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Return service requested.

Friendship Circle will not meet during the month of August.

L.I.N.C.S. (Ladies In New Christian Spirit) will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 1st at 6 p.m. at the home of Adele Greenburg (118 Aspen Hall Dr.) for potluck.

Executive Board will not meet during August.

Community Meal is Monday, Aug. 21st with the doors opening at 4:45 p.m. If you are interested in helping please contact Leslie Hardman.

Thomas Graves Men's Group will not meet during the month of August.

All Church Cookout & Pool Party

The All Church Cookout & Pool Party will be Sunday, Aug. 20th. We have the Lion's Pavilion from 4:45 until 9 p.m. for the picnic and bingo. For those who would like to go swimming we have the pool from 6 to 8 p.m.

Each family is asked to bring a dish: A-G vegetable; H-O dessert; and P-Z salad, and a 2-liter drink or tea or lemonade. The church will provide the hamburgers/hot dogs, buns and paper products.

For those playing bingo, we ask you to bring a gift for prizes.



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

SERVING IN AUGUST

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Larry Cotton

DEACONS

Jerry Sampson
Glen Culbertson
Barbara Culbertson
Audrey Lester

*All Church
Cookout
&
Pool Party
Sunday, Aug. 20
5 p.m. at Lion's
Pavilion
6 p.m. at Pool*

**HOMEBOUND
COMMUNION**

Will be served on
Sunday,
August 6th



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Pew Chatter

Dear Harrodsburg Christian Church Members and Friends,

August signals to me the reentry into school routines and a more grounded schedule. Years of being in school, raising children and being a teacher seems to have locked in my being this sense of rhythm. My prayers are with all of the teachers, administrators and students as they head back to school!

I have been reading a book called Faithful Presence, *Seven Disciplines that Shape the Church for Mission*, that I have found to be very meaningful. One major reason it strikes home with me is because one of the disciplines the author chooses is *The Discipline of Being With Children*. In all of the books that I have read on Spiritual Disciplines I do not remember this one ever being included.

"Children yearn for presence...Our children are the casualties of a crazy, confusing, frenzied society. They are cast adrift from the moorings of their relationships at home, church and in the neighborhood. The world can't be trusted, they are told. We therefore need certified programs for everything. Sports, music, dancing...gaming must all be programmed and leaders must be screened... As the children shuffle from one scrubbed program to another, their souls are pushed and pulled...They are looking for a place worthy of their trust. They are longing to know and be known. The world is obsessed with its children. Meanwhile the children want presence. They yearn for face to face presence."

Being present to our children is a responsibility and privilege of the church. It takes time and effort and consistency. It is a call to everyone, not just relegated to some. As we begin a new year of ministry to children, can we ALL commit to being present to them?

In Matthew 18:1-4 "At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said, 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven...Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name, welcomes me...'"

Being with children prepares us to experience the kingdom of God. When we are present with children, to know them, we are changed by them and a community results where our children know Jesus not purely as a historical person and a doctrine, but as someone (Cont'd on page 2)

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
2	Brad Dunning, Cain Santander	23	Kenneth Clark, Eavan Miller
3	Lee Baxter, Charlie Dean, John Holiday	24	Virginia Bohanan
4	Lee Gentry	28	Laura Whalen
11	Evelyn Taylor	30	Rachel Hughes, Betty Trisler
12	Blake Shewmaker		
13	Adele Greenburg	6	David & Nancy Robertson
14	John Perkins	17	Travis & Christine Johnson
17	Martha Gentry	23	Brad & Laurie Dunning
18	Martin Thomas		



PEW CHATTER CONT'D

present to us in our daily lives. In this screen-crazy society, the space for Jesus' presence will never be more available with our children than in their early years. (Taken from Faithful Presence.)

As we begin a new season of children's ministry this fall, can we commit again to being present to children? So many among us are amazing with our children! But can there be more? More adults? More children? And all of us learning how to be present to one another as Jesus is present to us? May this year be a year of the transforming, faithful presence of Jesus in and among us.

Blessings,

Gaye

2017 VBS PASSPORT TO PERU IN PICTURES

Many THANKS to Larry Cotton for great pictures of VBS!!!



The Administrative Ministry Team met on Tuesday, July 11. All present except Doug Greenburg, Kenny Wade and Stephen Toon.

Property Report: Kenny Wade is working on spraying, weeding and mulching the playground before VBS next week. A toilet is not working. Brian Ely looked at the church doors and said that they could be repaired with epoxy and be ready for painting.

