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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Happy Easter, PLPC Friends!

By the time you receive this, we shall have celebrated the glorious truth of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hopefully the shouts of Alleluia are still ringing in your head!

We can finally put away the drab colors of wintry Lent and put on white. Get out your opened toed shoes. Polish up your golf clubs. Get ready for baseball's opening day. All that good stuff has arrived!

But...I wonder if we view the church season as over for now. We've just gone through the intense period of Advent to Christmas to Lent to Holy Week to Easter. It's a lot of church. Right?

What we see in the book of Acts is that after resurrection things are just beginning. The disciples (learners) are now called apostles (those who are sent out). Through the intense seasons of Advent and Easter we have learned the gospel story. We have gone from birth to death to resurrection.

Now the Spirit sends us out. We are now apostles of this amazing story. We are called to live this story out in the world. We are called to spread the good news everywhere we go. We are called to build the church. The foundation has been laid from Advent to Easter. Now let's build on in.

One of the highlights of our Lenten season this year was the "Faith Moment" that we added to worship. We heard some amazing stories about how God has touched the lives of members of this church. My hope is that in hearing the stories of others you began to remember your stories. These stories, the stories of our lives touched by God, are great gifts. They are the materials that we are to build this church with.

My challenge to you all is to tell your stories. Share them with each other first. Let them form into cohesive units of your life that can be brought out in conversation in your daily life. As they form you will see how they can be useful to others. Our stories about how we have been given new life can bring new life to others. They can give hope.

We've been through our Spring Training. We've been equipped with the gospel story. Now let us bring that story mingled with our own stories out to the people who need it. The real season has just begun. Play ball!!

Joyfully,
An apostle Paul



Lectionary Schedule for April

Apr 4, Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

Apr 11, 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150
Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Apr 18, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30
Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Apr 25, 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23
Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 2, 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148
Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35



Rejoice, Rejoice

- *Helen Steiner Rice* -

Let not your heart be troubled
Let not your soul be sad
Easter is a time of joy
When all hearts should be glad,
Glad to know that Jesus Christ
Made it possible for men
To have their sins forgiven
And, like Him, to live again . . .



“God Happens” – Praise and Worship Service

~ Nancy Diana ~

As many of you know, when you've joined our Sunday night "God Happens - Praise & Worship" service, we have an inspiring evening of lifting our voices and spirits in energetic musical worship. A common reaction to this God-given energy is that we feel our "batteries" being recharged for the upcoming week with each word of blessing and thanks for the way God happens in our lives. For those of you who haven't had an opportunity to join this experience yet, this is a "come as you are" gathering of loving individuals who seek to relate to our Creator with the gifts that he bestows. Yes, the gift of music is involved, but mostly, it's the gift of grateful appreciation that we bring to His blessed presence. While each evening follows a common format - songs, prayer and message - each evening also reveals much about the personal way God happens for us. The visible and audible joy of our musicians in the gifts they bring is evident and moving. The peace brought by the words of acknowledgement for God's bounty (even in times of trial) is felt by those in attendance. The way the Spirit moves in whoever is bringing the message or prayer for the evening then spills over to all who are listening. And while we may be lively and loud in our worship, there remains an underlying current of gentle peace and glorious grace. Let this be an invitation to share in our Sunday gifts to God. Every Sunday at 6:30 P.M., PLPC opens its sanctuary for a "come as you are" fellowship to share contemporary musical praise and worship about the way God happens in our lives. PLPC invites believers and non-believers alike. All ages are welcome.



service.

On **Palm Sunday** we will have an opportunity to sing and wave palms as we enter the sanctuary together for our worship



7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Iglesia Apostolica will join our congregation for this contemplative service.

We will have a **Maundy Thursday** communion service at



powerful and meaningful tool of devotion.

Stations of the Cross will be set up during the day in the sanctuary on **Good Friday** as an informal devotional, using scripture to help guide us through Christ's steps towards his crucifixion. All are invited to experience this



the crucifixion of Christ.

