



*GOOD NEWS*  
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*United Presbyterian Church*  
*Harrodsburg, KY 40330*

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“From the beginning God created women and men for community and called a people into covenant. Jesus called, commissioned, and promised to be present to a people gathered in his name. The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, orders, and empowers the new community of the covenant. To each member, that Spirit gives gifts for building up the body of Christ and for equipping it for the work of ministry. ***A Christian’s personal response to God is in community.***”<sup>1</sup>

Have you ever seen the movie, *Finding Nemo*? It is the highest grossing animated film ever and the #1 selling DVD of all time. In case you missed it: Nemo is a young and curious clownfish living with his overprotective father Marlin. On Nemo’s first day of school, his curiosity gets the best of him, and he wanders off from the rest of his classmates outside of the microcosm that is their community. Nemo’s father watches helplessly as Nemo is captured in a diver’s net, and the rest of the movie shows Marlin’s adventures trying to find Nemo and bring him safely home.

Clownfish live in small groups inside sea anemones, and they are one of only two fish species immune to the anemone’s poison. Clownfish eat what could potentially harm the anemone, and the waste they produce provides nutrients to the anemone. Clownfish were created to live in community, never far from the symbiotic relationship with their anemone host. In *Finding Nemo*, trouble ensues when Nemo goes against his created order and goes exploring beyond the reef on his own.

The statement above from our *Book of Order* says that we are also created to be in community. The last sentence challenges our understanding of what our “personal response to God” is, as Christians. I know of many people who think that private prayer, reading the Bible, and “doing good” are all appropriate and sufficient personal responses to God. While those are all good and important things, they don’t get to the heart of our calling, which is to be part of the body of Christ, gathered and empowered for ministry together.

Our culture champions individual achievement. Bookstores are full of self-help titles, and there are a myriad of books, magazines, and television shows dedicated to showing us how to “Do it Yourself.” Our culture celebrates the independent spirit of Nemos everywhere. Our charge to be a community of believers is counter-cultural. Gathering together, worshipping together, praying together, and serving together are all part of our calling as Christians. Worship on Sunday mornings offers us a sacred time and space to take Sabbath rest, to be equipped and empowered by the Spirit, and to live as we were created to be – a community in covenant with God, in the presence of Christ, sealed and sent by the Spirit.

It is easy to find reasons not to come to church on Sundays. But remember, “The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath.” (Mark 2:27) Worship is our chance to be the people who God created us to be – a covenant community. Just as the clownfish and anemone need each other to thrive, so

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Order*; Copyright 2007, W-1.1005a.

God has created each of us with unique gifts and offerings so that the whole community thrives when we are all working together. We also thrive individually when we are living together as our Creator intended.

Gathering together each week isn't just one thing we do as Christians; it is the heart of how we are ordered, to respond to God in community as part of the body of Christ. In church we worship God, we encourage and support each other in times of trial, we pray and work for God's reconciliation and transformation in the world. We are at times comforted and at times challenged; at times strengthened and at times softened; at times givers and at times receivers. We are prepared for and sent out to the ministries to which we are called in the world.

We pray often for the Holy Spirit to work among us, that we will be the community of believers that God is calling us to be. It isn't always easy, convenient, or comfortable, but it is who we were created to be.

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

Grace and Peace,

*Stephanie and Andy*

### *Name Tags*

Getting to know you... One of the deep strengths of our church is the sense of welcome and hospitality that we show our members and visitors alike. One way to further this welcome and sense of community is by wearing nametags so we can greet each other by name, members and visitors alike! This helps newer members who are still trying to get to know the congregation, it helps all of us to welcome visitors and faces that we have seen a few times, and it helps all of us who have a harder time remembering names! This summer we will try this out in our church, and we need your help! We will pre-print nametags for our members and regular attendees, and have blank nametags available for visitors. Please come to the Narthex before the service to find your nametag, and encourage others to do so as well.

### *Pictorial Directory*

New Church Pictorial Directory – We will be producing a new church pictorial directory through Olan Mills. Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 8:30pm an Olan Mills photographer will be here to take pictures. Please sign up for an appointment on the signup sheets in church or by calling the church office. We want to have 100% participation from all of our members and friends! All families photographed will receive a free 8x10 portrait of their choice and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photo packages at a special discounted rate. If you have questions, contact Gwen Wickliffe or Sue Saufley Sullivan, or call the church office.

