

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS!

Summer 2022

WORDS OF LIFE

Rev. John White

Some people are voracious readers. For whatever reason, God has wired some of you to love, Love, LOVE the reading of books. Several among you make it a habit to read two or three books at a time - books of historical fiction, romance, mystery, and biography. When asked, “Why do you like reading so much?” your responses are varied. You’ll say that reading proves “entertaining,” “edifying” and even “satisfying.” Clearly, the effect of consuming page after page of such words is to elicit some kind of power within you as you read. Well, speaking of power...

...entertaining and edifying as the reading of fiction, romance, and biography might be, there is nothing more internally life-changing than the reading of the words that leap from the pages of God’s Word, the Bible. These words can have the effect of deeply penetrating into our innermost being. According to Hebrews 4:12, “...the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

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WORDS OF LIFE, CONTINUED

Jesus “fed” on the words of God all through His earthly life. He spoke these words, lived these words, even proved Himself to be the living, personified Word of God in the flesh. Echoing the Hebrew Scriptures, in Matthew 4:4, Jesus declared that the consuming of God’s words is as crucial to a person’s wellbeing as is the eating of food: “Man shall not live on bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” It’s in the exercise of reading and hearing such a spectacular variety of God-breathed words that an immeasurable power is elicited within the reader - entertaining, edifying, satisfying, convicting, and even eternal-life-altering. Not even the works of Shakespeare, Dickens or Agatha Christie can compete with that. Surely, God is telling each and every one of us, “Read My Book. You’ll love, Love, LOVE IT!”



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HEBREWS 4:12



GOD'S GIFT

Laura F. Devine,
June 2022

When you got out of bed
Did you say a prayer of thanks
Another day, "a gift" given to you by God.
Were you in a hurry, overslept or as
Mom would say got up on the wrong side of your bed
Were you worried about the day? What would you do
Or say as you went on your way
Did you have a fight, not feel right, or not sleep
Thru the night, not take the time to show you cared
as those you loved shared their plans for the day
Did you give an encouraging word,
were you heard saying "I love you"
Did you rush out the door, not saying a word
too worried with thoughts of what you had to do
Does the world have you down
Do you smile or frown on your way downtown
Tomorrow, start your day in a new way
Say a prayer as your feet hit the floor
Thank God for this day and so much more
Tell those you love, how much you care
Showing God's love everywhere
To those you meet, smile and greet them
You don't know what they are going through
An encouraging word from you
May help them see, the world's not as bad
As it appears to be
Each new day is a way to share
God's gift to us - His Love



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

UPC is blessed with consistent givers who week-by-week give to keep God's work through this church relevant and active in Harrodsburg. As we draw closer to year's end, stewardship and finance must evaluate last year's budget in order to prepare for the next year's needs. You are a vital part of this process. You provide the funds that pay the bills and staff and allow us to keep the building in repair. It's important that you know how we are doing on a weekly basis in order to stay informed. We have begun posting the weekly offering total in the bulletin. Also posted is the amount needed to meet budget requirements each week. That number is about \$1700. Please look at the past three months giving totals so that you know how we stand financially. Thank-you for being so consistent in your giving. If you have questions, contact Jackie Corbit, chair of stewardship and finance.

July 3 = 1335	Needed weekly 1700 X 5 = 8500
July 10 = 1787	- 5589
July 17 = 1071	<hr/>
July 24 = 586	Under budget \$ 2911
July 31 = 810	
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\$ 5589	
Aug. 7 = 2182.10	Needed weekly 1700 X 4 = 6800
Aug. 14 = 807	- 4604
Aug. 21 = 974	<hr/>
Aug. 28 = 642	Under budget \$ 2877
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\$ 4604.10	
Sept. 4 = 1916	Needed weekly 1700 X 4 = 6800
Sept. 11 = 1375	- 4817
Sept. 18 = 697	<hr/>
Sept. 25 = 829	Under budget \$ 1983
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\$ 4817	



