



*GOOD NEWS*  
*July 2009*  
*United Presbyterian Church*  
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Google Evangelism

Most of you who are on the internet, and perhaps even some of you who aren't, are aware of Google, the internet search engine that has started all kinds of auxiliary services. One of the most popular services is Google E-mail, or "G-Mail," for short. I have used it for a few years, and I really like it.

When it first started, G-Mail was small and exclusive, and you had to be invited to open an account by someone who already had an account. One of my friends in Boston was a computer programming graduate student at MIT, and she was one of the first to use G-Mail. She invited me to open an account, and then I invited some friends and family, so now most of my family members use it as their email service.

We could learn a few things from G-Mail about sharing our faith. First, what once required a special invitation is now open to anyone. All you have to do is go to the main webpage and sign up for an account. There is basic information telling you about G-Mail, and easy links for more support or questions. Wouldn't it be nice if we could make it that easy to come to church?

Once you join and log-in to your G-Mail account, there is still a place for you to invite a friend to G-Mail. In fact, each time you receive an email from someone using a different service, like bellsouth.net, yahoo.com, or aol.com, at the top of the email there is a link to invite that person to G-Mail. What if we spent more time thinking about who we might invite to church? When we encounter people who aren't in church anywhere, or might be looking for a new church home, do we automatically think to invite them in?

An invitation can be a powerful thing. It communicates the value of your experience and commends it to others, as well. Often it is easier to recommend a good restaurant, a new book, or some other particular product than it is to recommend a church. The milkshakes at the Kentucky Fudge Company might be out of this world, but are they life-transforming?

Another great thing about G-Mail is that it makes it easy to connect with other people. Anyone else who uses G-Mail is listed on the side, and if they are online, you can chat with them, even over video! Google also makes it easy to share photos, documents, calendar items, and so much more. Do we have ways for people to connect with each other here? Are there ways to share things, to find someone to talk to, perhaps to find one of the lunch groups to join with after church?

Perhaps I've convinced you to sign up for G-Mail, but I hope that this also gets you thinking about ways that our church could reach out to more people, to practice some new kinds of "G-evangelism." Just a few thoughts....

Grace and Peace,  
Stephanie and Andy

## *"Let Your Light Shine"*

August 21-22, 2009

Annual Mission and Education Conference

Sponsored by: The Social Witness and Mission Committee, Christian Formation & Discipleship Committee, and the Committee on Ministry

Worship and Keynote is Ruth Farrell. She is a PC(USA) missionary and will speak on, "Mission in a World with a Global Food Crisis." "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" exhorts the writer in Hebrews. Through stories from the Bible and the mission field, we will explore the global food crisis and reflect on what that means for PC(USA)'s hunger work. Through commitment, consciousness and community we can discern and move with God into a new future.

Maxwell Street Presbyterian, Lexington, is our host for this year's conference. Their address is: 180 East Maxwell St., Lexington, 40508 - Phone: 859-255-1074. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with worship beginning at 9:45 a.m. The first workshop begins at 11:00 a.m.

A complete list with registration form can be at:

<http://images.acswebnetworks.com/1/435/LetYourLightShine.pdf>

If you have any questions regarding workshops, please contact Monica Tillie at 859-623-5323 or by email: [mtilliefpc@bellsouth.net](mailto:mtilliefpc@bellsouth.net)

We hope you can join us for dinner on Friday evening at Maxwell Street at 6:00 p.m. and then enjoy a walking tour of downtown Lexington. The tour will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be led by Rev. John White. If it should rain, John will have a presentation at the church.

### *Grace Notes – A New Monthly Feature Highlighting our Sacramental Practices*

Occasionally we have someone pour water in the Baptismal Font while the Assurance of Pardon is given. This symbolizes the waters of Baptism, and invites us to remember our own baptisms. Baptism is an outward sign of an inward grace, including the forgiveness of sin and cleansing of all unrighteousness. As we see and hear the water being poured, and hear Scriptural promises of forgiveness in the Assurance of Pardon, let us remember with gratitude our baptisms and God's grace at work in our lives.

