

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.*

OCTOBER, 2011

From Pastor Hart Edmonds, Interim:

Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving
“4 Sundays in October to learn about the Power of Giving”

“Giving, not getting is the way. Generosity begets generosity”

Luke 6:38 The Message Bible

During the month of October here at Kennedy Heights you are invited to experience and renew a key spiritual principle: ***Giving helps us become what God wants us to be.*** Even in uncertain times, perhaps especially in such times, this faith value speaks to us. Giving is not merely about the church’s need for money but about the Christian’s need to grow in generosity. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit, a sign of our spiritual growth. God uses our giving to change the world for God’s purposes and God uses our giving to transform our interior lives and to change us!

A thread of recurring words from the Shema (Deuteronomy 6: 4-5) forms the biblical basis for this year’s Stewardship theme of “Extravagant Generosity”. In Mark 12:33 (“To love God with a whole heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself”), the great Shema is expressed in the context of the teachings of Jesus. Jewish faith expresses it in this manner: “Deeds of giving are the very foundation of the world.” Wholehearted love of God leads us to lives of generosity with others on behalf of our Lord.

During the weeks of October 9, 16, 23 and 30 you will have opportunities to worship together, to hear others share brief stories of wholeheartedly love for this church, for its people, for our God and the vision of ministry that is unfolding and for how our faith leads us to make a difference in the world together. One of the most difficult challenges for the church is effectively bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to a negative world in desperate need of something positive and transformational. As someone has commented in a challenging way, sometimes it feels like the negative world often has more influence on the church than the church has on presenting the good news to the world. Do you want to change that dynamic? I know I do!

Worship themes: October 9 “EKG- Ministry Flows from the Heart”

Sharing: Where have you seen Jesus at work in the world?

(Small groups each Sunday in Kemper Lounge at 9:20 am: Discussion based on Devotional Guides)

Worship: October 16 “The Art of Love- Relationships Are Matters of the Heart”

Sharing: Who has made a difference in your spiritual life?

Worship: October 23 “Bucket Lists- Vision & Hope Are Inspirations of the Heart

Sharing: What is your vision & hope for our church?

Worship: October 30 “Declarations of Your Heart- Extravagant Generosity

Is an Expression of Your Heart”

Sharing: What has influenced you to be generous and to serve others?

Our emphasis on sharing stories of “Extravagant Generosity” and learning how to become more generous givers in every aspect of our lives is an opportunity to join with the presence of a generous God in the world. **We will move toward a dedication of our tithes and offerings for the church’s ministry and mission on Sunday, October 30 in worship that day.**

KHPC SESSION
AUGUST 30, 2011

The meeting was called to order. The Agenda was adopted and a quorum declared.

The meeting centered on the proposed stewardship plan, "Extravagant Generosity."

The plan was adopted. The Stewardship Plan will take place during the month of October 9, 16, 23 and 30. It will relate to The Journey of Transformation. Each KHPC household will receive a Study Guide. There will be at least two opportunities to discuss the materials on Sunday mornings.

There are team leaders for the project: Worship/Teaching – Worship Ministry; Communication – Martha Highsmith, Doris Herring and Donna Ziedses des Plantes; Spiritual – Wade Swormstedt and Sue Roerdanz.

Other Action Items: Women of Kennedy were approved for two project dates: Blanket Sunday – January 8; Thank Offering – March 4.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is the regular Session meeting, September 6.

KHPC SESSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Session met at its regular time with a quorum present. The major emphasis for the meeting was an orientation to the Stewardship Theme of “Extravagant Generosity.”

The program will take place over four Sundays in October. Preaching, study, and congregational participation are highlights of the effort. This thematic approach will stress the difference between mere fundraising and real generosity as a potential core value of our transformation. Every household will receive the study booklet and all are encouraged to participate in the Sunday morning discussion sessions at 9:30 a.m. There will be opportunities for storytelling about how the KHPC church family has impacted various members. The various committees will create a narrative budget in which those groups will tell how aspects of that ministry have made a difference in our life together.

