book of Order*, W-2.3006: “Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God’s redeeming grace offered to all people. Baptism is God’s gift of grace and also God’s summons to respond to that grace. Baptism calls to repentance, to faithfulness, and to discipleship. Baptism gives the church its identity and commissions the church for ministry to the world.” Baptism is not merely a rite of passage in the church, nor is it over and done with once the water dries. Through our baptisms, we are continually called by God to service in the world, united as the body of Christ, and empowered through the Holy Spirit.

Do you have questions about our Sacramental theology or practice? Questions about Baptism or the Lord’s Supper? Pass those along, and we can answer them here.

## Recent Celebrations

In the past month and a half, we have celebrated four new births and a wedding. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Kay Howells gave birth to Kingston Thomas Wilkinson. Father Jamal, Uncle Tom, Grandparents Kathy and Buddy, and Great-Grandparents Ann and Howard all celebrate this birth. Mary Mitchell Gravely welcomed a new Great-Granddaughter on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Mary Dotson Moss was born in Danville, and joins sister Cassidy. Parents are Dr. Benjamin and Kirsten Gravely Moss, and Grandparents are Nancy and William Gravely and Drs. David and Sandy Moss. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, Marie Huffman gave birth to Devon Mikayla Huffman-Huntsberger. Her father Mike and Grandparents Bobbi and Keith Rightmyer couldn’t be more proud! Amanda Nicholson Britton gave birth to a **healthy baby boy...** Father Jason, Uncle David, and Grandparents Mary and John Nicholson, all celebrate this new life as another miracle in the midst of Mary and John’s own recent trips to the hospital.

We also celebrated the joyful union of Carrie Ann Shewmaker and Michael Selby on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The newlyweds are making their home in Danville. More wedding bells will be heard this summer for children and grandchildren of this church.

If we have omitted a celebration, let us know, and please continue to share these celebrations with our church family!

## Presbyterian Women

Jackie Lindberg, Jane Adrian, Jo Holbrook, and Mary Weber traveled last month to Huntsville, Alabama for the Triennial Gathering of the Synod of Living Waters Presbyterian Women. Mary Weber handed over the gavel as outgoing moderator of the Synod. Pictures can be seen online at: <http://www.pwslivingwaters.org/> or through our church website, [http://www.upcharrodsburg.org/?page\\_id=87](http://www.upcharrodsburg.org/?page_id=87).

## Summer Outreach

School is out, and so are the kids! Have you noticed children playing outside around your home? Have you seen new families moving into your neighborhood? Take a few minutes to get to know them, and invite them to worship! Sunday school for all ages continues through the summer. If you know of people who are new to the area, let us know so that we can welcome them to the area.

## Session Notes

In order to help streamline the bulletin-production process, the Session approved a policy for all bulletin items to be submitted to the church office by noon Wednesdays. Starting with the July 11th bulletin, all items submitted after noon on Wednesday will have to wait to be included in the following week's bulletin. Items not included can also be submitted to the pastors for Sunday announcements. Announcements, prayer requests, and other bulletin items can be submitted to the church office in person (M-F, 9-12), by email ([upcharrodsburg@bellsouth.net](mailto:upcharrodsburg@bellsouth.net)), or by calling us at 734-4710. Thanks for your help!

If you have questions or comments about any church business, you can always approach an Elder, or talk specifically to the Committee involved. If you are interested in getting involved on a Committee, please talk to the Committee Chair.

### Session Committees and Chairs:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Christian Education:     | Nadine White                   |
| Hospitality:             | Sue Saufley Sullivan           |
| Mission:                 | Carrie Shewmaker               |
| Nominating:              | Doug Ferguson                  |
| Outreach:                | Lee Russell                    |
| Personnel:               | David Weber (Clerk of Session) |
| Property:                | Harry Woodard                  |
| Stewardship and Finance: | Henry Grall                    |
| Worship:                 | David Bradshaw                 |

## *Mission*

As we all know, in early May, our area was hit with very destructive flooding. Burgin was among the worst hit areas in the county, and many churches have been involved in disaster relief efforts there. The Session has voted to work with Burgin Christian Church to help those hit hardest by the floods. Limited financial resources are available from the "Feed My Sheep" special fund, and the basket for collections is still at the back of the church. There will also be opportunities for manual labor. We will send out emails and make announcements when workdays are scheduled. If you would like to be put on a calling list for volunteering, let us know. Let us continue to keep our neighbors in our prayers.

## *Christian Education*

### **Summer Pastors' Study**

The co-pastors are leading a study on Sunday evenings at 6pm, focusing on Worship. Study materials are available online at <http://defaoite.us/UPCWeb/pastorsstudy.htm> and will also be available in church and at the study itself. Note that while there are no readings for Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, we will still meet as scheduled. There will not be a meeting on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, as the co-pastors will be traveling to Chattanooga with the youth.

On Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be traveling to Louisville to go to 10am worship at Louisville Seminary in conjunction with the "Worship and the Arts" conference there. After worship, we will go see the Presbyterian Headquarters downtown, and hopefully we will be able to join in the Center's worship service there. If you would like to go on this trip, please email the pastors at [upcpastor@bellsouth.net](mailto:upcpastor@bellsouth.net), or call us at 734-4710.

### **Domestic Violence**

On Sunday, August 8th at 6pm, Summer Intern Ashley Drake will lead a special presentation on Domestic Violence. She will present information learned from her summer course, and talk about ways that churches can respond. This is open to everyone - invite your friends and neighbors!

### **Burnamwood is Calling!**

Camp Burnamwood has a full schedule of conferences and retreats this summer for children and youth from 1<sup>st</sup> grade through Senior High. There is also a "Mother/Daughter Camp" scheduled for July 10-11 for mothers and daughters of all ages. The church provides 50% scholarships for youth to go to camps or conferences at Burnamwood through the Jan Hylan Youth Fund. A complete schedule is on the pastors' office door, or available online at <http://www.burnamwood.net/rates10.htm>.

### **Offering**

As a reminder, we are collecting an offering in the elementary and Youth Sunday school classes. Even if it is a nickel or dime each week, this helps our children learn about the importance of giving to God in a planned and regular way.



## **Youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade through High School)**

The Youth Sunday school class will continue to use the curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, through the summer, led by Ashley Drake. This curriculum is based on the readings of the Revised Common Lectionary, which Stephanie and Andy usually follow for preaching and Sunday worship, and it incorporates different learning elements. As a reminder, Sunday school starts at 9:30am and ends with the 10:30am second bell.

## **Adult Sunday School Classes**

The Thoughtful Christian Class meets at 9:30am in the Ladies Parlor. All studies are available for download and reading online at <http://defaoite.us/UPCWeb/Index.htm>. Whether or not you have a chance to look at the study in advance, we welcome any and all to join in the discussions on Sunday mornings.

The “Stage Class” meets in the classroom adjacent the Fellowship Hall in the Basement, using “The Present Word” as its curriculum. The Summer study’s theme is “Christian Commitment in Today’s World.” July’s studies will focus on 2 Thessalonians. In August, the study focuses on Philippians and wraps up with a passage from the book of Acts.

## **Save the Date – Back to School Festival!**

We will have a Back to School Festival on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, here at the church. Proceeds will help fund mission projects. Watch for more details, but mark your calendar now! You won’t want to miss this event.

## **Committee Information**

### **Hospitality**

The annual Early 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic will be held on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Bring a dessert or side dish to share, and invite your friends and neighbors! We will enjoy music from the Young at Heart band, featuring our own Andy Alexander. Make plans now to be there!

### **Outreach**

#### **Dress for Success**

On Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Outreach Committee will host “Dress for Success,” an opportunity for women and girls in the community to come and select gently used clothing, coats, and accessories that they would otherwise be unable to afford. If you have items of clothing, shoes, purses, coats, etc... to donate, you can bring them down to the church basement. Items that need to be dry-cleaned can be taken to Scott Mosely at SK Dry Cleaning, 119 N. Chiles Street. Scott has agreed to dry clean donated items for free. Contact Lee Russell with questions.

The Outreach Committee wants to help make us a more welcoming church! Each month we will share a few tips from “Being a Welcoming Church,” a document produced through the Evangelism and Church Development area of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

- As part of your preparation for worship, pray for God’s guidance in extended the gift of hospitality to visitors.
- Remember that a few moments spent with a visitor may be a turning point in that person’s life.
- Let your faith and joy of being part of the congregation show!

Do you need a ride to church? Know of anyone else who does? We would like to start using the church van to pick up members who need a ride on Sunday mornings. Please help us by letting us know if you need a ride, or if you know of someone else who might. We are also interested in having a list of individuals who would be willing to drive the van on some Sunday mornings. Please contact Lee Russell or the church office for more information.

The World Equestrian Games are coming! Do you have ideas for ways that we can welcome visitors from all over the world into our church during the games? We need your creativity! Talk to Lee Russell for more information.

The Outreach committee is hard at work expanding our outreach to current active and inactive members, to get word out in the community as to what we are doing as a church, and to help develop our church membership. If you have suggestions or would like to get more involved, talk to Lee Russell.

## **Stewardship and Finance**

Do you ever wish you could get a better handle on your household finances? Coming this fall, we will be starting a 13-week “Financial Peace University,” a program designed to help singles, couples, or families get out of debt and become better financial managers. Jesus spoke more about money and possessions than about any other issue except for the Kingdom of Heaven. Money is not just a material issue, but a spiritual one. The cost for participants is \$100 per family, and for that you receive a Financial Peace University workbook, audio CDs with all 13 lessons, budgeting forms, and other materials. This is a 50% savings from the regular cost. The class will start in September and run through the first week of December. Free “preview” classes will be held on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm, and on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We would like to open this event to the entire community, so please invite anyone to sign up or attend one of the preview sessions. If you would like to go ahead and sign up now, contact the church office.

