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Return service requested.

Friendship Circle will meet on Monday, June 3rd at 7 p.m. in the church kitchen.

L.I.N.C.S. (Ladies In New Christian Spirit) will meet on Tuesday, June 4th at 6 p.m. at the home of Joy Stevens (902 Oatfield Road) for potluck.

Executive Board will meet on Sunday, June 16th at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The choir will take their summer break beginning Wednesday, June 12th and will resume on Wednesday, July 24th.

Cane Ridge Day Choral Festival will be Saturday, June 22nd with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m., morning program at 10 a.m., lunch (bring a picnic lunch) at 12 noon and afternoon program at 1 p.m.

Thomas Graves Men's Group met at Cloud's Country Cooking on May 4th for its monthly meeting. Prayer was given and sickness reported. We had fair attendance.

Final report on Cake and Pie Auction was given. All is well.

Next item on our plans is The Keith and Cathy Appreciation dinner to Thank these folks for opening on Saturday mornings so we might have a place to meet. This Dinner will be Wednesday, June 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Cloud's Country Cooking where we will have a room to ourselves. You will be able to order off the menu and enjoy a little fellowship. Please try to make this dinner so they will know we do appreciate their extra effort the we might keep the TGMG alive and functioning.

Our next meeting will be June 1 at Cloud's Country Cooking at 8:30 a.m. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Thank You
Gene Lawson



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The Church Messenger

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To be Christ-Centered by living, sharing, proclaiming, and celebrating God's Word.

SERVING IN JUNE

ELDERS

Kenny Wade
Jim Ingram
Joy Stevens
Sharon Clark
Tupper Hardman
Mego Haralu

DEACONS

Phil Richardson
Elana Perkins
Smith Perkins
Jerry Sampson

*Car Wash
Fundraiser
For World Vision
Saturday, June 8th
5 to 6:30 p.m.
Back parking lot
Of HCC
Youth sponsored*

**HOMEBOUND
COMMUNION**

Will be
served on
Sunday,
June 2nd



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Pew Chatter

Dear Members and Friends of HCC,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer weather and amazing landscapes that are Kentucky! Traveling overseas and seeing the English countryside and Scottish Highlands were wonderful but it also accentuated how magnificent our country is. We truly are blessed to live in such a beautiful place!


The summer weather seems to invite us to a change of pace and a greater space for renewal. It is my prayer that we will all enjoy the chance to do some different things like having friends and family over, gardening and kayaking, camping and early morning walks: many moments to enjoy the splendor of God's gifts to us. May we exhale the old and inhale the new, acknowledging that God always has something new for us to experience and grow in to.

I have been thinking a lot about adventure lately and how when we follow Jesus, we never know what is just around the corner. When the disciples left their nets to follow Jesus, they could not have had any idea what they were walking into. So it is with every one of us willing to drop our nets, our agenda, our control over our lives, and follow Jesus. We can't begin to imagine the adventure God has in store.

God has this "Glorious Unfolding" of our lives and invites us into His amazing purposes. Over the next 4 weeks during the worship service I will be focusing on this Glorious Unfolding in people's lives in the book of ACTS in the sermons. Please take time to read 1 chapter in the book of Acts every day in the month of June (You will have to read a few extra on the front end). For June 2, I will focus on someone in chapters 1-7; June 9, someone from chapters 8-14; June 16, someone from chapters 15-21 and June 23, someone from chapters 22-28. I wonder what we might all learn together from reading the book of ACTS at this time in the life of our church?

*Lay your head down tonight, Take a rest from the fight, Don't try to figure it out
Just listen to what I'm whispering to your heart. 'Cause I know this is not, Anything
like you thought, The story of your life was gonna be,
And it feels like the end has started closing in on you. But it's just not true.
There's so much of the story that's still yet to unfold,
And this is going to be a glorious unfolding. Just you wait and see and you will be
amazed. You've just got to believe the story is so far from over,
So hold on to every promise God has made to us and watch this glorious unfolding!
(Stephen Curtis Chapman)*