A proposed Session Workshop using the StrengthFinders program was discussed. This program is a tested vehicle for creating better understanding of individual strengths and how that would impact the entire group. It could possibly lead to future leadership development process. A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

The Mission Committee will host a fundraiser for those going on the Guatemala mission trip in November. Those going are Jan Goings, Martha Highsmith and Pastor Hart. The Guatemala Café Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will feature traditional Mexican food. No fee will be asked but rather a free will offering.

The Vision Panel portion of The Journey of Transformation has met throughout August and will continue meeting and working toward a mission statement of God’s dream for KHPC.

The next meeting will be October 4 at 7 p.m.



KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN AT KHPC CELEBRATING THE GOOD STUFF

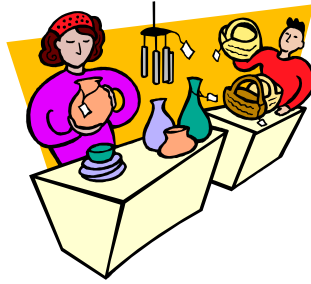
“Celebrate God all day, every day.....Summing it all up, friends, I’d say you’ll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.”

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

Recent “good news events”:

- The Women of Kennedy had a very well attended fall retreat on September 17. Dr. Sarah Melcher led a Bible study on Women of the New Testament, and there were lots of other activities, including line dancing! Mark your calendars for the Annual Bazaar and Silent Auction on October 8.
- We celebrate that people are still bringing pennies in regularly to Pennies for Peace. Due to summer schedules, we don’t have an updated total, but continue to bring those pennies. And, if you never have dropped any in—consider doing it for the first time. They do add up!!
- We have continued to have a great response to our specific monthly requests from the Caring Place. Keep up the good work and watch for each month’s special requests.
- We have new members in Chancel Choir--Mark Linder, Adult Bell Choir--Gary Langhorst and KHPC Kids--Isabella Battle and Pauly Carpenter.
- David Singleton was celebrated at Justice for All: A Summit on Racial Justice, Opportunity, and Equity on September 30 at the Word of Deliverance Family Center. David was honored for his work as the Executive Director of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center.
- Millisa Bilingsley will be honored for 20 years with Tri-Health at their Service Awards Banquet on October 1.
- Three people have committed to the Guatemala mission trip from November 4-14—Jan Goings, Martha Highsmith and Pastor Hart Edmonds. Please continue to keep them in prayer.

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 ☺)



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.

KHPC YOUTH GROUP

October 2011

We had our opening planning meeting on September 18. We have several dates we are considering for our service projects and fun events. Here is what we know for sure for October:

October 1 **Assist with the Guatemala Café Night**

October 8 **Entertain and serve lunch for the WOK Bazaar and
Silent Auction**

October 9, 16, 23, 30 **Extravagant Generosity Unit in class**

October 23 **IHN Dinner**

There will also be one other meeting during the month that is still TBA.

Youth Group is open to ALL KHPC youth--and their friends--in grades 7-12.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

At Knox Presbyterian Church
3400 Michigan Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45208

Building Relationships between Women of Faith:
Bringing Christian and Muslim Women together
to work for Justice and Peace

Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, October 4, 2011
6:00 p.m. - Registration
Cost of Dinner \$7.00

Please call your reservations by Thursday, September 29th to:
Ann Tommelein (513-831-8401) or
Barbara Johnson (513-248-91021)

Note: Childcare will be provided if requested.
Parents need to provide a brown bag meal for each child.

Our speaker: Karen Dabdoub, served as the Executive Director of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), Cincinnati Office since 2004. Prior to joining CAIR she was the Administrator of the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati for five years. She has also worked in local government and in business for many years.

Karen has served on many commissions, councils, and boards, including as a commissioner of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, and she is currently the President of the CHRC. She is a founding member of Muslim Mothers Against Violence which was begun in 2005 by Muslim women to take a stand against violence at home and abroad.

Karen is an engaging and compassionate woman who speaks from her heart. She gladly participates in many interfaith forums at churches and universities as well as for professional groups.

Don't miss the opportunity to learn what we Presbyterians have in common with Muslim sisters.

**Many thanks to ALL who participated
to make the Women of Kennedy Retreat a success!**

Lydia Morgan - food preparation

Jeane Goings - for making contact with members
encouraging them to attend

Janet Langhorst - leading the sing a long
(Brenda Wallace, Karen Thomas, & Gloria Manggrum) -
leading line Dancing

Mary Frances Shea - donation of plants for table favors

Sue Ann Spears - making of Mission Boxes

Dr. Sarah Melcher - for her enlightening remarks about
biblical women especially in the Life of Mary

It was a very good and well received program thank you,
thank you.