On **Good Friday** the PLPC Choir will present their Easter Cantata "Lenten Sketches" at 7:00 p.m. as we remember

We will have an **Easter Vigil** from sunset on Saturday to sunrise on Sunday, We ask that the sanctuary be occupied each hour. The idea behind the vigil is for faithful Christians to wait and watch, hopeful and confident that Christ will return. The **Stations of the Cross** devotional scriptures will also be available during this time. We invite you to share in this special time of reflection.



Creek sailboat marina off Bell Rd.. This is a brief service but always chilly, so dress casually and warmly!

On Sunday we will gather at its **new time of 6:30 A.M.** for a **Sunrise Service** at the lake at the Hamilton



Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Our **Easter Worship and Communion Service** will be at our usual 10:15 A.M. time.

God Happens praise & worship service will lift up joyful music and message at 6:30 p.m. on Easter Sunday.

Come celebrate the Risen Lord!



Pastor Paul has an Adult Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 A.M. The group meets in the conference room. Bible study is as essential to the life of a Christian Community as breathing. Come join us and together we will "Breathe in the Word."



Thank You, Teachers . . .

~ Andi Mosley ~

Thank you for your
Eagerness to teach
And for
Caring for our children,
Helping us in
Educating them to be
Responsible, respectable people

Please join us April 18th to help recognize and say a special thank you to all the teachers in our congregation. Our teachers do so much during the year and they hardly ever are recognized for all their hard work, love, and support. There will be a small reception after church.

Thank you teachers!!!!



Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.



WALK
 ~ Crystal Caviness ~
Resume your WALK

WALK (Women Are Love Keepers), the women's ministry at PLPC, will resume on Sunday, April 10, after a two-week break for Easter activities. All women of the church, as well as friends and neighbors, are invited to join us from 4:30-6 p.m. on April 10 for a time of fellowship and planning. Existing WALK participants are asked to bring a finger food to share for the April 10 session.

WALK recently completed an 8-week Bible Study with Beth Moore titled "Stepping Up: A Journey Through The Psalms of Ascent." Now, the group is excited about planning for the coming weeks and months. Bring your ideas, enthusiasm and desire to be re-filled during this women-centered time each week.

The story behind WALK (Women Are Love Keepers):

Women love their families. Women love their churches. Women love their friends. Women love their neighbors. Women Are Love Keepers in our society and throughout the world.

Oftentimes, however, worries, frustrations, daily challenges threaten to tear apart the love. But when we WALK together as women of faith, we form a stronghold against life's struggles, enabling one another to face each day armed with the power of love.

Women talking together. Women praying together. Women learning together. Women crying together. Women rejoicing together. Together, we will WALK victoriously through our lives, because Women Are Love Keepers.

Please join us on Sundays from 4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. as we WALK together.



Sunday School
 ~ Andi Mosley ~

Bring yourself, bring your children, bring a relative and bring a friend...Come one, come all. There are Sunday School classes for every age from Pre-K to adults. Sunday School is a great way to grow in Christ. Come grow and learn with us! Sunday School is from 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.



Confirmation Sunday
 ~ Andi Mosley ~

Our confirmation class is about to finish for the year. This has been a good class. I have seen a lot of the youth grow from this experience! **April 25th** is Confirmation Sunday. Please join us to recognize the confirmands during the service. A small reception to follow after church.



Properties Report
 ~ Leonard Saddler ~

Church cleanup day will be Saturday, May 15 beginning at 10:A.M. until everything is finished. Things that will need to be done are spreading mulch, cleaning the church pews with liquid gold, cleaning the windows, cleaning the kitchen. We may also possibly paint the front entrance doors and other outside doors, as needed. Cleaning and dusting the classrooms and church as needed.

If you have wheelbarrows and shovels, for the spreading of the mulch, please bring them as well.



