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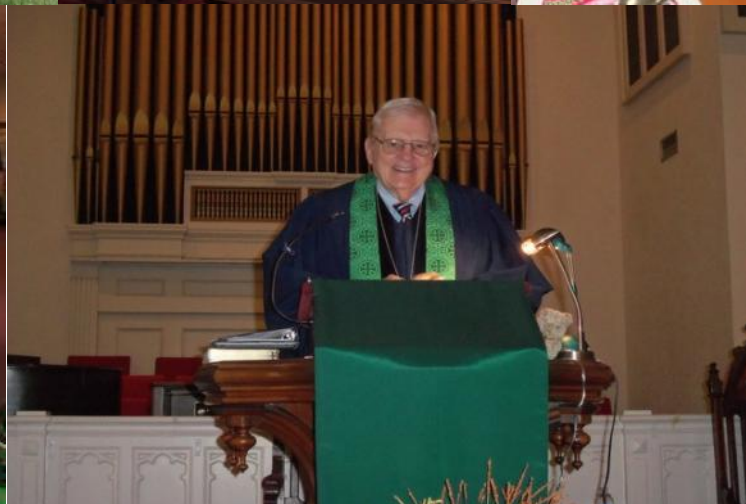
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GOD BLESS
YOU
PASTOR
BERT



**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

Yes, I know that the Bible is clear, (Philippians 3: 13 - 16) “Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.” Yes, it says forgetting as if it were a virtue.

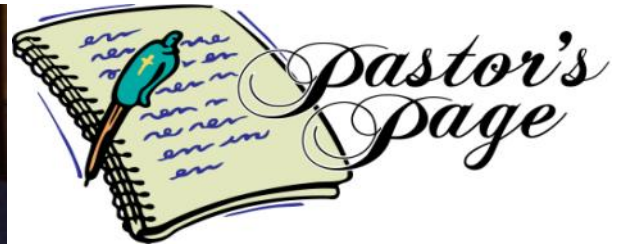
With me it started with forgetting names or at least the right name. Many of you have been polite enough to overlook my calling you by the wrong name. Now I find myself forgetting a lot. I haven’t become a liability to the pastoral ministry, yet. But, it may not be far off. I am leaving you at the end of this month with a heavy heart. You have been so kind and supportive. Yet, I know I am not just tired but I’m showing the fact that I will soon be 84 years old.

I hope you have grown in grace as much or more than I have. The growth has been better than what my Dad called his great gift: “the mantle of forgiveness.” I have begun to forgive myself for sinful ways I have developed over the years. Better still I have begun to forgive others.

As I was emptying the toaster, I noticed that the toast I love every morning has a disgusting habit. It always falls buttered side down. Now, understanding the physics of distance, weight, air pressure, etc. is not enough. Long ago, I accepted that identity for toast and can’t help but enjoy it, especially when I put jelly on the toasted, buttery surface.

This is exactly what happened with God and the humans he put in the garden. “You can have everything. You can do anything. Just leave the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil alone.” When they couldn’t resist the one forbidden action, and blamed others, God accepted their new selves (their imperfect identity). Some say that they didn’t fall into rebellion; they were pushed. Regardless of how you take the story, you’ve got to admit that even with their new identity (sinful selves) God still loved them. The picture of Him making them clothes to cover their nakedness proves He accepts their identity and cares anyway.

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From cover to cover, the Bible gives us glimpses of His Grace. "Love so amazing, so divine demands my heart, my soul, my all."

It is rather idiotic to compare God's love to love of morning toast and the buttered down side to human sin. I must say that for 5 years you have put up with stupid jokes, dumb ideas, and lamebrain schemes. But, that is the secret of UPC. You welcome everyone, especially sinners, and they don't have to look like, act like, and be like you. We have cried together over some severe losses. We miss people who gave so very much to us.

Our new members have told me the same thing, "we feel so comfortable with our church family." Patty and I have always felt completely comfortable with you. You don't expect piety, perfection, or success, and every effort we have made has been well received.

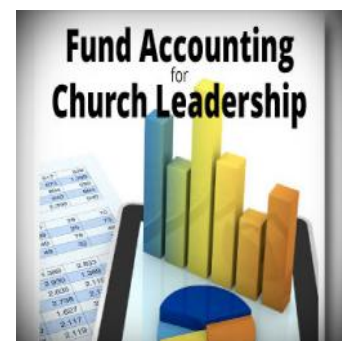
Of course we leave you with tears in our eyes, but why not? Yet, we leave believing that somehow there will always be a place in Mercer County for a church family who accepts all people without judging. We pray that you will develop a mission that reaches out and finds people who share your vision of a completely open fellowship. If you can put up with us you can put up with anybody. We will be praying for you and your new minister.