*What is the reason behind serving communion the "old way," the "new way," a "different way," and changing things up?*

"The earliest Reformed method for Communion was for the people to approach the Lord's Table to receive the bread and cup. With Calvin, the people came forward as they had always done, one by one, receiving the bread from one Minister at one end of the table, and the Wine from another Minister at the other end. In the English congregation in Geneva, John Knox had the people leave their places to sit at tables set up in the church. This practice continued in both Scotland and the Netherlands. Under the influence of English Puritans, the Scottish church slowly and reluctantly moved toward receiving Communion in the pews...

Pew Communion provides an opportunity for Christians to serve one another; it also tends to reinforce the individualism and passivity that characterize many sacramental occasions. At a minimum, congregations should try other serving methods than their present one as a way to add to the richness of receiving the Sacrament. As the Book of Common Worship indicates: "The people may gather around the table...the people

may go to persons serving the elements... or the bread and the wine may be served to the people where they are” (BCW 44).”<sup>1</sup>

Do you have questions about our practices of the Sacraments, or any other aspect of our worship together? Feel free to ask either of the pastors, or any of the members of the Worship Committee, chaired by Elder David Bradshaw. There is also a document on the “Resources” section of our website with more questions and answers about our Communion practice and theology.

### **\*\*\*Called Congregational Meeting, Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

We will have a brief called congregational meeting immediately following church on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. After the benediction, we will have a short break and then call the meeting to order. Members will be asked to vote on a change in terms of call for the Co-Pastors, increasing the housing allowance and decreasing the cash salary in order to cover an increase in housing expenses. This is a re-allocation of funds and does not involve a change in cost of the total salary package.

### **Pictorial Directory**

We are continuing sign ups for Olan Mills photography appointments. In addition to Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, we have added another photography day on Tuesday, July 28 from 2pm to 8:30pm. There are 3 ways to sign up

1. On the signup sheet at church.
2. By calling the church office.
3. Sign up on our website – ["http://upcharrodsburg.org"](http://upcharrodsburg.org). Click on the Pictorial Directory link in the upper right hand. Next, click on the Olan Mills EZ Sign-Up link and follow the provided directions.

If you have questions, contact Gwen Wickliffe or Sue Saufley Sullivan, or call the church office.

### **Update from Bellewood**

In the March newsletter, we printed a letter from Bellewood calling for action when the State reduced its funding rates to more than 40 private child care providers in Kentucky. Thanks to all of the great advocacy, Gov. Beshear has restored the funding rates effective June 1, 2009, and guarantees them through December 31, 2010! This will allow Bellewood to continue their mission of changing lives and building futures for the most abused and neglected youth in Kentucky.

### **What happened at Presbytery?**

The Presbytery of Transylvania met on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> in Somerset. UPC was well represented by Elder Commissioner Henry Grall, Andy and Stephanie, and by David Weber, who chairs the Presbytery’s Judicial Commission. The Presbytery approved new standing rules that will go into effect at the end of this year. You can read the full document at:

<http://images.acswebnetworks.com/1/435/PresbyteryStandingRulesApproved6609.pdf>

The new standing rules reconfigure and streamline the current committee work of the Presbytery, and they also make some slight changes to the meeting schedule for Presbytery meetings, starting in 2010, which will hopefully make meetings more accessible and inclusive to all churches in the Presbytery.

If you are interested in learning more about the work of the Presbytery or other governing bodies, feel free to talk to Andy or Stephanie, or to any Elders in the church. Presbytery governance is shared between Minister

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<sup>1</sup> Peter C. Bower, editor. *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Louisville, KY: Geneva Press, 2003), p. 40-41

members and Elders from local churches. UPC has a long history of member involvement in the Presbytery and other regional or national bodies. The Presbytery produces a weekly electronic newsletter with news from local churches and church-wide updates. To receive this e-newsletter by email, send an email to Sharel Templeton at <mailto:stempleton@transyby.org>

### *Church-Wide Women's Gathering*

The Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women will take place in Louisville from July 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. Pat Carpenter, Margaret Knapp, Lee Russell, Mary Weber, and Stephanie Wing will all be participating in the Gathering in some way. Please pray for this gathering, for safe travel for women who will be coming to Louisville from around the world, and for the Holy Spirit to inspire and lead those gathered together to greater ministry and mission in the world.

