

THE MESSENGER

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*Our mission is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all people
as a racially diverse congregation, through worship, service, education, and fellowship.*

AUGUST, 2011

From Pastor Hart Edmonds, Interim:

What does it mean to see with “eyes of faith”?

(A report from the Vision Panel- Pastor Hart Edmonds)

*“Learning how truly to see- to discern a faithful vision
of reality-
is at the very heart of what it means to be a Christian.”*

The Vision Panel here at KHPC has begun its work as a vital component of the Journey of Transformation that we have been pursuing as a congregation in partnership with 5 other churches in the Presbytery of Cincinnati. (Mt. Auburn PC, Montgomery PC, Grace Community PC, and Reading/Lockland; along with Slifers PC from the Dayton area presbytery). Vision Panel members' upcoming schedule includes meeting dates on August 3, 17, and 31 on Wednesdays from 12 noon until 2pm.

Members of the Vision Panel include: Jim Walker, Sue Imhausen, Jan Goings, Martha Highsmith, Mary Kamp, Duane Holm, Janet Langhorst, and Pastor Hart Edmonds (Interim Pastor). The Co-chairs for the Vision Panel are Jan Goings and Sue Imhausen. **The role of the Vision Panel**, along with the Coordinating Team, is to help leaders and members of the congregation to discern what God is calling Kennedy Heights PC to be and do in this time and place. The Vision Panel spends time in focused study, participates with the congregation in the time of discernment, and serves as consensus-formers.” Please carefully note that **the congregation is expected to play a major role in the discernment process** and to respond to a Guiding Vision that will emerge from “holy conversations”, bible studies, vision retreats, and the Conferences on the Past, the Present, and the Future. In this entire process, members of the congregation cannot adopt a passive role and expect that energy, purpose, and unified support will result. This is an open and inclusive process! Your participation is needed!

At a recent Vision Panel meeting, the team spent some time focusing on the speech by Martin Luther King, Jr. - **“I Have a Dream”**. In that speech there are many striking insights into how dreams are realized. One that we spent some time resting with and discussing was this:

“With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.”

As a Vision Panel we engaged in some “holy conversation” around these questions:

- What would it mean for us together as a church and as a Vision Team and as leaders across the whole congregation, if we saw Dr. King’s statement above as a guiding beam of light for our discernment of God’s vision?
- “With this faith we will be able...” Meditate on that phrase and ask yourself, “Do I see the deepening of the church’s faith and my own faith as crucial to seeking God’s vision?”
- Do I believe that the renewal and deepening of our shared faith is critical to the renewal of this congregation? Consider this claim by N.T. Wright, a leading New Testament scholar and church leader: **“If I am not experiencing transformation and growth in my own life and faith that leads to a more confident way of serving God, how can I expect anyone else to be drawn to faith and the church?”**
- Are we honest enough to admit that we sometimes feel like we face a “mountain of despair”? And are we also growing enough in faith to believe that we will be able to “hew out of the mountain of despair” a **stone of hope?**

In the course of the coming weeks, there will be a number of opportunities for members of the congregation to engage in the process of visioning through “holy conversation” and in bible studies.

Why are bible studies so important to this experience? In the living words of scripture, we believe that the Spirit of God continues to address our hopes, our dreams and our imaginations.

The way in which we anticipate and participate in the future is shaped by our vision of what is really real. It is because the Christian community believes in a “God of Hope” (Romans 15:13), a God who declares “See, I am making all things new” (Revelation 21:5), that its vision can be hopeful and even imaginative. Not limited or determined by the facts, figures, and trends of the current situation, to have hope is to imagine a new state of affairs not yet existing.