Deacon's Digest
~ Mike Mosley ~

Friends,

I am hopeful that all of you have received a postcard by now, introducing each of your respective deacons. For those of you who may not be familiar with the history of the diaconate, please allow me to provide you with an overview of this very important ministry. The office of deacon was established early in the New Testament church to make sure food was distributed to widows and others in need. Early Protestant reformer John Calvin believed that the primary task of the deacon was to take care of the poor and to distribute alms. According to Calvin, helping the poor is worth everything — even to the point of giving yourself and all of your possessions. The Presbyterian Book of Order states: “It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith” (G-6.0402).

To be a deacon involves becoming a servant to others — a role that may not seem very appealing. But this is exactly the role to which Jesus calls all who are truly committed to following him: “... *whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many*” (Mark 10:43–45). This is exactly the type of role your current Deacons wish to emulate; a role of service to the needs of the community of faith. We are all looking forward to breaking through the barriers based on our differences, and building our community into one unified body of Christ. We encourage all of you to reach out and let us know how we can be of service to each and every one of you, as there are no limitations to what this office can do.

With the love of Christ,
Chairman, Board of Deacons

Treasurer's Report
April 2010



~ **Jim Gracy** ~
Treasurer

March was not a good month for the Treasure for we had the lowest income of the year, \$11,165.00 and the highest expense of \$16,061.00 that gives us a negative \$3,395.00 for the month. For the first quarter of the year, we are showing a negative amount of \$2,237.00

The pledges were down \$2,760.00. If everyone had met his or her pledges we would be about even. If we collect all of our pledges we may barely make it this year. Please try to keep your pledges up to date.

Revenues and Expenses for the
Period Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2010
(Operating accounts only)

Revenues:	
Pledge Contributions	\$26,755.00
Loose Offerings	4,832.34
Other	<u>7,841.63</u>
Total Revenues	\$39,428.97
Expenses:	
Personnel	\$23,304.27
General (includes mortgage)	8,013.36
Properties	9,188.12
Committees	339.87
Other	<u>821.27</u>
Total Expenses	\$41,666.89
Net Loss	(\$ 2,237.92)



Every day is a gift



Easter Egg Hunt
~ Andi Mosley ~

On Easter Sunday there will be a small Easter egg hunt for the little ones during church after the Children's Sermon. After the children's time please have any child that wants to participate see Andi Mosley outside the sanctuary doors.



Ladies Lunch Bunch
~ Florence Sass ~

All the ladies of the church and friends are invited to our next gathering, which will be on Thursday, April 15th. We plan to go McNamara's Irish Pub, 2740 Old Lebanon Road, Donelson. Please meet at the church by 10:30 A.M. Please contact Florence Sass at 220-4538 or by email at dsass68553@aol.com no later than Tuesday, April 13th to reserve your spot.

We are always looking for new ideas for our next month's outing after trying it out and making sure that they take group reservations.



SAVE THE DATE . . .
APRIL 11TH
"Get It 'n' Go Lunch"
High School Fundraiser

All funds raised will go towards their cost for the Youth retreat in May. Please help by purchasing a sub lunch after church on the 11th. Thank you!



~ Stuart Smothers ~

There were three items discussed at the last Missions and Evangelism meeting. Martha's Kitchen, Martha O'Bryan's Ice Cream Crankin and One Great Hour of Sharing.

Due to the lack of people attending, and the effort it requires, the committee voted to close down Martha's Kitchen. None of us feel that this program was a failure because of what was accomplished, but rather a sign from God that it was time to move forward in another direction. The balance of the food left will go into Paul's Pantry.

The One Great Hour of Sharing, an Easter Sunday offering collected for the Presbytery, was discussed and Stuart informed the committee that all the literature, posters, inserts and envelopes had arrived. The posters had already been posted on the bulletin board.

Casey Walsh has volunteered to chair the Martha O'Bryan Crankin again this year and Sajeev Pothen has agreed to co-chair. The event will be held on Sunday, June 13th. **Save the date!**



With Special Thanks
~ Susan Jones ~

I would like to thank everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy when my mother passed away. God bless all of you.

