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From Our Director of Music – Garry Cornell



The second event of our 2009 Summer Concert Series will take place on Sunday, July 19 at 3 p.m. – an organ recital by Charles J. Yannerella. This is an event you will not want to miss!

Charles Yannerella is a native of Warren, Ohio. He received his Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance from the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music where he studied organ with renowned organist, Dr. Roberta Gary. While there, he had the opportunity to attend the improvisation classes of Gerre Hancock. In 1977 he won second place in the International Improvisation Competition at the International Congress of Organists Convention in Philadelphia.

After moving to Columbus in 1981, Chuck studied choral composition locally, and over the years has had a number of choral anthems published with several leading American publishers. Over the past 40 years he has served as organist in several churches and currently serves as organist at The Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church as well as assisting at Church Of Our Lady Catholic parish of Columbus. For over 35 years Chuck has been employed in the retail music industry and currently serves as president of Graves Piano and Organ Company, just around the corner from St. Andrew on Karl Road. Chuck and his wife Wilma are the proud parents of three grown daughters and were recently blessed with their first grandchild.

Charles Yannerella is a personable, vastly talented, and highly respected organist. He played the dedicatory recital when our organ was installed, and it's a special pleasure to welcome him back to St. Andrew for this concert. His recital will include a variety of works including several hymns. With his unique improvisational skills, the end result will be a one-time-only musical experience for one and all. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives to share this exciting musical event.

Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions

– Jane Vaughan, R.N.



Sounds like a real challenge, doesn't it? No one wants to have a chronic, long-term illness but unfortunately, most of us will experience two or more of these conditions during our lives. Ohio Health has offered to present a free six-week course to St. Andrew beginning in September to teach people with a chronic illness a healthy way to live with a disease. Seems like a strange concept – to have an illness and live a healthy life at the same time. Chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, liver disease, emphysema, arthritis, and asthma cause most people to lose physical conditioning and experience fatigue. In addition, they may cause emotional distress such as frustration, anger, depression, or a sense of helplessness. Health is soundness of body and mind and a healthy way to live with a chronic disease is to work at overcoming the physical and emotional problems caused by the disease. The goal is to achieve the greatest possible physical capacity and pleasure from life.

Positive self-management is the theme of the program which includes a 380-page book which addresses such topics as finding resources, managing symptoms, exercising for specific conditions, healthy eating, managing medications, making treatment decisions and managing specific conditions.

If you learn to be a positive self-manager and undergo all the best treatments that health care professionals have to offer, along with being proactive in your day-to-day management, this will lead you to live a healthy life.

The classes are beginning Thursday, September 10, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for six consecutive weeks. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and commit yourself to master many of the self-management skills. Please see or call Jane Vaughan for any additional information and to sign up for the course.

Status of Third Sunday Debt Reduction Contributions

– Joe Chaulk

First of all, the Stewardship and Finance Committees want to express their most sincere thanks for the generous contributions received to date, pledged to reduce the current National City mortgage balance. As of May 31, 2009, we have received \$5,745.50. This equals 4.3% of the final balloon payment of \$133,960.60, due on Oct. 3, 2013.

Our current loan balance at May 31 is \$167,289.93. We intend to apply any debt reduction funds to the outstanding balance as soon as we are permitted to do so. This is on or after Oct. 3, 2011 (prepayment penalties apply until this date).

Again, thank you for your commitment to St. Andrew, and we will keep you informed of our progress toward being "Debt Free in Two-O One-Three!"

What is a Steward?

– Mark Shanda

In the Christian sense, a steward is the manager of the affairs of God on the earth. Quite an awesome responsibility, huh? God has made each of us a steward and has given us all unique abilities. We are called to use these abilities and talents to serve God in how we:

- respect and care for ourselves, each other and our world.
- receive, share and reflect the Gospel in our day-to-day lives.

Everything we have is given to us by God – time, health, the environment, relationships, talents, property, and the Gospel. We are the stewards of our lives. God depends on us to use all our gifts to accomplish God's purpose. A Christian steward serves God out of love and gratitude for these gifts. We share our time, talents, and property, knowing that it is not how much we have but what we do with what we have that is important. Please make good choices as you serve out your role as steward and give generously of your gifts to the church.

