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Trumpet Notes

May 2021



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As April is just about complete, I look back and say that it certainly was a month to remember. Will you allow me to run through some of the activities I have done on behalf of your church?

I have completed two separate classes offered by PC (USA), and the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. The first class was on Transitional Ministry, and the other one was on Polity. Both were extremely informative and helpful and, hopefully, have taught, refreshed previous teachings and generally prepared me to be a better pastor.

And, you and most every member have participated in pulling together a new pictorial directory. Photos have been taken and sent to the directory company. **BUT**, if you were not able to have your picture taken by the photographer and would like to be included in the directory, please call me. I will come to your home and take your picture. Now, I am not a professional photographer but will do the best that I am able. The work of compiling all the various photos begins with the help of the company's representative. This final stage, along with the printing, will take several months. Be patient, because we will soon have a wonderful new directory!

What a blessing to be worshiping together, to hear the beautiful music and voices of Jonathan and the choir?! Let us all thank God for the many blessings you and your church have received. Stay tuned as your Session continues to move forward with the new pastor search. Remember, also, to thank God for this new person God has chosen to be our pastor, and pray for them.

Sincerely, in His service,
Pastor Sandy



PENTECOST OFFERING

During Pentecost, we celebrate that the Holy Spirit has opened the doors to faith in Jesus Christ. Just as many of us were nurtured in faith during our youth, we give to this special offering to build a foundation of faith in new generations. The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Our support today helps nurture the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. Forty percent stays with our congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our own church and community. Twenty-five percent supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) serving in communities around the world and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service. Twenty-five percent supports Ministries with Youth to help guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's Word. Ten percent is devoted to children at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens. The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood. Contributions to this special offering help provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. This year Pentecost is on May 23.

April 21, 2021 Session Highlights

Approved the March 16, 2021 Session meeting minutes.

Approved the March General and Capital financial reports and received the monthly account balances.

Heard with gratitude that members and friends are graciously making their monthly pledges.

Received the news that Pastor Sandy Fox has completed a Transitional Minister series of classes as well as Polity Training. Thank you for the time that you gave to this work, Sandy!

Scheduled a Called-Session meeting for May 2nd before worship to receive Josh and Cathy Owsley into membership.

Approved a salary increase for Jonathan Stanley as Music Director as he will receive his Doctorate in May.

Heard that Jonathan Stanley will return to the church office in his role as Office Manager on May 3rd. He has been working from home over the past months.

Approved the return of LAFFS (Lunch and Friendly Fellowship) lunch outings now that members and friends who participate have received their COVID vaccinations.

Heard and approved Worship Committee recommendations to add the Introit and Benediction Response back to the service, take down ropes and encourage spacing, serve Communion in June but still offer individual Communion serving to any who prefer it. Masks will still be mandated.

Visited with Susan McGhee, Presbytery of the Ohio Valley Executive Presbyter, and COM (Committee on Ministry) Co-Moderators Mary McClellan and John Napoli via Zoom for a pre-consultation session before the church forms a PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee).

Accepted the recommendation that the church participate in a Congregation Mission Study led by Deborah Fortel prior to forming a PNC.

MINISTERING IN MAY

LITURGISTS

2. Connie Huntington

9.

16.

23.

30.

USHERS

2. Susan Ohlendorf and Amanda Corbin

9. Heather Owsley-Smith and Paul Torres

16. Don Wiest and Ken Brunner

23. Mike Dorsey and Laurie Dorsey

30. Connie Huntington and Janet Castor

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

2. Hosts needed

9. Worship Ministry

16. Hosts Needed

23. Hosts Needed

30. Hosts Needed

FINANCE REPORT

Account Balances as of March 31, 2021

General Fund — \$50,864.88

Capital Fund — \$2,385.86

Youth Fund — \$7,392.05

Memorial Fund — \$1,437.35

TRANSFERRED TO NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL
(transferred on March 4, 2021)