CareS

~ Nancy Loudermilk ~
Co-Coordinator

It's hard to believe that April is upon us but it is. CareS continues to run at full throttle each week. Spring sports are claiming a few of our regulars on Wednesday nights, but we continue to see strong numbers of children and youth as well as adult helpers. This month we wish to thank the Adult Choir and Session for their kitchen help during March – also Terry Culp and Karla Horton for stepping in at the last minute to help.

Thanks to Pastor Paul for leading the Chimes Choir and Youth Choir in two beautiful pieces on Easter Sunday. Having our young people participate in worship service is quite refreshing to the congregation, but also provides our younger set with an avenue to use their gifts and talents. On that note, please encourage your young person to participate in both the vocal and chime choirs. One of them rehearses each Wednesday night from 5:45 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. each Wednesday night.

In another month, we'll be wrapping up another school year and another season of CareS. Teena and I would love your thoughts on ideas for a big CareS celebration in May.



After Church Refreshments

If you have missed having cookies, juice and coffee after church as we chat with our friends and visitors, please sign up to bring refreshments for the week. There is a sign up sheet posted above the serving table. This is a nice way to close our worship gathering and get to know people better.

Save the Date!

Purity Miss Martha's
25th Annual
Ice Cream
Crankin'

Sunday,
June 13th

First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road, Nashville
Music @ 3 p.m.
Ice Cream @ 4 p.m.

www.marthaobryan.org/crankin

Proceeds benefit the Martha O'Bryan Center
*(a foundation of Christian faith, the Martha O'Bryan Center empowers children, youth and adults to journey in
transform their lives through work, education, employment and fellowship.)*
Martha O'Bryan Center | 711 South Seventh Street | Nashville | TN 37206
(615) 254-1701 | www.marthaobryan.org



Food Shelf



Paul's Pantry

~ Cathay McAninch &
Martha Cross ~

As needs arise **PAUL'S PANTRY** is ready with food boxes for families and individuals. Not only do we reach out with food and a helping hand – but also with a blessing of love and friendship. **Thank you** for all the continued support in this outreach program.



Walkers Wanted

~ Gloria Kimbro ~

Walking and talking in the gym.
What a great way to start the day.

Any speed you want. Ask any friends and relatives to join us.

We would love to have everyone join us Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. until whenever we run out of steam and conversation. The more the merrier. For questions, contact Gloria at 668-4693. No "RSVP" required.



**April Schedule for
Worship Leaders,
Ushers, Greeters and Acolytes**

Apr 4 Easter Communion	Worship Leader	Crystal Caviness
	Prepare/Usher/ Serve	Nancy Diana
	Greet/Usher/ Serve	Joyce Hanson Casey Walsh
	Usher/Serve/ Cleanup	Mike Mosley
	Serve Choir	Jon Loudermilk
Apr 11	Worship Leader	Walt Litaker
	Greeters	Ray Anders Linda Anders
	Ushers	Jimmy Kimbro Gloria Kimbro
Apr 18	Worship Leader	Stuart Smothers
	Greeters	Bill Allen Lenna Allen
	Ushers	Jimmy Kimbro Gloria Kimbro
Apr 25	Worship Leader	Nancy Diana
	Greeters	Bob Ware Dori Hutchison
	Ushers	Sajeev Pothen Mary Anna Simon
May 2 Communion	Worship Leader	Valerie Barton
	Prepare/Usher/ Serve	Fred Dahlman
	Greet/Usher/ Serve	Belle Dahlman Stuart Smothers
	Usher/Serve/ Cleanup	Telse Saunders
	Serve Choir	Kathy Ware

ACOLYTES

Apr 4	Mayerli Garcia	Michaela Mosley
Apr 11	Brooke Stuteville	Lauren Stuteville
Apr 18	Michaela Mosley	Faye Garcia
Apr 25	Kelly Caviness	Brooke Stuteville
May 2	Faye Garcia	Mayerli Garcia

