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BERT AND PATTY'S FAREWELL **RECEPTION**



Dear UPC family,

Beginning in late January when Rev. Bert Eyster shared his intention to leave his pastorate with us at the end of April, Session has diligently



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searched for another pastor to lead our congregation. Since some of you may have questions as to where we are in the process of finding a pastor, we hope this letter clarifies each step.

One of our first steps was to meet with Philip Lotspeich from Transylvania Presbytery who shared our options for the future. Session decided of those options the one that best fit UPC needs was to search for a part-time pastor. This individual would be hired for a specific number of hours per week since we are not in a position financially to call a full-time pastor.

Next, we completed the Presbytery's Ministry Information form as individual Session members; this form identified what we felt to be the three more important leadership qualities for a pastor. Our three choices were Preaching and Worship Leader, Interpersonal Engagement, and Communicator (A description is provided on the next page and is also available on the back table in the sanctuary with details related to each of these qualities.) In addition to these leadership qualities, we also seek a pastor who is open to all people who sincerely wish to be part of our worship and ministry. We want a pastor who will continue Bert's spirit of love that over the five years of his tenure shaped this church into the friendly and caring congregation it is today. These qualities have guided our search for a pastor.

After reviewing the qualities we had selected for a pastor, we searched the list of Supply Pastors provided by Presbytery for individuals who were interested in the position. We have interviewed candidates and listened to several preach. One concept that developed throughout this process was that our congregation needs continuity. There are two possibilities for a part – time pastor: an Interim Pastor or a Stated Supply Pastor. An Interim Pastor is called for a specific amount of time, usually about 12 months, which would leave us to face another search for a pastor.

Session decided that the best direction for us is a Stated Supply Pastor, one who is called for an indefinite time, though he/she works under contract and is reviewed at the end of the contract period. A Stated Supply Pastor



can invest in the church and community, knowing he/she has the time to develop programs and see them through to fruition.

Though we have yet to call a Stated Supply Pastor, the process is nearing the end when we can make a decision. Session takes this responsibility very seriously. As a Session, we have some requests of the congregation:

- First, *pray* for God's will.
- Second, *trust* the people you've elected to do what they were called to do lead.
- Finally, determine that you will personally *support* the choice the Session makes.

We know that we can not please everyone with our choice. However, we ask that you put aside personal preferences and support Session's choice, giving the chosen Pastor the opportunity to demonstrate the qualities we are seeking.

In a process such as this, it is easy to be misled by incorrect information and supposition. We hope that this letter clarifies what Session has done and continues to do on behalf of the congregation. Once Session makes a decision concerning the new pastor, the entire congregation will be properly notified.

May all of us pull together and pray for God's will in this decision that will so greatly affect the future of our church.

Your Session Members: Leona Berg, Helen Dedman, Janette Johnson, Sherry Pryor, Tim Prigmore and Jackie Corbit, Clerk.

Pastor Qualities from Presbytery's Ministry Information form:

Preaching and Worship Leadership: Is a consistently effective preacher and worship leader; is able to inspire from the pulpit; communicates a clear and

consistent message through sermons that are carefully prepared and artfully delivered; projects the identity and character of the congregation through worship leadership presence

Interpersonal Engagement: Displays a consistent ability to build solid relationships of trust and respect inside and outside of the organization; engage people, organizations, and partners in developing goals, executing plans, and delivering results; use negotiation skills and adaptability to encourage recognition of joint concerns, collaboration, and to influence the success of outcomes.

Communicator: Advances the abilities of individuals and the organizations through active listening supported with meaningful oral and written presentation of information.











You are invited to join in the celebration of the retirement of Pat Rockas who has taught school for 27 years. The celebration will be held at Ron and Jackie Corbit's house, 311 Linden Avenue on

Sunday, June 24th at 3:00pm. Meat and drink will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. We look forward to recognizing this member of our church family who has contributed so much to the education of our youth.

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.

<u>MONTHLY REPORT</u>

| Beginning Balance: April 1, 2018 | \$ 26,986.28 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Income | \$ 6,483.29 |
| Total | \$ 33,469.57 |
| Expenditures | \$ 7,508.07 |
| Total | \$ 25,961.50 |
| Transfer from Memorial Fund | <u>\$0</u> |
| Ending Balance: April 30, 2018 | \$ 25,961.50 |



hamper. Every time it is full, make a donation.

Tips from Women's Exchange

The Women's Exchange (formally Dress For Success) held it's last open house Saturday shopping on May 26th. We are hoping to repeat this event in October. Meanwhile if you would like to shop, please come when the church office is open M - F 9:30am - 1:30pm or call 734-4710 to make an appointment.