Blessings,
Gaye

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
1	Jim Ingram	1	Troy & Julie Peavler
3	Leah Royalty	3	Louis & Barb Yeast
7	Julie Peavler	4	Kevin & Ann-Margret Perkins
8	Brian Britt, Jennifer Whalen	6	Mike & Pam Ellis
9	Jacqueline Coleman	9	Bobby & Elizabeth Springate
18	Sadie Peavler	11	Jesse & Julie Coy
19	Carol Houchin	16	David & Roxann Leo
24	Walker Allen	17	Danny & Cathy Mobley
25	Marilyn Powell	20	Blake & Kourtney Shewmaker
		24	Roger & Nina Belle Durr
		24	Calvin & Betty Sue Shewmaker
		28	Jim Reed & Jennifer Whalen
		30	Phil & Kay Richardson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dear HCC Members,

Thank you so much for the calls, cards and the concern shown to us at the passing of our beloved Darrell Dickerson. The bereavement dinner was so wonderful. We appreciate it so much. The music and the message at his funeral was beautiful. Thank you so much for the love and help shown at a most difficult time. Darrell so loved his church and the members. Again, thank you.

God Bless You,
Barbara Isham

FROM BRY'S DESK

This school year has gone by incredibly fast. It feels like I say that every year but it couldn't be more true. As the kids of HCC have finished another year of school I have been so honored to watch them grow and mature over the past three years. This past month came with a lot of endings and beginnings, all of which I am privileged to be a part of. I've watched this year's high school students graduate and start to take on this world. I hope that we as a church can continue to support them in this life as they find themselves and a relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Our youngest kids of HCC will have many things to do before school starts again in the fall. Like having a picnic in the park, with me! Pictured is Brandon Johnson, in a hammock, catching a frisbee. Multitasking is taking on a new form!

So many events await the young people of HCC and I can't wait for us to experience them all together!

One of those events is our VBS for this year - Beach Reach! Preschool through 5th graders can go to the beach without ever leaving Harrodsburg! Beach Reach VBS starts on Tuesday, June 11th through Thursday, June 13th from 8:30 am to 1 pm. Parents are encouraged to celebrate with us on Thursday, June 13th from 12 - 1 pm. Join us as we discover how Jesus loves, rescues and gives this summer!



CWF Rummage Sale will be Saturday, June 8th in the fellowship hall starting at 8 a.m. Please have donated items to the church by Friday, June 7th. All donations are appreciated and can be placed under the stage in fellowship hall.



Volunteers are needed to help on Friday with setup and on Saturday with take down.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

The next community dinner at our church is scheduled for Monday, May 20. The serving time is 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Doors will open at 4:45pm and close up at 6:30pm. Please sign up with Leslie Hardman if you will help with the community dinner.

We received a thank you note from Mercer County School's Project Graduation for our donation. We received a thank you note from Isaiah House for our monthly donation.

The Outreach committee has decided to stop the community meal for a while. It is hard to get volunteer support for each month. May will be the last meal for quite a while. Leftover food supplies can go to the Christian Life Center. An option is to make food boxes for the Christian Life Center.

ONE Weekend was completed at Mercer County School on April 12 and 13.

Donations were approved to go to the local fire department for training materials for the schools on fire prevention and to the One Bridge to Hope transition program on part of the old St. Catherine's College grounds at Springfield.

For Spring Hill Day Camp there are 10 children pre-registered. There are 36 days to go until the camp starts on Monday, June 10. The location is the Mercer Board of Education building (old Harlow school) on Perryville Road.

Addendum: Since our meeting Spring Hill Day Camp has been canceled. We will have VBS which is scheduled for June 11 thru June 13.

Dan Chilton, Leader

NURSERY SCHEDULE

	Sunday School (9:30 a.m.)	Church Service (10:30 a.m.)
June 2	Marilyn Powell	Beverly Royalty
June 9	Kim Davis	Everice Shewmaker
June 16	Martha Gentry	Julie Coy
June 23	Barb Yeast	Kim Davis
June 30	Cathy Mobley	Lee Gentry

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day please contact someone to switch or call Patty Sabo at 330-575-5350 or Bry Carkin at 859-325-3500.