**April Calendar of Activities,
Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1	Maundy Thursday
2	Good Friday "Easter" Cantata – 7:00 P.M.
3	Saturday Night Vigil – 8:00 PM – 4:00 AM Blake Triplett
4	Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30 A.M. Easter "God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship" - 6:30 PM
6	Catherine Allen
7	Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
11	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all ages Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Get It "N" Go Lunch (High School) - following Worship Confirmation Class – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM "God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship" - 6:30 PM Jeff Cavanaugh
12	David Carter Bette Carter Kelly Caviness
14	Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Mark Caviness
15	Ladies Lunch Bunch – 10:30 AM
18	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all ages Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Confirmation Class – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM "God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship" - 6:30 PM Davis Hutchison Brooke Stuteville
19	Paul out of the office - Memphis Jo Crenshaw Sajeev Pothen Andrew Cavanaugh
20	Paul out of the office - Memphis
21	Paul out of the office - Memphis CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Faye Garcia
22	Session Meeting – 7:00 PM
23	Casey Walsh Lauren Stuteville
25	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all ages Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Confirmation Sunday refreshments – following Worship WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM "God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship" - 6:30 PM
28	Mark Caviness
30	Maren Walsh

In order to keep our birthday and anniversary lists accurate and up-to-date, let the office know of any corrections and additions.



PLPC Garage Sale
Saturday, June 5
7am to 3 pm
PLPC Gym
~ Leesa Fields !



~ Sue Handisides ~

Spring is here and it's a perfect time to clean out your closets and garages! And you can donate all those unwanted items for the up-coming church-wide garage sale. The gym will be open May 17 to begin receiving your garage sale items.

Here are suggestions for most needed items:

- Furniture
- Exercise equipment
- Dishes
- Tools
- Baby equipment
- Toys
- Home décor. Items
- Costume jewelry
- House wares
- Books
- Baby & toddler clothes
- Appliances

*****We do not want adult clothes*****

Proceeds will benefit the church's general fund.

If you would like to help with the setup, pricing, scheduling, publicity, cashier, bake sale or clean up, please see one of the garage sale committee members.

For questions, see our garage sale committee: Mike & Andi Mosley, Leesa Fields, Nancy Loudermilk, Jennie Harper, Sue Handisides, Rachel Fields, Belle Dahlman, Shirley Hansel, Nancy Walsh, Gloria Kimbro or Terry Culp.

Project J.O.Y. Mission Trip to Harlan, KY
Saturday October 23, 2010

The Project J.O.Y. Steering Committee will meet this month on April 24th to continue plans for the 2010 Appalachian Mission Trip.

Copies of the "Joyful News" the Project J.O.Y. Newsletter will be in the mail early this week. The newsletter features some of the many stories of our Mission Trip to Harlan 2009 plus lots of pictures.

PLPC Church Garage Sale/ Big Blue Bin

While you are doing your "Spring Cleaning" to get ready for the PLPC Garage Sale please remember that you can take everything to Church. The Garage Sale will not be taking clothes but we will take them for Project J.O.Y. and the Big Blue Bin. **So you can save time and gas and drop it all off at church!!** You will be helping 3 good causes the PLPC Garage Sale, Project J.O.Y. and Goodwill at one time.

Update on the Big Blue Bin

We are pleased to report that thanks to all the donation to the Big Blue Bin we have been able to earn enough in Goodwill Gift Cards to start purchasing some of those items we are always so short of each year. Our first shopping trip on one of Goodwill's 50% Off Saturdays let us buy 52 pairs of boy's jeans.

High School Group Project

The High School group kicked off the first of their monthly projects to do their part supporting Project J.O.Y. The month of March they collected bags of dry beans to go into the Project J.O.Y. food boxes. I understand that for April they will be collecting bags of rice. We are so proud of the teen group for deciding they want to be more involved on a year around basis. Thanks also to Mike, Michele and Lisa for all their hard work.

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Happy Easter!

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