As your family outgrows clothes, wash them and place them in a designated laundry

Clothes that look, feel and smell fresh have more appeal to our "customers" and remember that many of them lack the good laundry facilities that we enjoy.

Every time you buy a new piece of clothing, follow the "one in, one out" rule: Go through your closet and pull out something you haven't worn in a while, then donate it to a women's shelter.

Thanks,

Lee Russell



Dear Helen and Tim and church,

We cannot thank you and your church enough for your generous donation of the couch. The couch went to a homeless person who is thriving in our community. Thank you for shining God's light on the less fortunate. May God bless you.

Warmly, Kassie Barker



UPC just received \$9.52 from Amazon Smile. To register, go to smile.amazon.com sign in to your Amazon account, then type in United Presbyterian Church Harrodsburg and select the church. Then, when you shop, Amazon will donate 5% of your purchase to UPC! Tell all your family and friends.

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Bob and Pam Baughman

Frank and Irene Mitchell

| Amy Dedman | 2 |
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| Amanda Britton | 4 |
| Joe Mitchell | 7 |
| Gwen Wickliffe | 10 |
| Greta Mulberry | 18 |
| Sue Saufley Sullivan | 19 |
| Steven Hall | 21 |
| Irene Mitchell | 26 |
| Lyzzi Prigmore | 27 |
| Wyatt Jase Britton | 30 |

ATTRACT WHAT
you expect,
REFLECT WHAT
you desire,
BECOME WHAT

you respect,

MIRROR WHAT

you admire.

If you haven't seen Marilyn Allen's whimsical, delightful rock garden on the church side of the Academy, take a look. It is delightful! Marilyn has added many classic touches to the Academy hallways and grounds. Thank you, Marilyn!



Prayer List

Members of the Congregation: Janette Johnson and the family and friends of Carter Johnson; Margaret Knapp; Jack Newton.

Family and friends of the Congregation: Will Craig (nephew of Jane Gilbert and cousin of Lisa Gilbert, and Laura Duhamel); 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.



Mission and Outreach needs your help!

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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: chapstick; hand lotion; novelty items; note cards; devotion books; body lotion; blank writing books; combs: shower caps: slipper socks with grips; socks: and any other items that might be useful. wet wipes;

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

We have two UPC blue t-shirts left for sale.

M - short sleeve without pocket \$8.00

XL - short sleeve without pocket \$8.00

We have three white with sunburst UPC t-shirts for sale.

- (2) LG short sleeve no pocket \$5.00
- (1) XL short sleeve no pocket \$5.00

Please leave money in the church office or give to Pat Alexander.





The Property committee has had a busy spring! On *Pitch Day*, five of us joined forces to get rid of clutter, trash, etc. We took two full loads to the dump! But the best thing was through Beverly Woodard's contact with the local Head Start program. We gave them



many, many items that they can use, as well being able to use the value of our donation as inkind services on grants. Also, we gave St. Phillips Episcopal Church some items for their *Rags to Riches* booth. Proceeds from those sales will go to the weekly community dinner at their church. We plan to give Bibles to the churches that hold community dinners to give to their guests. (United Presbyterian Church will be stamped inside.)

And once again please thank Lee Russell and her son, Alec, who has once again agreed to pay to have the Academy and Church yards maintained.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The Property Committee is busy cleaning out the academy basement. There are used doors, iron fence gates and 2 large mirrors that are for sale. If you or anyone you know are interested in any of these items, please contact Helen Dedman or the church office.





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

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

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Spaghetti noodles

Spaghetti O's

Spaghetti Sauce (canned)

Tuna

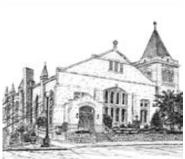
Vienna Sausages

Other needed items

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

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATUR- DAY |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|------------------------|--------|---|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 2nd Sunday of Pentecost | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 3rd Sunday of Pentecost | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Flag Day | 15 | 223rd General Assembly St. Louis |
| 17 4th Sunday of Pentecost Communion Father's Day | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Summer Begins | 22 | 23 |
| 24 5th Sunday of Pentecost Hunger Offering | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



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2018 SESSION

Jackie Corbit, Clerk of The Session

 $\underline{\text{Class of 2018}} \qquad \underline{\text{Class of 2019}} \qquad \underline{\text{Class of 2020}}$

Jackie Corbit Leona Berg Sherry Pryor

Helen Dedman Janette Johnson

Tim Prigmore

Elders serving on the Session, and of legal age, also serve as Trustees.

2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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