Pastor's Page

—Phyllis Heffner

On my regular walks in a park at night, I've become aware that there are fewer and fewer fireflies around. I love to see them blinking in the darkness, appearing here—no, there! Where have they gone? Is it just me, or have others noticed as well?



Experts now think that the diminutive nightlights truly are *not* as prevalent as they used to be. Since there's no way to bag and tag and count the bugs, it's an estimated guess that insect populations have declined as much as 70 percent in recent years. Why? Entomologists blame several factors: the obvious one is urban sprawl and industrial pollution that have wiped out the insects' habitat.

Another probable cause may surprise you: the spread of artificial light. The glowing fireflies we do see are the males of the species who use their flashing lights to attract the females. (The females spend most of their time on the ground and don't flash.) Researchers suspect that so much artificial light from street lamps and buildings is interfering with the mating ritual, and thus they are not reproducing. (If you're interested, you can go to the Internet for sites where you can become an Official Firefly Observer!)

The fate of these tiny light-bearers seems to be related to many changes in our ecosystem. I miss the little guys. I miss the nocturnal semaphore that reminds me of the greater and lesser lights—and, in a way, the Light of Christ.

In a leap from bugs to people, it seems to me that Light-bearers of the Christian sort are also diminishing. We've all noticed that our religious landscape has changed in the last few decades. Those who call themselves Christian are not as populous as before; in the West, Christians literally aren't reproducing and bringing children into the world to grow up in the faith. Those who call themselves Christians are practicing their faith less: they opt out of

worship; they neglect Christian fellowship and community; they find alternative routes to service and helping others. And sometimes they are more comfortable identifying themselves as Buckeye fans than Christians.

On Pentecost the fire of the Holy Spirit, a symbol not only of warmth but of light, rested on the disciples and filled them with the passion to take the Light of Christ into the world. They "glowed" with that inner light as they spread the gospel, went about doing good, sacrificed for neighbors and enemies alike, and sought to understand and do the will of God.

We are those Light-bearers today. When we are filled with the Spirit, we, too, radiate the Light of God. "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matt. 6:16) Let's not allow the changes in our cultural ecosystem or the brightness of other artificial lights to diminish the Light that Christ brings to us and that we can share with the world in our words and actions.

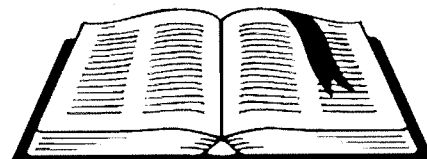
Brown Bag Bible Discussion at Lunch Time Every Wednesday

—Bob Gates



The Brown Bag Bible Discussion class meets every Wednesday in the Blue Room and consists of two parts. The first part is fellowship and lunch (your own brown bag) from 11:35 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. The second part is an hour of discussion based on lessons from the Presbyterian curriculum, *The Present Word*. Discussion usually wraps up around 1:30 p.m.

The curriculum in July tells about God's covenant with the Hebrews (Deuteronomy and Leviticus). In August the topic is about choosing between obedience and rebellion.



July Second Sunday Offering to Benefit Medical Benevolence Foundation – July 12

– Tina Johnson

The following information is taken from the Medical Benevolence Foundation web site, www.MBFoundation.org.

For over 40 years MBF has provided support to the international health ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It serves more than 100 hospitals and clinics around the globe, most often in places not on any tourist map. MBF is the connection between our Christian commitment to minister to those in need and our doing so through the hands and dedication of medical missions staff.

Medical Benevolence Foundation's work targets four primary challenges:

- 1) providing crucial funds for medical care to the needy in the developing world to fight against diseases of poverty – HIV/AIDS, malaria, TB, and malnutrition;
- 2) working with US partners to acquire and ship surplus medical equipment and supplies to a wide variety of health care facilities around the world;
- 3) recruiting healthcare professionals and others to support medical missionaries;
- 4) working within developing communities to train indigenous healthcare workers, promoting education programs, disease prevention and nutrition.