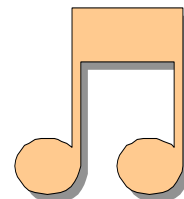
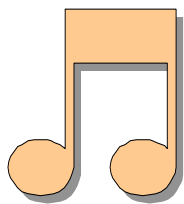
In the coming weeks, the Vision Panel will engage in a series of “holy conversations” around these questions. You may want to contribute your own thoughts to members of the Vision Panel in writing:

1. What is it that excites, motivates, and/or satisfies you about your involvement in the life, ministry, and mission of Kennedy Height Presbyterian Church?
2. If someone who knew nothing of your church asked you, how would you describe the purpose or role of the church, its reason for being?
3. Imagine a future picture of your congregation that fulfills your deepest commitments and aspirations? Describe this future? How are you involved? How are members and leaders relating to one another?
4. What elements of being a Presbyterian do you want to see shaping our vision?
5. What do you believe God is calling your church to become? What vital elements of our tradition and history and values do you hope to see built upon? (Diversity, Creativity in Worship, Support for children and youth, commitment to justice, leadership in the wider world and church, Generational breadth, Commitment to Mission and Discipleship that involves service.)
6. What would have to change or grow or deepen for your vision of Kennedy in question #5 to be actualized? Are you willing to change, grow, deepen in faith?

In conclusion, the Vision Panel found these comments about Vision to be valuable. “Vision permeates our thoughts, desires, ideals, imagination, feelings and body language; it is our worldview, our sense of life, our basic orientation towards reality. Our vision gives rise to our character, to our style of life, to our tone of being in the world.” **What do you find striking about those claims?**

“Where there is Vision, there is Life!”

Pastor Hart Edmonds



AUGUST 2011

SUMMER--CONTINUED!!

Thanks to those who have shared special music with us in June and July:

Leanne and Joel Greenberg

Ted Ziedses des Plantes and the Dixieland Band

Abby and Ben Langhorst

Summer Family Choir

AUGUST 7—Communion as a Sign, Foretaste and Instrument—Come and join us this morning for worship in Fellowship Hall as we summarize the sermon/Bible Study series from July. We will have special music, food, and activities. Since this is a Communion Sunday, there will be **Summer Family Choir**—we'll just gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 instead of in the Sanctuary. Remember this is open to ALL interested singers, rising grade 7 and up. We'll rehearse a simple anthem and the service music, and then sing for the service. No robes, no processional. This is a great time to give choir a try!

AUGUST 14— AUGUST 23— WORSHIP IN THE PARK!! Wear your picnic clothes and join us at Drake Park for morning worship. The music will be by the KHPC Brass and our usual picnic lunch will follow. Look elsewhere in the Messenger, the weekly e-newsletters, and your Sunday bulletins for more information. There will also be information via OneCall.

AUGUST 21—GOSPEL CHOIR RETURNS!! (Hopefully) This will be a return appearance by the Grace Gospel Choir. This is open to ALL interested singers!! Rehearsals will be:

Saturday, Augusts 20 10-11:30 a.m. Choir Room

Sunday, August 21 9:45 a.m. Sanctuary

I have only heard from 2 interested people, so if you are planning to sing, please let me know by phone or e-mail. Thanks!!!

AUGUST 30-- Leanne Greenberg will be playing flute solos for our special music.

HELP WANTED!!

Our adult groups need a few more bell players and more singers in every section of the Chancel Choir! You are welcome to come and visit first, if you like. PLEASE contact Janet or any choir member for more information, a ride, or whatever.

ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER!!



KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN AT KHPC CELEBRATING THE GOOD STUFF

“Celebrate God all day, every day.....Summing it all up, friends, I’d say you’ll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.”

(The Message Bible--Philippians 4: 4, 8-9)

RECENT “GOOD NEWS EVENTS”:

- Christopher Che has been appointed to a special jobs commission task force by President Obama. This is a terrific honor and we are so proud of you Christopher!!!
- We continue to grow our total for Pennies for Peace. Our original goal was \$180, which would cover a teacher’s pay for the length of an American school year. We have now collected **\$334.77**, as we focus on our next goal, which is to get to \$365 and fund a teacher every day for a year. Thanks for your continued support and keep bringing your pennies!!
- We have re-instituted our special monthly collections for the Caring Place and the response has been very good. Watch for each month’s special requests and keep the donations coming!
- We had a great turn-out for both the before-service Bible Study on Visioning and the Holy Conversations following worship on July 17. It is exciting to see so many people committing to the disciplines of group study and prayer as we begin to draft our Vision Statement. Thanks to Pastor Hart for his leadership.
- Isabella Battle is out of the hospital and back in worship. She was even the hostess for coffee hour on July 17 in a fabulous example of service by one of our youngest members. And a little child shall lead them
- We have people interested in going on the Presbytery-wide Guatemala mission trip in November. Their efforts are sponsored and supported by the Mission Committee, chaired by Elder Martha Highsmith. Watch for more information about this event in upcoming publications.