An online sign-up sheet is now available for anyone wishing to schedule an appointment from the Internet. Go to our church's website - <http://www.upcharrodsburg.org/> - and click on the Pictorial Directory link in the upper right hand side. Then click on the Olan Mills EZ Sign-Up link and follow the provided directions.

### *Vacation Bible School*

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Methodist church from June 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>. The programs will run from 6pm to 8:30pm each evening, and children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade can register to participate. Older youth/teens can volunteer as crew leaders or helpers. Adult volunteers are also needed. For any questions about volunteering, or for registration details, contact Debbie Blankenship, [debbie323@sent.com](mailto:debbie323@sent.com).

### *Late 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic*

\*\*Early 4<sup>th</sup> becomes Late 4<sup>th</sup>\*\* - Since VBS will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, we are moving our early 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration from June 26<sup>th</sup> to be a Late 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic and Celebration on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Please mark this NEW date on your calendars and plan to join us for food and festivities. The Clyde Jackson Quartet will be back for

musical entertainment, with our own Bill and Crystal Nichols on vocals. We'll have fun and games for children of all ages, and plenty of meat hot off the grill. Invite your friends and neighbors to join the fun!

### *Blessed Are the Children*

“Let the little children come unto me...” (Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16) – It is truly a joy to have our children and grandchildren with us each Sunday, and as a congregation we have made promises to nurture our children in the faith and life of the church. Sunday school is offered at 9:45 each Sunday morning. As we do not currently have a Children’s Church program during the worship service, the Session requests that children above the age of 6 years old remain with their parents, grandparents, or care givers throughout the worship service. After the Children’s Sermon each Sunday, children ages 6 and under may be dismissed to the nursery, accompanied by the Elder Host for the month or their parents. We ask that all older children return to their seats. The Christian Education committee prepares activity bags that are especially geared towards older children, located at the back of the sanctuary.

We would like to recognize and celebrate with great appreciation the wonderful gifts of Dorothy Shuman, who continues to care for our children in the nursery, and has done so for the past 21 years! Dorothy is in the nursery faithfully each Sunday during the worship service. If you know of families with younger children who would appreciate being able to worship while knowing their children are in the best of hands, please pass along the word! The nursery is located in the basement of the church, just past the fellowship hall.

If you have gifts or interests for teaching or working with children, please talk to Irene Mitchell or Lee Russell or one of the pastors about ways to share these gifts in the church. You don’t need prior experience, just a heart to serve!

There will be a Confirmation Class starting up this summer during the Sunday school hour for youth who have not yet been confirmed, ages 11 and up. If you are interested in participating, please let Irene Mitchell or Lee Russell know, or talk to one of the pastors. Please watch the bulletin for details on when the class will begin.

### *Church Membership*

Interested in membership in the church? On Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Conference Room, Andy and Stephanie will meet with any individuals interested in joining the church. We will also hold a series of classes starting Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in the Conference Room. The class will meet June 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and July 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and will be a more systematic approach to learning about the faith of the church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our response as the body of Christ. We strongly encourage any new members to attend both the Thursday session and the 5-week study, though either can be a starting point for membership. Please let Stephanie and Andy know if you are planning to participate in the class so we can prepare enough materials.

Back to the Basics – are your memories from Confirmation class more than a bit fuzzy? Do you have questions about what we believe as Presbyterians, or about the history of our faith? We invite you to journey along with the Sunday night “new members” class, from Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in this class, contact the church office so that we can have enough materials available.

### *Let Your Light Shine*

Mark your calendars for August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Presbytery of Transylvania will have a “Let Your Light Shine” two-day educational event at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church. Workshops and seminars will be offered on many different topics. Watch the newsletters and bulletins for more information.

### *Flower Committee*

Flower season is coming into bloom and if anyone has flowers from their gardens they would like to share with the church, please contact the church office or Sue Saufley Sullivan. We are in need of flowers for arrangements on Sunday mornings and for special programs. Thank you.