Canvas Tote Bags Still Available!

– Tina Johnson



If you haven't yet gotten your St. Andrew tote bag, or if you need another, good news – they are still available. The custom-designed reusable, eco-friendly totes can serve a variety of "summer purposes." Think beach bag, picnic tote, book satchel, or farmer's market shopping bag. Mission team members will be happy to get you a bag or bags.

Second Sunday Offering: August Is Back to School Time – August 13

– Tina Johnson

Again this year, St. Andrew members will reach out to the students and staff of Devonshire School, our neighborhood elementary school, in August through the Second Sunday offering. You can participate in two ways:

- 1) by contributing to the August 13 Second Sunday Offering and/or
- 2) by providing a back-to-school kit of "basic" school supplies for students in need: pencils, wide-ruled notebook paper, glue sticks, scissors, crayons, rulers, erasers. (A special collection box will be placed in the narthex in early August as a reminder.)

The Mission Team will deliver all donated supplies to Devonshire School for the start of the school year on August 26.

Presbytery Mission Work Day

– July 25

– Tina Johnson



On Saturday, July 25, persons 16 and older are invited to spend the day working together with other Presbyterians. You may select one of two sites:

- ✕ Old First Presbyterian Church
1101 Bryden Road
Columbus, Ohio
- ✕ McArthur Presbyterian Church
202 W. High Street
McArthur, Ohio

Both projects will involve clean-up and repairs on the church facilities. Groups will work from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no cost for participating. The host churches will provide lunch; however, you must sign up in advance by completing an application form available from the presbytery office.

For more information, visit the presbytery website, www.psvonline.org or call the PSV office, 1-800-244-7207.

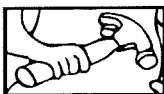
Presbytery Mission Work Trip – October 17 – 24, 2009

– Tina Johnson

Adults 18 and over are invited to be part of 60 Presbyterians who will travel to Gulfport, Mississippi next October to continue hurricane recovery work. This will include rebuilding and new construction projects—drywall, shingles, painting, yard work, moving furniture, etc.

The cost is \$250 per person for food and travel expenses. An additional \$100 for supplies will be paid from the mission budget of the presbytery.

For further information and an application form, contact Jeannie Harsh, 1-800-244-7207 or 614-847-0565, or email jeannie@psvonline.org or contact Keith Johnson at 740-363-0121.



On-Going St. Andrew Projects

Please remember to collect the following items and bring them to church. These are simple ways to “do mission.”

Box Tops for Education and Campbell’s labels for Devonshire Elementary School

Eyeglasses for the Lions Club of America

Foreign and U.S. commemorative stamps (no flag or love stamps) for Church World Service

Empty computer-printer ink cartridges for Boy Scout Troop 312

Soda can tabs for our local Ronald McDonald House.

Paper for St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Thank You for Your Kindness

To All at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church!
From *All of Us, Four Seasons City Farm*

Thanks so much for your generous contribution.
Daniel

Thank you for thinking of Four Seasons. *Mary*

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! *Nancy*

Thanks so for your generosity. *Sherri*

This will be a great benefit to Four Seasons City Farm’s mission! *Margaret*

Your help is greatly appreciated. *Billie*

Thank you. *Don* Thank you. *Bernice*

Down to Earth Thinking

– Ginny Shanda, Christian Educator

Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air, v. 1, 3

*Heaven and earth, and sea and air,
All their Maker’s praise declare;
Wake, my soul, awake and sing;
Now thy grateful praises bring.*

*See how he hath everywhere
Made this earth so rich and fair;
Hill and vale and fruitful land,
All things living, show his hand.*

Earth, a gift
Creation God called good
Filled with blessings, filled with challenges
Possibilities

Earth, our home
A place to live
Providing sustenance, providing growth
Hope

Earth, our responsibility
Ours to cherish
To be tended, to be cared for
Stewardship

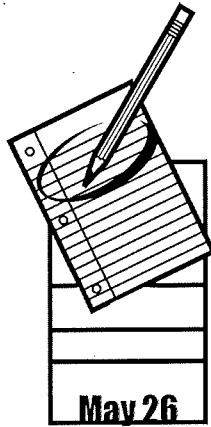
Earth, a song to be sung
Music all around
Praising God, thanking God
Rejoice!