**WANT TO HELP KEEP THE GOOD NEWS COMING??? VISIT THE MISSION TABLE
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP. ALSO, BE SURE AND
SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS. (OR ANYONE ELSE’S 😊)**

CAN YOU FEEL THE EXCITEMENT?

The Silent Auction Committee for the Bazaar is ready to accept your donations to make this year's WOK Bazaar and Luncheon the best ever. Aside from the generous donations we receive from community businesses, we need the congregation's assistance too.

You may donate items for the Silent Auction - donations of service, donations of new items or donations of items to go into a gift basket. We ask that all donations have a value of \$25 or more.

Donations of services might include:

- Legal services - preparing a will
- Baby sitting
- Music lessons
- Teaching a different language
- Knitting or crochet lessons
- Preparing a special dessert each month

Donation ideas for gift baskets: (Families & groups can create their own baskets.)

- Everything Baby
- All things Cincinnati
- A night out on the town
- Entertainment - tickets to a play
- Sports - OSU/XU/ C/Bengals/Reds
- Gotta Have Chocolate
- Family Fun Night - board games
- Home Repairs
- Books, Books, Books
- Scary Halloween
- Gifts for the man

Donations of new/unwanted household items might include:

- Vacation house or condo for a week
- A new blender in unopened box
- Tickets to a play or sporting event
- Framed art work

Use your imaginations. Donations are being accepted now. Please fill out the attached form or see Jan Goings, Monica Battle, Karen Brown, or Karen Thomas to discuss donation options after church August 7 & 14. Donations needed by September 4. Thank You EVERYONE!

SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

DONOR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE/EMAIL _____

DONATED ITEM/SERVICE _____

VALUE \$ _____

WE NEED ALL DONATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 4th. Please attach this form to your donated item. Any questions, you may email Jan @ goingsj@fuse.net, or see Jan, Monica, Karen B. or Karen T. after church August 7 or 14th. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

The 2011 National Night Out will take place on

Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011, 6:00-9:00 PM

@ [Owl's Nest Park](#), located at 1984 Madison Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45208

National Night Out
WITH CINCINNATI POLICE DISTRICT 2



Celebrating
POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Presented by:  

Join us for free food, drinks, and fun at National Night Out—a great way to meet your neighbors, local police and community leaders. Kids will love meeting the horses of the mounted patrol, seeing police motorcycles up-close, and learning more about how to stay safe at home and school.

August 2nd, 2011, 6-9 PM
Owls Nest Park
1984 Madison Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45208
Web: www.d2nno.com Phone: 513-979-4480

District Two Officers Look Forward To Meeting You

On behalf of everyone in Cincinnati Police District Two, I want to invite you to attend our District-wide National Night Out event to be held in Owls Nest Park this year. We are looking forward to seeing you and your neighbors. This is a night when all of us can meet, talk in an informal setting, and share goals for the neighborhoods in District Two, and Cincinnati. We promise to have something special for everyone in your family, no matter what the age. I hope you will join us.

Captain Paul F. Broxterman, Jr.

Commander – Cincinnati Police District Two

KENNEDY HEIGHTS NEIGHBOR DAY
At Kennedy Heights Arts Center*

NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD DRIVE For

THE CARING PLACE

* Monetary Donations
made to the
Arts Center this day

In honor of
Susan Stebbins

*Kennedy Heights

ARTS CENTER
6546 MONTGOMERY RD.
Cincinnati, OH 45213



Featured Exhibit
*Kennedy Guild
Summer Show*

by local artists

*For more information
and all public hours
visit:
www.kennedyarts.org

*Soul Food
Sampler*

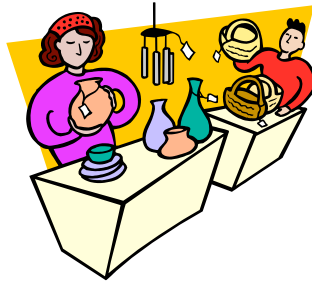
*Teaching Artist
&
Children's Activities*

Food Drive

Join us for a great celebration of the Kennedy Heights Neighborhood and the Arts Center in honor of our Mom's 70 years of life and 41 years in Kennedy Heights.