## *Christian Life Center*

What if every church member brought food to help supplement the Food Bank at the Christian Life Center right here in Harrodsburg? Canned food is always good, but there is a great need for items like cereal, peanut butter, crackers, etc... You will find a basket to be kept for this purpose under the "message table" before entering the sanctuary. Collected food will be taken at the end of each month to the Christian Life Center. The basket will be there so you can bring food each Sunday, but we especially encourage you to think about it on the Sundays when we take the Hunger Offering. The Christian Life Center also accepts unwanted items (clothing, etc.) for resale. If you have items for resale and donation, please take them directly to the Christian Life Center rather than bringing them to the church.

## *Raising the Bar*

"Raising the Bar" for "A Debt of Love I Owe"

#4 Improve your investment income:

Reference the Lexington Herald Leader April 20, 2009

-38 of 75 stocks that have increased 15% in one month

-28 of 75 stocks that have doubled in the past year

Reference Lexington Herald Leader May 7, 2009

-200 of 480 stocks have increased 15% or more this year

Are your investments making 15% per year?

Is God's investment in you returning 15%?

## *Called to Serve*

Amy Wickliffe, daughter of Gwen and Bill, will be leaving June 15<sup>th</sup> to serve in the Peace Corp. She will be teaching English to middle and high school students in the West African country of Mauritania. You can follow her adventures on her new blog: <http://amywickliffeinafrica.blogspot.com/>

## *Calendar at a Glance for June 2009*

|              |                                                                                                                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 1       | No Kate Riker Circle Meetings until September 7th<br>6:30 Property Committee Meeting                                     |
| June 6       | Presbytery Meeting<br>Primary Elder – Henry Grall; Alternate – Doug Ferguson                                             |
| June 10      | 6:30 Christian Education Committee Meeting                                                                               |
| June 11      | 6:30 Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting<br>7:30 New Members Meeting                                                 |
| June 14      | 1:15 Worship Committee Meeting<br>6:00 New Members Workshop                                                              |
| June 21      | Morning Worship – Communion<br>1:15 Evangelism & Outreach Committee Meeting<br>2:00 Session<br>6:00 New Members Workshop |
| June 22 – 26 | 6 – 8:30 pm Vacation Bible School at United Methodist Church                                                             |
| June 25      | Reminder that Early 4 <sup>th</sup> Picnic has been postponed until July 9 <sup>th</sup>                                 |
| June 28      | Morning Worship – Hunger Offering<br>6:00 New Members Workshop                                                           |

## *Celebrations for June 2009*

### *Birthdays*

|   |                |    |                      |    |                |
|---|----------------|----|----------------------|----|----------------|
| 2 | Amy Dedman     | 8  | Bill Nichols         | 21 | Steve Hall     |
| 3 | David Bradshaw | 10 | Gwen Wickliffe       | 23 | Linda Masters  |
| 4 | Amanda Britton | 15 | Ann H. Howells       | 24 | Andy Romero    |
| 5 | Jo Marks       | 16 | Joe Gill             | 26 | Irene Mitchell |
| 6 | Helen Coleman  | 17 | Woodie Newton        | 27 | Lyzzi Prigmore |
| 7 | Joe Mitchell   | 19 | Sue Saufley Sullivan |    |                |

### *Anniversaries*

|   |                                 |    |                          |
|---|---------------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 3 | Jack & Woodie Newton            | 16 | Frank & Irene Mitchell   |
| 4 | Richard “Dick” & Margaret Knapp | 21 | Clifford & Gertrude Reed |
| 7 | Bob & Pam Baughman              |    |                          |

Revs. Andy & Stephanie Wing – Co-Pastors  
(859) 734-4710

Choir/Organist: Susan Shewmaker  
Secretary: Bobbi Rightmyer  
Nursery: Dorothy Shuman  
Treasurer: Pat Alexander  
Custodian: J. L. Devine

Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:45 am  
Wed. Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

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*Lectionary Readings for June 2009*

David Bradshaw – Elder Host

**June 7, 2009**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 29**

**Isaiah 6:1 - 8**  
**John 3:1 - 17**

**June 14, 2009**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 20**

**I Samuel 15:34 – 16:13**  
**Mark 4:26 - 34**

**June 21, 2009**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 9:9 - 20**

**I Samuel 17:32 - 49**  
**Mark 4:35 - 41**

**June 28, 2009**

Old Covenant Lesson:  
New Covenant Lesson:

**Psalm 130**

**II Samuel**  
**Mark 5:21 - 43**