My peace I leave with you, not as the world gives but the peace of Jesus Christ,

Bert, Patty and Zoey

MONTHLY REPORT

Beginning Balance: February 1, 2018	\$24,851.48
Income	\$ 5,482.97
Total	<u>\$30,334.45</u>
Expenditures	<u>\$ 6,421.93</u>
Total	\$23,912.52
Transfer from Memorial Fund	<u>\$ 0</u>
Ending Balance: February 28, 2018	\$23,912.52



St. Patrick's Day Luncheon





Evolution and Continuation of Dress for Success

In 2010 UPC began a service to assist women wishing to enter the labor market. Gently worn, work related clothes were made available along with employability skills training. Groups of women from Berea as well our local Community Centers are among those who have made use of this service over the years.

We started on the 3rd floor of the Church, but moved downstairs to the more convenient Kindergarten Room a few years ago. The Harrodsburg community has joined in providing appropriate clothes for this program. Due to the increase in “better clothes”, the service became popular with many individuals – even those not seeking employment. Since women tend to provide for everyone else in the family first, it was felt that provisions of “special clothing” for anyone in need was an expanded service our Church could provide for the community.

As word on the demand for good recycled clothing spread; so did our need for a larger space; especially when the local Fire Marshal declared that an outside door was being blocked by racks of clothing. It was after that declaration that the decision was made to switch the Church Nursery (which we seldom use) with the Dress for Success location. The room switch has been in progress for the past several months and is almost complete. A grand reopening of the Women’s Clothing Exchange will be sometime in May in the former Nursery. The room it has recently vacated will be cleaned and prepared for a children’s play room.

During the month of April the Women’s Clothing Exchange will be accepting seasonal (Spring/Summer only) attire. Hopefully we can soon shift to a lighter weight wardrobe. As you are getting out your Spring and Summer clothing; please keep this service of our Church in mind – and inform your friends. You can call the church office between 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM to have the rear door unlocked to deliver clothes, or to make an appointment if these hours are not convenient for drop-off. Please only Spring/Summer clothing as our space is still limited.

You will be hearing more in the May Newsletter about the newly named

Women’s Clothing Exchange.

While we have always encouraged donations, this expanded service will seek a variety of donations (food, clothing, money) to help support our other church community services. Please keep this program in mind as you “spring-clean your closet”.

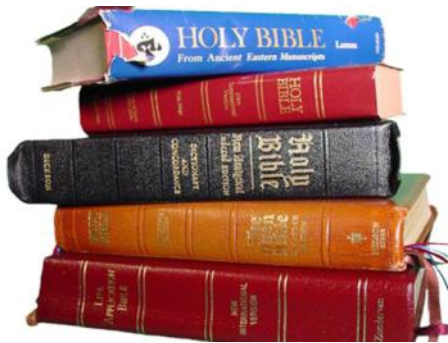
Lee C. Russell

Marilyn Allen



As you know, Bert's tenure with UPC will end April 29, 2018. He and Patty have been a vital part of our church family for 5 years. We can not let them leave without acknowledging the contribution they have made to our personal and spiritual life. Therefore, Session has designated ***April 29th*** Bert and Patty Eyster Sunday.

Session will be organizing a recognition at the end of the service with lunch following in Fellowship Hall. Further information will follow in emails and telephone calls. Mark this date on your calendar and make every effort to join us to celebrate all that this special couple means to our church family.



Bibles for Everyone!

Over the years UPC has collected many different Bibles. We would like to keep one of each Bible for the church and donate duplicates to anyone who would like one.

Do you have any suggestions as to where we can donate our extra Bibles? Would you or anyone in your family like a Bible? There are contemporary paperback Bibles, New English paperback Bibles, New Revised paperback Bibles, New Testament paperback Bibles, children's Bibles, King James Bibles, and hardback covered Bibles. This is in addition to the antique Bibles and family Bibles that have been donated to our church which we are keeping and display in our archives room. If you have any suggestions or would like a Bible, please contact Helen Dedman or the church office.



APRIL 2018

Helen Dedman	5
Mattie Cammack	7
Nadine White	7
Gordon Woodard	11
Doug Ferguson	13
Margaret Knapp	17
Lisa Gilbert	23
David Weber	25
Harry "Butch" Woodard	30



APRIL 2018

Chuck and Helen Dedman	5
John and Mary Nicholson	16
Jim and Jennifer Baxter	20



Prayer List

Members of the Congregation: Savannah Prigmore; Jan Woodard; Margaret Knapp; Jack Newton.

Family and friends of the Congregation: The family and friends of Joe Gill; Joyce Sherrill; Amy Sparks, her husband Willy, baby Ella and baby Emma (Leona Bergs daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters); family and friends quietly remembered and loved; and all military personnel in harm's way.

SAVE THE DATE!

UPC will be celebrating *all of our 2018 graduates on Sunday, May 20th after service.*

If you know of any graduates, please contact

Tim Prigmore or the church office

to let us know their names and where they are graduating from and when. Then join us on May 20th!



Class of 2018



Mission and Outreach needs your help!

We have been taking “*Bringing U Blessings*” bags to our shut-ins, and hospitals. Response to this outreach program has been very positive.

This year, we would like to increase our outreach efforts to include all the nursing homes in Mercer County. To reach our goal we will be needing donations for male and female residents. We have set up a donation box in the church narthex for the following needed items.