Session Highlights –

May 26

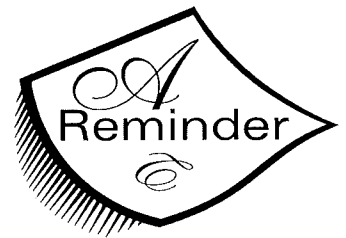
– Mark Shanda



- Established a policy to open the church doors at 10 a.m. for the summer and start a regular rotation of individuals to sit at the front door of the church during worship to welcome latecomers.
- Directed Building and Grounds Team to investigate options to replace the existing security camera system for the front door.
- Welcomed Parish Associate Steve Hasley to the pulpit on June 7 and Charlotte O'Neil on June 14 while Phyllis is on study leave at Trinity Seminary June 1-5 and June 8-12.
- Approved an additional \$2,200 for services by Division 7 Roofing to lower and open the roof drains and attach a grate to each.
- Authorized John Huddy to continue to serve as session's representative to Division 7 as they continue the roof repair and provide up to \$1500 without further session action to cover any additional expenditures necessary to address roof related damage during this repair.
- Celebrated the 76 engraved bricks sold for the courtyard project to date.
- Were informed by the finance committee that Dick Schulz has volunteered to conduct the review of church financial records from 2008 with a projected completion goal of November 2009.
- Approved the following dates: Kick Off Sunday, September 13; Classes begin September 20; and Stewardship Sunday on November 15, 2009.

- Agreed to sponsor any individual from St. Andrew for a cost of \$250 each to participate in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley work trip to Gulfport, Mississippi October 17-24, 2009.
- Allocated \$200 from Peacemaking funds to sponsor and support the Central Ohioans for Peace presentation at North Broadway United Methodist Church in observation of the United Nations Day in October.
- Sponsor a six week program called "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" presented by Ohio Health and led by Linda Ross, R.N., on Thursday evenings beginning September 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at no cost to members and waive the building use fees.
- Went on record to thank the Mission Team for their recent efforts at organizing the Green Sunday initiatives.
- Directed the clerk to send a letter of thanks to each of the team leaders and ask them about their desire to continue in this role for the next program year.

September NETwork Deadline and Collating Day – August 16 and August 25



Deadline for the *September NETwork* will be Sunday, August 16. Please e-mail articles to standrewpres@copper.net or bring articles to the church office by **Sunday, August 16**. Also remember to submit dates for events and changes in meetings for September.

The collating/labeling of the September issue will be **Tuesday, August 25, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Blue Room. Anyone who is available on that morning is more than welcome to come and help with folding, collating and labeling.

**Lectionary for the Lord's Day
July 2009**

July 5 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48;
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 12– 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14;
Mark 6:14-29

July 19– 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37;
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26– 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14;
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August 2009

August 2 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 9– 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;
Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 16– 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 11;
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

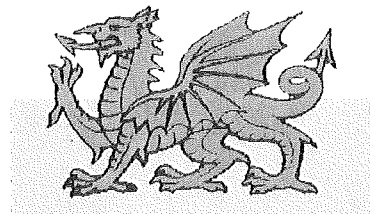
August 23– 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84;
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 30– 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**THE
COLUMBUS
WELSH
SINGING
SOCIETY**



ANN GILLARD, DIRECTOR

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7 P.M.

Members of the Welsh Society of Central Ohio formed the Columbus Welsh Singing Society 3-1/2 years ago. This singing society consists of 20 singers of Welsh descent, and their purpose is to help preserve the Welsh heritage and language.

The program will include traditional folk songs and hymns in both Welsh and English. The audience will even learn to sing a couple of songs in Welsh! The evening of August 9 promises to be one of beautiful music with a little fun thrown in.

change

Change keeps occurring
throughout all of life.
Sometimes it brings joy,
and sometimes it brings strife.
Change what you should;
but you still have a voice -
How you accept every change
is your choice.

- Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*