



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST UPDATE

YARD SALE! AUGUST 1ST - 2ND

Jackie Corbit

Most would agree that Mission and Outreach is the heart of what we do as Christians. We come weekly for Bible Study and worship and, hopefully, take away more information on how we, as Christians, should live and serve. Just learning about the message Jesus brought isn't enough; we need to share that message, and one way our congregation can do this is through Mission and Outreach.

One project Mission and Outreach has taken on this year for the first time in many years is a yard sale. In June we began putting out information about this event and collecting donations from you all. That has been an overwhelming

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YARD SALE! AUGUST 1ST - 2ND, CONT'D

success! You have been so generous in bringing items for the sale; thank-you for that generosity and making this event possible. That's one way you can help; another way is to sign up to help work on Thursday or Friday, Aug. 1-2. We need at least 5 people to work each day, just to man the three rooms that are filled with merchandise. If you haven't signed up to help, there is still time. All proceeds go to our mission projects. Once the sale ends, Christian Life Center has first choice of any of the remaining items; once they make their choices, the Salvation Army will, hopefully, take the rest. This plan should truly devote all the donations to missions with us or others we support. If you have questions, call Leona Berg (859-613-7973) or Jackie Corbit (520-236-5926).

THANK YOU, JOYCE!

Since Trey left the last Sunday in May, Joyce Sanders has been providing the music for our services. She has spent many, many hours practicing on the organ so that she could provide us with organ music, even though piano is her instrument. Joyce is one of the most committed Christians I know, not just because she stepped in to play the organ, but also, she never says "no" when she thinks she can serve God in whatever she's asked to do. We were truly blessed when I asked Mary Baxter if she knew anyone who could play the piano for us when we were without someone, and Mary told me about Joyce. She was a member of the Community Church, but in time felt called to move her membership to UPC. Community's loss was our gain! All of us need to tell Joyce just how much we appreciate all she has done to keep us in inspirational music over the past couple years. We should never take anyone for granted, especially when he/she so freely gives so that our worship experience is meaningful. Thankfully, she will continue to direct the choir and play piano for us in the future. On August 4, we will welcome Johann Van Niekerk to our services to play the organ as interim until we can find Trey's replacement. There will be more information on Johann in August.

Jackie Corbit, member of Worship committee

PERSONAL CARE BAGS FOR CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

Mission & Outreach Committee

Aug. 18, Sunday service will be shortened so that we can all participate in a mission project that was a real success last year. Christian Life Center distributes personal care bags to homeless or others in need so that they can take a shower at the Baptist facility, and they need help providing the personal supplies to give to those who need them. On the tables in back of the sanctuary is a list of the toiletries that we hope to provide this year. There are ways you can help with this project. (1) You can give financially to help pay for the personal care items by giving a donation in the gold envelopes provided on the back tables in the sanctuary and placing it in the offering. It would be helpful to receive these funds by Aug. 18. If we don't get all the funds, the remainder will come from the mission and outreach budget. (2) If you are unable to give financially, you can still remain after church on Aug. 18 and help us assemble the bags. It took a little fewer than 30 minutes last year to fill 100 bags. Following this activity, we will have lunch and a time of fellowship. Pat Rockas and the hospitality committee will have a sign-up sheet beginning July 28 for the following items: sandwiches, salads, sweets, iced tea and lemonade. Even if you don't bring a dish, come anyway because there is always more than enough.

As said earlier, mission and outreach is the heart of our ministry. We all have opportunities throughout the year to put our faith into action and reach outside the walls of UPC to help minister to others. It takes **all** of us participating in whatever way we can for our mission and outreach program to succeed.

Thank you for your generosity,

Mission and Outreach Committee

Leona Berg, chair

David Lynn, Pat Rockas, Jackie Corbit

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LEE AND SHIRLEY!

Kate Riker Circle has been blessed with many admirable Christian women over the years. On July 29, circle members enjoyed recognizing two of these women who have been so active previously, but now are unable to attend regularly. Lee Russell's birthday will be Aug. 2; Shirley Howe's birthday was July 14. Both have entered the 90's decade and together have so much wisdom and knowledge that their contributions to our circle Bible studies have been impressive. Both women have been long time members of UPC; Lee joined July 6, 1958 and Shirley joined Jan. 6, 1974. Both have been so faithful in their attendance and both reared their children in the church. Unfortunately, Shirley wasn't feeling well on the day of the luncheon and couldn't attend. However, there were 12 women present to enjoy fellowship and celebrate these women.

The conversation during our luncheon recalled events of the past that were meaningful to them as well as all the other women who were present. Lee recalled when the circle was a younger women's group because the church had a younger population; they even had a night meeting for those who worked. Though the circle name and age of members has changed over the years, the purpose of Bible study remains a constant and the call to mission and outreach is at the heart of what we do as a group.