As a reminder, the Choir will take off the month of July and will enjoy a month of singing and worship from the other side of the chancel. Choir practice will resume in August, and the doors of the choir are always open! If you have any questions, talk to Susan Shewmaker.

### *Financial Report*

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance as of <b>April 30, 2009</b> | \$ 460.66   |
| Receipts for May 2009               | \$14,790.01 |
| Disbursements for May 2009          | \$13,463.96 |
| Balance as of <b>May 31, 2009</b>   | \$ 1,786.71 |

### *A Heartfelt Thank You*

We would like to thank the generosity and support of an anonymous donor and the Evangelism & Outreach Committee for providing United Presbyterian Church with a new refrigerator. Your help is truly appreciated.

## *Calendar at a Glance for July 2009*

|         |                                                                                                 |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 5  | 6pm New Members Class                                                                           |
| July 6  | No Kate Riker Circle (will resume in September)<br>6:30pm Property Committee Meeting            |
| July 8  | 6:30pm Christian Education Meeting                                                              |
| July 9  | Late 4 <sup>th</sup> Picnic                                                                     |
| July 12 | 1:15pm Worship Committee Meeting<br>6pm New Members Class                                       |
| July 16 | 2pm – 8:30pm Olin Mills Photography sessions<br>6:30 pm Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting |
| July 19 | Morning Worship – Communion<br>1:15pm Evangelism & Outreach Committee Meeting<br>2pm Session    |
| July 26 | Morning Worship – Hunger Offering                                                               |
| July 28 | 2pm – 8:30pm Olin Mills Photography sessions                                                    |

## *Celebrations for July 2009*

### *Birthdays*

|   |                   |    |                  |    |                      |
|---|-------------------|----|------------------|----|----------------------|
| 3 | Jeannie Greenwald | 12 | Mary Alexander   | 22 | Christine Rightmyer  |
| 3 | John Voll         | 14 | Shirley Howe     | 24 | Joe Tarry, IV        |
| 4 | Trenton Duffy     | 17 | Pam Baughman     | 26 | Elaine Tarry         |
| 4 | Trevor Duffy      | 18 | Corey Akers      | 27 | Christopher Ferguson |
| 5 | Richard Knapp     | 18 | Marilyn Allen    | 29 | Zachary Cooper       |
| 6 | Ruth Young        | 21 | Jessica Rawlings | 29 | Barbara Lively       |
| 8 | John Carpenter    | 22 | Nell Gill        | 31 | Amy Wickliffe        |

### *Anniversaries*

|    |                          |    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 5  | Wade & Mary Ann Hemphill | 17 | Carl & Leslie Mattacola  |
| 14 | Jeff & Ann Rawlings      | 28 | Carter & Janette Johnson |
| 16 | Casey & Emily Lawson     |    |                          |

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

(859) 734-4710

Choir/Organist: Susan Shewmaker  
Secretary: Bobbi Rightmyer Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Nursery: Dorothy Shuman Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:45 am  
Treasurer: Pat Alexander Wed. Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm  
Custodian: J. L. Devine

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*Lectionary Readings for June 2009*

David Bradshaw – Elder Host

**July 5, 2009**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 123**

**Ezekiel 2:1-5**  
**2 Corinthians 12:2-10 and Mark 6:1-13**

**July 12, 2009**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 24**

**2 Samuel 6:1 - 5, 12b - 19**  
**Ephesians 1:3 - 14 and Mark 6:14 - 29**

**July 19, 2009**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 89:20 - 37**

**I Samuel 7:1 - 14a**  
**Ephesians 2:11 - 22 and Mark 6:30 - 34, 53 - 56**

**July 26, 2009**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 14**

**2 Samuel 11:1 - 15**  
**Ephesians 3:14 - 21 and John 6:1 - 21**