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JACKIE CORBIT

As you know, we have been in the process of selling the Academy property for almost a year. On June 24th the closing documents were signed and recorded in the Clerk's Office.

For some, this may seem a sad day since over the years, we've come to love this historic property and enjoyed the beautiful green lawn, trees, and flowers. However, I think we all agree that the responsibility both financially and physically of taking care of this property in the way it needed to be cared for had become too much of a burden for our congregation, especially our property committee. We sold to a young man, Wesley Hosny, who now is in the process of updating the basement apartment, which helps us believe he will take good care of the building and its residents.

After paying off the mortgage we owed on the building (\$101,490.59), we deposited a little over \$150,000 in the bank. One of the goals set for this money is improvements to the church building. Property Committee is compiling a list of what needs to be done to our building and prioritizing that list. If you have thoughts about improvements that might optimize our facility, then please pass them on to a member of the property committee.

The Stewardship and Finance committee will meet early in August to determine how some of these funds might be invested.

I want to thank each of you for your support during the process of selling the Academy. Change is always difficult, but Presbyterians are a stalwart group who adapt and grow through such opportunities!

Jackie

*Do not worry
about anything,
but in everything
by prayer and
supplication
with
thanksgiving let
your requests be
made known to
God. And the
peace of God,
which surpasses
all
understanding,
will guard your
hearts and your
minds in Christ
Jesus.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NRSV

Speaking of Change

JACKIE CORBIT, PERSONNEL CHAIR

As I said in the article on the sale of the Academy, “Change is difficult.” Another change that is coming soon is the loss of our secretary, Jane Eitreim. Jane began work at UPC in July 2013, and over the last eight years, she has been a vital part of our ministry. The job of church secretary has one of those in small print elements that says, “...and all other related activities as they arise.” We know Jane has competently completed numerous regular tasks that are described on the Secretary’s job description, but just completing those activities does not make a truly valuable and appreciated secretary. It’s all those many little things that come up that Jane is so capable of handling that make her such a loss to our church. If you need a phone number, she will help; if you have to move boxes or furniture, she is willing and doesn’t wait to be asked; if you just need a listening ear, she will listen and keep all information you share confidential. Jane has worked with both pastors Bert Eyster and Karen Hartsfield, and both were dependent on her professionalism. She has worked without a pastor and assisted Session and church members in more ways than I can enumerate. I could continue to praise her work, but rather, I’ll just say she will be missed greatly by all of us. She will be taking care of her grandson in Indiana five days a week while her daughter works. Since most of us are grandparents, we can understand the pull of little ones who need us. I hope you take a few minutes to call the church and talk to Jane or send a card and express your personal thanks to her for ALL she has done for us over the past eight years. We will miss you, Jane, and we thank you for the million large and small ways you have made each of us feel valued and our church successful in ministry to this community.



My Prayer

JOYCE C. SANDERS, JUNE 12, 2021

*My most gracious Heavenly Father above,
you have given me much in guidance and love.*

Leading me through the loss of my son,

I felt like my life was over and done.

*My spirit hasn't always been the best,
trusting in you gave me peace and rest.*

*You filled my days with much to do,
and told me, "I wasn't through".*

*When you closed one door, another opened for me,
a new position came about, keeping me busy as a bee.*

*Forty years went by and my husband passed away,
leaving me once again to stay.*

*It is my desire to help others until my last day, praying,
I can please God, if he will show me the way.*

*Thank you Lord for my time to share,
and watching over me with such tender love and care. Amen.*



This poem/prayer came to me in a dream. I woke up and started writing. The title came to me also. The new position was teaching English as a second language. I was so busy and enjoyed teaching Japanese, Korean and Chinese. God filled my life with much to do.
Sincerely,
Joyce Sanders

Kate Riker

LAURA DEVINE
MODERATOR: KATE RIKER CIRCLE

I have missed all of you my sisters in Christ. Books and DVDs have been ordered for this year's study:

What My Grandmothers Taught Me– Learning from the Genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair

After a year of being apart, I look forward to having our first meeting Sept. 13th at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall, since the first Monday is Labor Day,

As we begin this year's study, my prayer is that God lead us in the paths He wants us to follow, give us an understanding of each new study, and most of all, help us and this church to do God's work in our community.