FOR WHERE YOUR
TREASURE IS, THERE
YOUR HEART WILL
BE ALSO.
MATTHEW 6:21



GREAT PUMPKIN ON MAIN STREET OCTOBER 29

Jackie Corbit

UPC will once again set up a table in front of the church where we can give candy to children who come by during the Harrodsburg Main Street Event. UPC members donate the candy to put into 3x4 inch plastic bags that will display a fun sticker with a religious message and a card with the church information. Anyone who would like to help with this, please see Jackie Corbit. The Kate Riker Circle will meet Oct. 25, Tuesday, at 10:30 to stuff candy into the bags. All of you are welcome to come and help! You can also help by bringing bags of candy and placing them into the box in the foyer. The candy should be individually wrapped and fit into the 3X4 bag. I will place an example of the bag on the board at back of the sanctuary. If you don't want to bring candy, you may just donate money and one of us will purchase the candy. Thank-you, so much, for helping with the project. The kids have such a great time, and our church participates in a community project which is good PR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2nd - World Communion Sunday

October 3rd - Kate Riker Circle, 10:30am

October 10th - Transylvania Presbytery Women's Group, 10:30am

October 16th - Communion Sunday

**October 18th - Centre College & Historical Society Concert,
5:30pm - 8:30pm (Followed by refreshments)**

October 19th - Stated Session Meeting, 12pm

October 29th - Night of the Great Pumpkin on Main Street

November 20th - Communion Sunday

November 24th - Thanksgiving

December 18th - Communion Sunday

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service, TBD

December 25th - Christmas

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Joint service sponsored by UPC and St Philip's Episcopal held at Ft Harrod on Sept. 24.



STATED SESSION MEETINGS

ACTIONS TAKEN JULY 2022

1. **Voted to allow use of the sanctuary and fellowship hall by joint concert by Centre College and Harrodsburg Historical Society on Sept. 18.**
2. **Voted to hold called congregational meeting on Aug. 28 to elect nominating committee members to represent the congregation.**
3. **Approved Glenn Ferrell to preach in John's absence on Aug. 14.**
4. **Approved several changes in Manual of Operation to Treasurer's job description: a. deleted any expectations for providing investment services; b. replaced current wording of #11,16,17,18 to include "...with the assistance of the church secretary or other Session appointed individual..."**

ACTIONS TAKEN AUGUST 2022

1. **Called Congregation Meeting Aug. 7: voted to request \$2000 from Foundation's Curry Fund to donate toward flood relief for churches in Whitesburg and Buckhorn.**
2. **Voted to donate \$1000 from Jan Hylan fund to Mercer Transformation for use with the tutoring program.**
3. **Voted to donate \$1000 from Jan Hylan fund to Nicholasville Youth Project.**
4. **Voted to participate in Pet Blessings with the Episcopal church on Sept. 24.**
5. **Approved the use of fellowship hall on Sept. 8 by DAR.**
6. **Approved Jane Gilbert, Lee Russell, and Butch Woodard to be presented to the congregation as nominating committee members 2023.**
7. **Called Congregation Meeting Aug. 28: Approved Jane Gilbert, Lee Russell, and Butch Woodard as congregational representatives to the 2023 Nominating Committee.**

ACTIONS TAKEN SEPTEMBER 2022

1. **Voted to collect the fourth Sunday Hunger Offering at the same time as the regular offering.**
 2. **Approved holding the congregational meeting to elect 2023 officers on Oct. 30.**
 3. **Voted to allow the church secretary to work from home for 2 hours weekly, not to exceed 10 hours monthly, at a rate of \$16 per hour.**
 4. **Voted to limit hours for the custodian to 4 hours weekly and 208 yearly at \$13 per hour.**
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



OCTOBER

11th - Ron Corbit

15th - Martha Brackett

16th - Buddy Howells

25th - Pat Rockas

26th - Jim Alexander

26th - Jan Woodard

31st - Joyce Sanders

NOVEMBER

15th - Jackie Lindberg

15th - Leona Berg

19th - Carole Noe

25th - Becky Dedman Bowling

28th - Lauren Ferguson

29th - Alex Prigmore

10th - George & Carole Noe

14th - Adam & Becky Bowling

18th - Gordon & Beverly Woodard

DECEMBER

13th - Margaret Woodard

16th - Jane Gilbert

26th - Dick Howe

27th - Natalie Berry Marshall

26th - Doug & Leslie Ferguson

28th - Mike & Pat Rockas