Session Fund 2021 (General Fund)—\$92,000

Capital Fund 2021—\$36,000

Memorial Fund 2021—\$13,000



NOTES OF INTEREST

Music Notes

I have written of VOCES8 before. They are, at the moment, one of my favorite vocal ensembles. Not long ago, I discovered that they had recorded a new arrangement of “Finlandia,” a hymn tune based on the tone poem of the same name by Jean Sibelius, a Finnish composer who lived from 1865 to 1957. Many of us will be most familiar with this tune as a setting of the text, “Be Still My Soul.” This arrangement, in contrast, is a setting of the hymn, “This Is My Song.” The text follows:

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating,
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

So let us raise this melody together,
Beneath the stars that guide us through the night;
If we choose love, each storm we'll learn to weather,
Until true peace and harmony we find,
This is our song, a hymn we raise together;
A dream of peace, uniting humankind.

A link to a youtube video of the performance follows.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXooDIWVRZs>

I hope you enjoy the crunchy harmonies and the gorgeous vocal sonorities that VOCES8 creates.

You are in my prayers.

Jonathan

Prayer List

PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Mark Andreassen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, Shannon Glass, Sandy Gold, Mary Louise Grimes, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Denise Leiske, Betty King, Beth Orrill, Alicia Ricketts, Pam Sandoz, Jennifer Saroka, Ted Skrypak, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Ziesemer.

Family and Friends: Anne and Ralph Armand, Karen Ault, Cher and Carah Jo Austin, Steve Baker, Michelle Barlow, Michael Busching, James Callahan, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Marie Cross, Jeff Dagher, Andrew Damm, Angel Dart, Jordan Davis, Phillip Eades, Steve Facemire, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Milly Harness, Sarah Hull, Curtis Jacobs, Heidi Kendall and family, Joni Lanham, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's twin brother), Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Shane Mason, Yolanda Modley, Margie and Frank Moller (Connie Huntington's sister and brother-in-law), Ashley Pollert, Bob Rouse, Janet Savage (Cathy Owsley's sister), Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, John Schutte (Carole Hanson's son-in-law), Dan Shearer, Laryssa Smith, Joe Stilwell, Jody Sullivan, Trey Taylor, Kenneth Thompson (Harriette Parton's grandson), Rodney Thompson, Jean Trillet (Jim Grant's sister), Staci Turner, Warren (friend of Bob and Judith Glass), Dawson Whitaker, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Kyle Wilson.

!! LAFFS TO MEET IN JUNE!!

LAFFS (Lunch and Friendly Fellowship) will resume its monthly luncheons on Wednesday, June 2. Mary Elizabeth Goldsmith will be making the arrangements for the luncheon and will post pertinent information in the May bulletins and June newsletter.

After almost twenty years of scheduling the luncheons, I am passing the scheduling baton to Mary Elizabeth. She will have a sign-up sheet in June for the rest of the year, so be thinking when and where.

Happy LAFFing
Joyce Ashbrook



MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar

May 2

Ginger and José Hernandez
Matthew
Eddie and Janet Hostettler
Kelly (Hostettler) Thomas

May 9

Tom and Mary Davee
Mitch and Kristen Krywulycz
Lauren and Michael Norris
Maryclare, John Michael,
Isabelle, and Wilson Kane

May 16

Michelle White
Bladen
Breanna Bradley
Noah

May 23

Curtis Jacobs
Katie Jacobs
Desna Ratcliff
Richard Hoover

May 30

Joe Elliott
Anna Kietzman
Michael
Molly and Amber Gobbel



MAY BIRTHDAYS

2. Cindy Porter, Sandy Schaerli
3. Dave Adams, Maddie Strandmark
5. Sandy Fox
8. Sarah Joyce
10. Lainey Castor
12. Melanie la Cour
14. Mark Andreasen
15. Helen Cope
17. Becky Chase
19. Kelli Thomas
20. Dan Smith
22. Torsten Moderau
23. Cathy Owsley
26. Delena Goldsmith, Denise Leiske
28. Mike Cope
29. Jack Ziesemer
31. Opal Becerra