It seems especially fitting to acknowledge these two faithful Christian women in celebration of the day they were born. It was such a joyous occasion and our congregation adds its thanks for their many years of supporting United Presbyterian with their presence and their resources. They are true inspirations!

Jackie Corbit

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CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON AUGUST 11TH

There will be a brief meeting of the congregation during worship on August 11 for the purpose of electing three members of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee. This committee has two elders and three members of the congregation who are charged with the responsibility to fill open positions in the Foundation and Session for the coming year (2025). Please make note of this date and be present so that you can have a vote in who represents you on this important committee.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE SUMMARY

One of the busiest committees of Session is the Property committee who oversees the church facility and all its contents. We are proud to be such an old congregation, having celebrated 240 years of ministry in this community, but with age comes many problems when it comes to upkeep of a building. Something always needs fixing, and since we sold the Academy, we have been able to devote some funds to getting our building repaired. Recently, two of the outside walls were repainted which involved a lot of work for Trevor Blevens' paint crew. If you've looked at the results, you know they did an outstanding job of scraping, sealing, and then painting 3 coats on the walls. All of this was done as contracted before the June Harrodsburg 250th Anniversary celebration. Then, one of the air conditioning units for the sanctuary died, and a new one had to be purchased. The other three units are the same age, so we just pray they hold up for a while longer. The side entrance door from the parking lot has weathered and the frame rotted. Justin Lay's company will be installing the new door before this newsletter is published. The inside needs some painting as well. Patrick Holt should be doing this work in the near future. As you can see, there are many projects for the property committee to address.

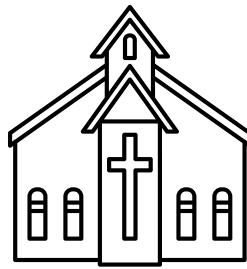
When the Academy sold, it was with the clear understanding that the proceeds would be used to upgrade and repair our facility. We put \$75,000 into an account to use for as many repairs as it would fund; we invested the other \$75,000 in stock, which is now with Schwab. We had to sell a small number of the stock to complete payment for some of the above major repairs, but we still have about \$71,000 of our investment in stock. That stock is now worth \$187,938.08 which is an increase of over \$110,000. Isn't that amazing? Doug Ferguson gave us some leadership with identifying some stock with potential, and his advice was very good.

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE SUMMARY, CONT'D

Property hopes to identify other projects that need to be addressed to get our building in good shape, so we will probably need to sell more stock to finance these projects. Just know, we are aware of the responsibility involved in being good stewards of the congregation's assets and will always try to get the best work for a reasonable price. If you see things you feel need repair, just let one of the property chairs know, Gordon Woodard or David Lynn.

Committee members: Beverly Woodard, Butch Woodard, Ron and Jackie Corbit



FINANCIAL REVIEW SUMMARY

Jackie Corbit

In May, Stewardship and Finance Committee enlisted the help of 5 people, some internal and others external, to look at our financial reports of the past year. Two reviewed Foundation and were assisted by Jack Prewitt, Treasurer of Foundation; three reviewed the General Budget and Special Account (restricted funds) for efficiency and accuracy of records. Overall, the reviewers were impressed with the record-keeping of both the Foundation and the General Budget though there are a few recommendations that were given and will be followed up on. The three reviewers of the General Budget and Special Account were highly satisfied with the Treasurer's, (Pat Alexander) attention to detail and accuracy in record-keeping. They felt she is to be commended for doing such a proficient job for more than forty years. The reviewers found UPC financials to be managed in an excellent and responsible manner that maintains individual confidentiality while providing transparency to the Session, a summary of quarterly income/outgo through the newsletter, and the end of the year report in the Annual Report to the congregation.

GENERAL BUDGET SUMMARY

April

Income: \$6,874.09 **Expenditures:** \$6,194.06
Over Budget needs by \$685.03

May

Income: \$6,625.08 **Expenditures:** \$9,589.90
Under Budget needs by \$2,964.82

June

Income \$7,445.62 **Expenditures:** \$4,180.42
Over Budget needs by \$3,265.20

3-month Totals:

Income:	Expenditures:
\$6,874.09	\$6,194.06
\$6,625.08	\$9,589.90
<u>\$7,445.62</u>	<u>\$4,180.42</u>
\$20,944.99	\$19,964.38

By looking at the income versus the expenditures for the past three months, you can see that we were over **our budget needs by \$980.61**. Thank-you for your generosity because your faithfulness and consistency in giving is what keeps our finances in the black.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



8/2 - Lee Russell	8/2 - Nick & Elaine Dedman
8/9 - Lou Noel	8/4 - Butch & Jan Woodard
8/12 - Laura Fugate Devine	9/16 - Ron & Jackie Corbit
8/21 - Nancy Hill	9/20 - Ed & Leona Berg
9/7 - Mary Woodard	9/30 - Bill & Gwen Wickliffe
9/16 - Pat Alexander	
9/24 - David Lynn	
9/29 - Chuck Dedman	
9/29 - Nick Dedman	