Care Ministry Continued

- Better support groups that are trying to help those with addictions in our community such as Isaiah House or Lisa Walker Center. Incorporate them into worship when possible. Also, be more supportive at public hearings. Many agree services are good, but then don't necessarily want facilities close by. These folks are a part of our community.
- Continue to be a very welcoming open congregation to new members and attendees.
- Provide support for grandparents that are raising grand kids. There are quite a few.
- Publicly recognize contributions in memory of a loved one if authorized by contributor.
- Try to have youth involved in visiting elderly members. Also, try to have youth involvement in service projects for elderly members.
- Dr. Sewell has offered to provide referrals to the appropriate source for those who may have medical questions.
- Members need to self-identify their skills and how they would be willing to serve others in the church.
- Reevaluate shepherding responsibilities for elders. Some elders are not comfortable with some aspects, particularly having a specific list of families to look after. (i.e.: sending birthday cards or making unsolicited calls, etc.)
- We need better access to the resources of the church and let people know what we can do to help. We always need to work on developing a church family feeling where members feel that they are loved and cared about. (including all families and shut-ins)
- Ask youth to be pen-pals with older members who may be lonely. Youth and older members can form a connection that will benefit both.

Outreach

- Continue with Mission First activities and better let members and others in the community know what we can do.
- Continue to be aware of food insecurity in our community and find ways that we can help.
- Assist where we can with addiction recovery programs.
- Continue to support groups using the church facilities such as rotary, girl scouts, day care, pre-school, etc.
- Men's and women's groups (such as Linc's and CWF) within the church need to continue support of local community projects.
- Have a "bring a friend to church Sunday" periodically.
- Have a worship services at long term care facilities and try to involve youth
- Sometimes people volunteer for an outreach activity, but then don't show up. If you volunteer, please show up.
- Work with school to see if we can have a prayer circle, like has been done in past.
- We need to better publicize to members amount contributed to various outreach causes. Possibly publish this information in the bulletin or newsletter.

Worship

- Some would like more older hymns. Some want more contemporary praise music songs. Most comments indicate a good balance of old and new.
- Need song sheets for new songs, so can be learned easier. Could indicate when parts of song are to be sung by leader or higher or lower parts to be sung.
- Would like a series based on bible teachings of "What Jesus would do today" concerning modern issues.
- The Invitation song needs to be just that, an invitation to declare your belief in Jesus Christ and join the Church or transfer membership. The invitation could also be to come forward for a special private prayer about an issue or to contact the minister at a later time in private.
- Have appropriate songs for Veterans or Memorial Day Sundays.

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Worship Continued

- Need to look at sound system to see where improvements can be made to assist hearing impaired individuals to hear sermon and other speakers better. Might look at personal clip on microphones for speakers.
- Many in church really enjoy special music by soloists or groups.
- It was expressed that we are a praying church and this is very good.
- Some request background music during communion after elders prayers instead of silence. Some folks want the silence.
- Offering time is an excellent time to have special music.
- Need better timing on when children leave and reenter church for "Worship and Wonder". Some feel it is distracting if children come back in during communion part of service.
- Sometimes songs are too long. Need to cut down on number of verses.
- Look at size of stage in sanctuary. May need to increase size so is not so crowded.
- Hymn Sunday is popular on an occasional basis.
- Change up routine with more testimonials periodically. Some would like more testimonials. Some do not want to give testimonials.
- Consider having more children's songs.
- Some feel there needs to be more references to Biblical teaching during the sermons.
- Always make provision for acolytes to put out candles and bring lit candle lighters to back of sanctuary before congregation is dismissed. Consider changing end of service back to way used to do it where deacons and elders walk to back of sanctuary just after acolytes prior to dismissal of congregation.
- Let people know that chapel is open during the week during business hours for private prayer time.
- More targeted prayer time.

Education

- The fellowship hall is used as a meeting and greeting room as well as a Sunday school room. We have a new audiovisual system to make teaching Sunday school in this space easier. We need to allow 15 minutes from 10:15 until 10:30 am for fellowship prior to the church service. Sunday school, which normally starts about 9:40 am, may need to start earlier for this to happen and we need to make sure is over by 10:15 am.
- Have more study groups for those that are interested.
- If possible, we need to have a middle-school Sunday school class and a high school class. In the past this has not been possible to low attendance by both groups.
- Have fun activities like a Super Bowl party or Harry Potter party.
- Continue having Funday Monday activities.
- Have a church sports team.
- Have short term Bible studies.
- Have book based studies.
- Have Vacation Bible School.
- Need to find ways to reach out to people who are looking or want to belong to a church family.