The \$100 fee might seem prohibitive, but if you set aside \$1.09 a day in June, July, and August, you can get there. On average, families in the program reduce their debt by \$5,300 and save \$2,700 in just 91 days. That's an \$8,000 turnaround! Contact Stephanie, Andy, or any of the members of the Stewardship and Finance Committee for more information. Class schedules will be set based on those who register for the class.

## ***Other Items***

### **Communication**

Have you moved? Do you have a new address, phone number or email address? Keep us posted! It has come to our attention that some mailings have not been received by all of our members. If you suspect that postal mail or email are not reaching you from the church, please call the church office during regular office hours so that we can address the issue. Thanks for your patience!

We currently have 3 methods of distribution for the newsletter. The newsletter is always posted online, with emails sent out letting subscribers know when the new edition is available. We also have hard copies available for pickup at the back of the Sanctuary. This allows members to continue to receive a paper newsletter, but helps to save on postage. The third option is regular 1<sup>st</sup> Class mail delivery. If you would like to change your method of receiving the newsletter at any time, simply call Bobbi in the church office.

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, just send us an email at [upcharrodsburg@bellsouth.net](mailto:upcharrodsburg@bellsouth.net), and we will add you to the email list.

### **Horizons Bible Study**

The 2010-2011 Horizons Bible Study book for the Kate Riker Circle, “Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today,” is now available in the church office. The cost is \$8 per book.

## *Calendar at a Glance for July 2010*

|              |                                                                                           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 1       | 6pm Early 4 <sup>th</sup>                                                                 |
| July 4       | 6pm Pastor's Study on Worship                                                             |
| July 5       | NO Kate Riker Circle – will resume in September<br>6:30pm Property Committee Meeting      |
| July 6       | 5:30 Outreach Committee Meeting<br>6:30 Christian Education Meeting                       |
| July 7       | NO Choir practice for the month of July – practice resumes on July 28 <sup>th</sup>       |
| July 11      | 6pm Study on Worship – lead by Ashley Drake, 2010 summer intern                           |
| July 11 - 16 | Youth Mission Trip to Chattanooga, TN                                                     |
| July 12      | NO Evening Circle – will resume in September                                              |
| July 15      | 6:30pm Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting (note different day than regular schedule) |
| July 18      | Morning Worship – Communion<br>2pm Session                                                |
| July 25      | Morning Worship – Hunger Offering                                                         |

## *Celebrations for July 2009*

### *Birthdays*

|    |                      |    |                 |    |                      |
|----|----------------------|----|-----------------|----|----------------------|
| 3  | Jeannie Greenwald    | 14 | Shirley Howe    | 22 | Christine Rightmyer  |
| 4  | Trenton Duffy        | 17 | Pam Baughman    | 26 | Elaine Tarry         |
| 4  | Trevor Duffy         | 18 | Corey Akers     | 27 | Christopher Ferguson |
| 5  | Richard (Dick) Knapp | 18 | Marilyn Allen   | 29 | Zachary Cooper       |
| 6  | Ruth Young           | 21 | Jessie Rawlings | 29 | Barbara Lively       |
| 12 | Mary Alexander       | 22 | Nell Gill       | 31 | Amy Wickliffe        |

### *Anniversaries*

|    |                          |    |                         |
|----|--------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 5  | Wade & Ann Hemphill      | 17 | Carl & Leslie Mattacola |
| 14 | Jeff & Mary Ann Rawlings | 23 | Keith & Beverly Baird   |
| 16 | Casey & Emily Lawson     |    |                         |

*Revs. Andy and Stephanie Wing – Co-Pastors*

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2010 Summer Intern: Ashley Drake  
Choir/Organist: Susan Shewmaker Thoughtful Christian Class @ 9:30  
Secretary: Bobbi Rightmyer Sunday School @ 9:30  
Nursery: Dorothy Shuman Present Word Class @ 9:45 am  
Treasurer: Pat Alexander Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:45 am  
Custodian: J. L. Devine NO Choir Rehearsal for July

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*Lectionary Readings for July 2010*

Sue Saufley Sullivan – Elder Host

**July 4, 2010**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 30**

**2 Kings 5:1-14**  
**Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

**July 11, 2010**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 82**

**Amos 7:7-17**  
**Colossians 1:1-14 and Luke 10:25-37**

**July 18, 2010**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 52**

**Amos 8:1-12**  
**Colossians 1:15-28 and Luke 10:38-42**

**July 25, 2010**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 85**

**Hosea 1:2-10**  
**Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) and Luke 11:1-13**