Tom Sherwood (513) 377-4468; Laura Sherwood (260) 517-9287;

Tim Sherwood (513) 521-3343



WOMEN OF KENNEDY BAZAAR & LUNCHEON

Saturday, OCTOBER 8, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (LUNCH)

(cost: \$8.00) (children under 12 - \$5.00)

Come shop for unique, hand crafts along with a silent auction, homemade baked goods and enjoy Entertainment and a Scrumptious lunch. At Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, 6312 Kennedy avenue.



“god’s goodie pantry”

Ladies, (*men too*) it’s time to start your cooking and baking for “**GOD’S GOODIE PANTRY**” to be in our Bazaar on Saturday, October 8, 2011.

Please bring your **GOODIES** on Friday, October 7, 2011, from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Any questions please see or call Edith Patton at 891-1996.

REMEMBER OUR

SHUT-INS

WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS, AND VISITS

Fay Bach, Priscilla Burroughs, Lena Freudenberg,
Arcenia Mason, Lorene Robbins, Beulah Wepler.

Directory Changes:

Evelyn Mangrum's phone number is listed in the directory incorrect, it is 745-7825 and she is in Apt. 325. Sorry for this mistake.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



WISE WOMEN BOOK CLUB:

Wise Women Book Club, will meet on Saturday August 27, 2011 at the home of Kate Furlong, at 7:00 p.m. Please R. S. V. P. to the host at 871-3889.

Book: Wench

Author: Dolen Perkins-Valdez



SAVE THE DATE:

The Women of Kennedy would like for all women to save the date Saturday, September 17, 2011 for the Women of Kennedy Retreat. More information to Come!

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Due to a consistent lack of parking lot issues, the Worship Committee has decided to discontinue the practice of having a parking lot attendant for daytime worship services. (We will continue police security for Christmas Eve and other evening events as needed.) Please remember to LOCK YOUR Car and HIDE VALUABLES before exiting your car. As always, watch out for each other and lend a helping hand as needed. Thank you, the Worship Committee.

CARING PLACE WISH LIST:

We are bringing back the monthly Caring Place wish list so that we can support their efforts more directly and effectively. Last month (July) for those of you who didn't get a chance to give, you still can (*personal care products, such as soap, shampoo, deodorants, dental care products, lotions, men's razors and shaving cream and sunscreen.*) This month: **School Supplies, Underwear and Socks for boys and girls!** Donations may be brought to worship services or directly to the Caring Place. Thank You.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for all of the prayers and encouragement you have given my mom in her recent health issues. She greatly appreciates the prayers, the home communions from Sue Roerdanz and Mary Frances Shea, and Pastor Hart's visits. It's just one more example of what a caring family this is!

Love, Janet Langhorst

Dear KHPC Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of the Charter event in my honor. The special gifts that many of you made to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Isabella's name were heart warming and will go far to support the work of the Blood Disease Institute.

I truly value your friendship.

*Sincerely,
Lynwood Battle*



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

- 1 Janet Berger
- 4 Belinda Key
- 6 Susan Stebbins
- 8 Cecelia "Ce" Holm
John Montgomery
- 9 Lisa M. Smith
- 10 Diane Rankin
- 13 Chase Marlette
- 15 Winfred "Win" Swormstedt
- 16 Susan "Sue" Kitchen
Margaret "Peg" Meyer
- 17 Dorothy Ella Lamb
- 18 Eric E. Landen
John M. Lane
George West
- 19 Tracy L. Sheridan
- 21 Elizabeth Wilson
- 22 Alberta Brown
- 23 Lillian "Lil" Saunders
- 29 Lydia Morgan
James "Jim" Walker
- 30 Christie Brown