Kleenex; candy; pens, pencils; Puzzle books; book marks; note cards; chapstick; hand lotion; novelty items; combs; devotion books; body lotion; blank writing books; socks; shower caps; slipper socks with grips; wet wipes; and any other items that might be useful.

If you would like to volunteer to help us in this effort, please contact Leona Berg at 859-613-7973. Thank you for caring and sharing God’s love with others.

Mission and Outreach



PITCH IT, MOVE IT, TAKE IT HOME!

Saturday, April 14th at 10:00am, UPC will hold it’s annual Church clean up day.

We will be cleaning out all the rooms and donating items that we can no longer use. Bring your truck! Tell your friends, family and neighbors! We also need people to haul away items that no one wants. Save the date and join us!

KATE RIKER CIRCLE

Kate Riker Circle will meet on Monday, April 2nd, 10:30am in Fellowship Hall. We will once again use the DVD. We will be studying lesson 8 in our books. Please join us!



Thank you to all who helped with the Bereavement lunch and supper for Joe Gill's family. We are all members of God's family and I know that we brought comfort to Joe's family.

Matt 5:1 - "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."

Thank you also to Sherry Pryor and the Hospitality Committee for the St. Patrick's luncheon. It was wonderful! Fellowship Hall was alive with wonderful decorations, good food, and fellowship. A good time was had by all!

Laura Fugate Devine, Moderator



We still have a few UPC t-shirts in the office left for sale.

M- short sleeve with pocket \$12.75

M-short sleeve without pocket \$8.00

XL - short sleeve without pocket \$8.00



The beautiful historic Academy has an **upstairs** apartment available in a quiet setting. It is one or two bedroom with 1 bath and a washer/dryer. Off street parking. The church pays for water, sewer and garbage pickup. The apartment has electric heat and air conditioning. The electric, television / internet (Spectrum) and phone is tenant's responsibility. If you are interested or know of anyone interested in an upstairs apartment, please have them contact the church office at 859-734-4710 or Helen Dedman.

THE FIRST EASTER

See the three crosses there on the hill, Easter, takes me back there still.

What a day that must have been, Jesus, who was free from sin.

Nailed to Calvary's cross that day, He died to take our sins away.

A crown of thorns placed on His head, nails in His hands and feet
think of the blood He shed for you and me.

Could you have stood with Mary and John
watch Him suffer for so long?

Hear Him cry to God on high
"Father forgive them" as He died.

What would you have done that day?

Stay to watch or run away?

Would you have been frightened
as the day grew dark and shook the ground?

What would it have taken to make you see?
Even hanging on the tree, He loved you and me.

As the sun rose on that first Easter Day
what did they see? The stone rolled away.

The tomb was empty just as Jesus had said,

He had risen, Alleluia!

Our Lord is not dead.

On the holiest of days shout Alleluia!

Give the Lord praise.

He reigned forever just as the bible said.

A loving redeemer, alive NOT dead.

Happy Easter - Celebrate!

Laura Fugate Devine





MERCER COUNTY BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are still collecting food and other items for the Mercer County Backpack program. This program supplies basic supplemental food items to children in need. Below are the items needed.

Applesauce – any flavor

Apples

Beanie Weenies

Beef Ravioli

Beef Stew*

Breakfast Bars

Canned individual or mixed fruit

Cereal/any flavor (small boxes)

Chicken Noodle Soup

Cornbread mix

Cuties (small oranges)

Hamburger or Tuna Helper*

Instant Oatmeal – any flavor

Jello Cups

Jelly – grape/strawberry in plastic jars

Macaroni and Cheese

Microwave Popcorn

Peanut Butter

Peanut Butter Crackers

Pizza Kits*

Pop Tarts – any flavor

Pudding Cups – any flavor

Ramen Noodles (chicken flavor)

Saltine Crackers

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Spaghetti noodles

Spaghetti O's

Spaghetti Sauce (canned)

Tuna

Vienna Sausages

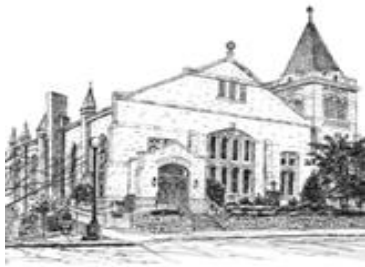
Other needed items

Soap, shampoo, conditioner
toothpaste, deodorant, laundry
detergent, dishwashing liquid

*These items are extremely useful for families to have for easy quick meals. Please send them in **plastic or cans only**.

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Easter breakfast 9:30am Fellowship Hall	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Rev Gilbert</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14 Pitch it Day at UPC 10:00am
15 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> Bert and Patty Eyster Sunday	30					



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2018 SESSION

Jackie Corbit, Clerk of The Session

Class of 2018

Jackie Corbit

Helen Dedman

Class of 2019

Leona Berg

Janette Johnson

Tim Prigmore

Class of 2020

Sherry Pryor

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