Financial Report: Jim Ingram reported that the offering is down 20.2% for the first six months versus last year. We will have to begin the budget process in August to determine what cuts will be made for 2018 budget. We will also be discussing ways to increase congregational giving to meet our needs. Jim noted the we have received our September health care bills which show an average increase of 24%. We will be contacting our insurance company to discuss alternatives such as HSA or higher deductibles. Phil Williams suggested we check with the denomination insurance manager to see if they have any options.

Old Business: Roxann and her team have met with 4 church directory firms. All have similar products with minor differences. We will put them on hold until we are fully staffed again.

New Business: Cindy Royalty is on the CLC Board and has asked if the CLC can use the Fellowship Hall for Dec 9th for a Christmas luncheon. We agreed.

Church picnic has been moved to Sunday August 20; Executive Board Meeting moved to August 27; and AMT is moved to August 22.

Pastor Gaye talked about where we are in the looking for Music Team replacements. Essentially, getting the word out with local newspaper ads, web sites and contact music staffs at the nearby colleges.

VBS had 20 volunteers show up for the week before orientation. Bry is doing a great job getting things ready for next week. Set up after church 7/16.

Fund raising ideas was to do something for the October Fest in that we are right downtown. Also, the YMCA may not be having Christmas with Santa that we always had in our Fellowship Hall the first Saturday in December. Maybe there is a roll we can play in continuing that tradition.

Please note the next meeting August 22nd will be at New time of 6:00PM.

Phil Richardson for Doug Greenburg

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dear HCC Family,

Thank you for the support, comfort, and prayers we received last week with the sudden death of my mother. We are truly grateful for everything including the cards and the preparation of a meal for our family following the service. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated by the entire family.

Vicky Moore

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6 pm LINCS - Worship & Wonder Story Teller Tracy Parker	2 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Youth Group Meeting 6 pm Choir	3 5 pm TOPS	4	5
6 Homebound Communion Sunday	7	8	9 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Choir	10 5 pm TOPS	11	12
13	14 3 pm K-5th Grade Fun- day Monday	15	16 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Choir	17 5 pm TOPS	18	19
20 5 pm All Church Picnic & Pool Party	21 3 pm K-5th Grade Fun- day Monday 5 pm Commu- nity Meal	22 6:30 pm Adminis- trative Min. Team Meeting	23 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Choir	24 5 pm TOPS	25	26
27	28 3 pm K-5th Grade Fun- day Monday	29	30 12 pm Rotary 6 pm Youth Group Mtg. 6 pm Choir	31 5 pm TOPS		

Sunday Worship Schedule
9:30 am Sunday School
10:15 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Family Worship

**Small Group meeting on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Haralu's (212 E. Lexington St.)
for discussion of "The Story".**

The next community dinner at our church will be on Monday, August 21. The serving time is 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Doors will open at 4:45pm and close up at 6:30pm. Please contact Leslie Hardman if you can help with the community dinner. We are looking for a volunteer to help Leslie organize the community meal each month.

The community meal on July 17 provided about 200 dinners. Over 100 take-out dinners were distributed.

Mission First: The handrail has been painted for Dorothy Warren. Projects still on the list are for Marilyn Powell, Larry Cotton, and Christian Life Center.

A donation has been made to Minister Bob Powers to support a prisoner at Northpoint who injured his hand and cannot perform his normal prison job. A donation to Kentucky Changers youth mission group has been approved. The donation for the youth One Weekend has been completed. The balance of the approved donation has been sent to Carpenter's Church to help cover expenses.

The Outreach ministry will help with a diagram of the layout for Sunday School rooms and restrooms to add to the new welcome packet.

The youth mission trip to Big Creek Missions in Bear Branch, Kentucky, has been postponed. Due to other activities that week the youth could not attend.

The green wheelchair accessible van needs to have the air conditioner repaired. It needs a seat belt installed for the wheelchair area.

Cheri Cotton has mailed out notifications for the next Mercer County Resource Ministry client training seminar. These are sent to the clients we have assisted during our host months over the last year and a half. Clients must attend a seminar to be eligible to receive assistance in the next six-month period. The next client training seminar is on Saturday, August 5, at Abundant Life.

Planning is continuing for a mission trip to India. Gaye Haralu said that a worship leader that the Haralus met at the conference in North Carolina is planning a trip to Nagaland, India, in January. The purpose is to help with construction at an orphanage. This trip would include several churches. We will discuss if a group from our church can be organized for January.

Dan Chilton, Leader

Nursery Schedule

	Sunday School (9:30 a.m.)	Church Service (10:30 a.m.)
Aug. 6	Barb Yeast	Lee Gentry
Aug. 13	Linda Whalen	Patsy King
Aug. 20	Adele Greenburg	Ellen Campbell
Aug. 27	Martha Gentry	Gail Reul

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day please contact someone to switch or call Martha Gentry at (859) 734-0354 or Bry Carkin at (859) 325-3500.