CHILDREN BIRTHDAYS in august

- 28 Cassy Simmons

USHERS & Greeters FOR THE MONTH OF august

- 7 Wade Swormstedt, Captain, Euvie Rankin Jonathan Simmons, Rachel Smith
- 14 "Worship in the Park"
John & Marcia Lane
- 21 Harry Stebbins, Captain, Lyn Battle, Bea Conner, Mary Lee Maier,
- 28 Karen Thomas, Captain, Brittany Conner, Shirley Hoffeld, Edith Patton

(please call Bob Kamp, 631-4924 if unable to Usher or Greet)

Liturgist for august

- 7 Donna Ziedses des Plantes
- 14 Ben Langhorst
- 21 Lydia Morgan
- 28 Henry Morgan

Communion servers

- 7 Donna Ziedses des Plantes (liturgist)
Edith Patton
Abby Langhorst
Bobby Rankin

BEADLES FOR august

- 7 Loren Billingsley
- 14 Tyler Davis
- 21 Joey Furlong
- 28 Hope Johnston

COFFEE HOUR

- 7 Carol Hubbard
- 14 "Worship in the Park"
- 21 Sue Roerdanz, Peg Meyer,
Cassy Simmons
- 28 Bob, Mary Lee Maier & Marcia Talbot

(if you can't make your Sunday for Coffee Hour in August,
please call Mary Lee Maier @ 891-5762)



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>5:30 W. H. W. in Room 7</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 p. m. National Night Out with Cincinnati Police District 2 @ Owls Nest Park (see page in messenger)</p> <p>7:00 SESSION in F. H.</p> <p>7:30 AA in Room A</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>(office closed)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00 – 3:00 Birthday Celebration for Susan Stebbins @ K. H. Arts Center</p>	
<p><i>“19th Sunday in Ordinary Time”</i></p> <p>7</p> <p>10:30 Worship – Communion</p> <p>Summer Family Choir</p> <p>Home Communion</p> <p><i>Lectionary Text: Gen. 37: 1-4, 12-28; Ps. 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Rom. 10: 5-15; Matt. 14: 22-33</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 W. H. W. in Room 7</p> <p>7:20 Caring Place Board Meeting in C. P.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 AA in Room A</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>(office closed)</p>	<p>13</p>
<p><i>“20th Sunday in Ordinary Time”</i></p> <p>14</p> <p>10:30 “Worship- in the Park” - Daniel Drake Park</p> <p><i>Lectionary Text: Gen. 45: 1-15; Ps. 133; Rom. 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matt. 15: (10-20) 21-28</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 W. H. W. in Room 7</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 AA in Room A</p> <p>7:30 K H CC in F. H.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>(office closed)</p>	<p>20</p>
<p><i>“21st Sunday in Ordinary Time”</i></p> <p>21</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p><i>Lectionary Text: Exod. 1: 8-2: 10; Ps. 124; Rom. 12: 1-8; Matt. 16: 13-20</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 W. H. W. in Room 7</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30 AA in Room A</p> <p>7:30 K H Development Committee in K. L.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>(office closed)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 Wise Women Book Club @ Kate Furlong</p>
<p><i>“22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time”</i></p> <p>28</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p><i>Lectionary Text: Exod. 3: 1-15; Ps. 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c; Rom. 12: 9-21; Matt. 16: 21-28</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30 W. H. W. in Room 7</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30 AA in Room A</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>AUGUST,</p> <p>2011</p>		

"WORSHIP IN THE PARK"

Our traditional "Worship in the Park" will be on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at Daniel Drake Park. This has become one of our favorite special events where we can feel a little closer to nature as we worship God and enjoy the company of our church family at an old fashion picnic. This year we will be adding to our traditional as we did on last year, we will be having a cook-out. We asking each family instead of bringing a covered dish, we ask that you give a monetary donation that will be used to purchase food for the picnic. We would like to have the donations no later than Sunday, August 7, 2011.



Worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the picnic will begin around 11:35 a.m. Please mark your calendars with this important date and be prepared to really enjoy yourselves. There will be children games and activities. Dress in comfortable attire.

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