General Passions

- The theme throughout comments from most of the groups is that we want to have more young families participating in the life of the church.
- We need to reach out to those that are looking for a new church home, particularly young families.
- Remember we are a church not only on Sunday, but on Monday and throughout the week as well and we all need to act accordingly.
- We cannot keep up with every other church.
- We need to decide who we are and what we want to be. We may not be able to be the church with many young families, but we need to stick with our mission to serve God in the best way we can.

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30 am TGMG
2 Homebound Communion	3 7 pm Friend- ship Circle	4 5:30 pm Habitat Meeting 6 pm L.I.N.C.S	5 9:30 am Kids Far Cry Farm Trip 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Choir	6 5 pm TOPS	7 9 am Setup for CWF Rummage Sale	8 8 am CWF Rummage Sale Youth 30 Hour Famine
9	10	11 8:30 am VBS	12 8:30 am VBS 6 pm TGMG Appreciation Dinner @ Cloud's	13 8:30 am VBS 5 pm TOPS	14	15
16 6 pm Outreach Min. Team Mtg 7 pm Executive Board Meeting	17	18	19 12 pm Rotary 4:30 pm K-12th Grades Farmer's Market Day	20 5 pm TOPS	21 9 am Youth & Families KY Kingdom Trip	22
23	24	25	26 1 pm K-5th Grades Pool Day @ Bunny Davis	27 5 pm TOPS	28	29
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Sunday Worship Schedule
9:30 am Sunday School
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Family Worship

From the Board Chair Harrodsburg Christian Church

Please find below a distilled version of the comments, suggestions and observations from our Spring Luncheon Meeting after church on Sunday May 19, 2019. Specific comments related to personalities are not included in this summary. As you will see there are many different likes and dislikes stated in the comments. There is no way that everyone will agree on every point, but it is important for everyone to be heard. A copy of all 17 pages of comments from all groups will be available in the church office by special request. This distilled version will also be available at the June Executive Board Meeting on June 16, 2019. 1 Corinthians ch.12 vs. 27 says "All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it." I encourage everyone to read 1 Corinthians ch. 12, vs. 12-31. We have many different talents in Harrodsburg Christian Church and all can contribute. – Tupper Hardman

Ideas and Suggestions from Spring Luncheon Sunday May 19,2019

Family Ministry

- Come up with different types of events that are interesting to congregation (Are currently doing Bible Study small Groups). Need additional ideas. Consider having small groups right after church or at 2 pm on Sunday, so don't have to get out again.
- Have youth-oriented events that include entire family.
- Identify our church with signage, posters or brochures when we participate in public functions such as Halloween on Main Street or October Fest.
- Need to reach out to young families with children when planning some group activities.
- Have fellowship with no agenda. Just get together as a congregation.
- Have a luncheon or breakfast once per month.
- Have a chili cookoff or bake-off contest. Possibly consider having awards for best pies or cakes at pie and cake auction.
- Start a quilting/sewing group that could give quilts away. Make prayer quilts that could be sent overseas.
- Continue Halloween presence on Main Street and Church wide picnic in August.
- Reevaluate activities that are currently having to see if are no longer relevant or needed. Some events such as men's pie and cake auctions or Spaghetti Dinner are no longer well attended and may need to be reevaluated. Look at Youth ONE event to see how well is attended. Would money be spent better elsewhere?
- Better utilize social media to reach young families and try to have speakers with relevant information for small families.
- Have special meals, special services, day trips targeted at special groups.
- Consider having men's services auction to provide a couple of hours help with household chores that may be hard or dangerous to perform by aging adults.
- Have more groups like Campbellsville Choir, old time gospel music, contemporary music concerts or other special events. Always provide child-care for young parents.

Care Ministry

- Look at ways we can better serve members of our congregation to help them with tasks that may not be able to perform. Have a widows or widowers support group with resources to help with basic maintenance/yardwork. Need a contact person that can compile needs and figure out a system for accomplishing these tasks. (Mission First group has helped with this in the past)
- Try to have more visitation of older members by minister and elders. This needs to be discussed among elders on how to better accomplish.
- Need to pay special attention to those that have suffered loss of loved ones or have other crisis in their lives.

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