As we say at the end of each meeting, may the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other.

Blessings to each of you,
Laura Devine

If you would like to purchase the workbook, they are available in the church office for \$10 each. Please see Laura Devine for more information.



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

6th - Ruth Young

12th - Mary Alexander

14th - Shirley Howe

18th - Marilyn Allen

21st - Jessie Rawlings

25th - Laura Duhamel

26th - Elaine Lipps

27th - Chris Ferguson

31st - Amy Wickliffe



Meet New Christian Life Center Director

PAT ROCKAS

Bonnie Anglin started her role as Executive Director of the Christian Life Center on March 23, 2021. UPC is welcoming Bonnie to our church on August 22, 2021, when she will give us a Minute for Missions.

Bonnie says, "I am honored to have this opportunity to lead and serve the Christian Life Center toward our common humanitarian goals. My rock is the perfect justice of Christian values and faith in God's promises. To truly care for and desire to serve my people who need help in our community, I bring them my compassion and empathy because I have also suffered the injustice of poverty."

"I've always had a dream to make a difference in this big, little world and have a soft heart for struggling children who will someday be adults in our community. By providing a well-planned system that encourages hope, respect and responsibility and provide opportunity to explore possibilities toward the need for personal development through Christ, health promotion, education and careers. The Christian Life Center embodies all of the characteristics essential in bringing these systems to light."

Bonnie is a native of eastern Kentucky and has a background in engineering, with a degree in Drafting and Design Technology from Morehead State University. She feels fortunate to be able to live in the Academy next door.

The Christian Life Center is a non-denominational Christian organization that provides food and monetary assistance to those in need in the Harrodsburg community. It is located at 108 S. Main St., Harrodsburg, KY 40330. It is open for anyone who wishes to shop there. Volunteers and donations are always welcome!!!

SUPPORT

United Presbyterian has been a long-time supporter of this organization through gifts of food, clothing and money. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this special ministry, talk to Bonnie when she brings our Minute for Missions on August 22. Between now and that time, let's fill the Christian Life Center basket to overflowing with canned goods and staples.

Community & Missions



CHRISTIAN *Life* CENTER

We are still collecting donations for the **Christian Life Center** and **Backpack program**.

The donation boxes are in the church narthex.



**Habitat
for Humanity®**



Habitat for Humanity Mercer County will have two meetings for those who want to consider applying to be their next Habitat Homebuyer. Every applicant must attend one of these two meetings to get an application. The meetings will be held on:

*August 16th at 6 PM at Lions Community Center, 450 E. Factory St., Harrodsburg; and

*Saturday, August 21 at 11 AM at Mercer County Public Library, 109 W. Lexington St., Harrodsburg.

If you or someone you know needs more information, please email or stop by the office for a flyer from Habitat for Humanity.

DONATIONS

If you have not done so already, please connect your Kroger Plus Card to benefit UPC. Go to

[Kroger Community Rewards](#)

and choose UPC as your donation organization.



UPC Staff

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Custodian: J.L. Devine

Secretary: Tara Barrett

SESSION

Jackie Corbit, Clerk of the Session

<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>
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Jackie Corbit	Tim Prigmore	Leslie Ferguson
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Pat Rockas	Leona Berg	Sherri Howe Prigmore
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Elders serving on the Session, and of legal age,
also serve as Trustees.

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Property Committee:

Tim Prigmore, chair		469-260-5879
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Worship Committee:

Pat Rockas	rockaspat@gmail.com	859-279-8089
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NEW OFFICE HOURS

Mondays

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesdays

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesdays

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursdays

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fridays

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