Ruby Metts - Chairperson

We were pleased to have Ms. Rhashell Hunter from the
Presbytery of Louisville to drive up to share the day
with us. This was an unexpected blessing!

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:

Fay Bach
Kenwood Terrace
7450 Keller Road #205
Cinti., OH 45243 (this will be Fay's permanent address)

Charles Andrew (he was mistakenly left out of the Directory.)
6262 Robison Road
Cinti., OH 45213 Phone # 731-9078

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



GUATEMALA CAFÉ

You are invited to support the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church Guatemala Café Dinner on **Saturday, October 1 from 5-7:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this lively night of music, delicious food, and fellowship is to support our church's participation in a mission project in Guatemala from November 4-14 this fall in partnership with other churches in our Presbytery. This would be a wonderful occasion to invite friends to attend with you! Freewill offerings will be received the night of the dinner, or you may send financial contributions to the church office. Reservations may be made in the coming weeks by calling the church office!

W. O. K. & Naomi Circle:

The Women of Kennedy and Naomi Circle will have a program on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 12 noon in Room C. All Women of Kennedy are invited and bring a brown bag lunch.

CARING PLACE WISH LIST:

Your generous support of the Caring Place is much appreciated. In October, you may continue your support through contributions of: (*personal toiletry items for both men and women, tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant. Also, the clothing closet is in great need of men's shirts and pants still, and new underwear & socks for men, women and children in all sizes. The food pantry needs can soup and can fruit.*)

The Food Pantry welcomes any donations of non-perishable food items.

COMMUNITY ITEMS:

METALLIC MEN:

The Metallic Men meet here at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church on the 1st & 3rd Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

October 7: Cincinnati Symphony

**Speaker: Trey Devey, President,
Cincinnati Symphony**

October 21: The Grand Canyon

**Speaker: Bill Dietzer, Member of
Highpointers Club, Appalachian
Trail Conference, and the Sierra
Club**

PEANUT BUTTER & JAM

Coming to KHPC Saturday, **November 5th** for the start of the new PB&J Fall Concert Season, which begins with **BRASSTACULAR!** The Carillon Brass will introduce you to the members of its family. You may just fall out of your seat from the brassy and bold blare of these shiny instruments. This is a wonderful opportunity to treat children to good music, and to meet the performers. There are 2 concerts 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. Tickets are available at the door are call 513-381-6868.

\$5.00 for an individual ticket (child or adult)
\$15.00 for a Flexible Ticket Book (4 tickets, good at any PB&J concert) Under 2 are free!

FREE COOKIES AT EACH CONCERT
graciously donated by **Graeter's!**



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

- 4 Temple Covington
- 5 Sarah Cahill
- 6 Allison Gambini
Ann Lucas
- 7 Anthony Wallace
- 8 Krystal Muldrow
Wanda Smith
- 10 Tyler Davis
Donna Ziedses des Plantes
- 13 Ronald Hunter
Henry Morgan
- 14 Harry Stebbins
- 18 James Penebaker
- 19 Verna Williams
- 21 Patricia McDonnell-Stephen
- 22 Marilyn Hedges
Euvie Rankin
- 24 Monica Battle
- 25 Joyce Drake
Lisa Pelz
- 27 Libby Gaalaas
- 31 Michael Hedges

CHILDREN BIRTHDAYS in OCTOBER

- 11 Cierra West
- 12 Samantha Heath
- 14 Dylan Marie Cooke
- 30 Joshua Smith



Parking Lot:

- 2 Bob Young
- 9 Jim Walker
- 16 Bob Rankin
- 23 Clarence Herring
- 30 Ev Kitchen

USHERS & Greeters

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

- 2 Karen Brown, Captain, Bea Conner,
Bob Kamp, Kristen Scott
- 9 Jeane Goings, Captain, Michael Hedges,
Mary Lee Maier, Carolyn Miller
- 16 Patricia Keyes, Captain,
Gloria Mangrum, Cassy Simmons,
Wanda Smith
- 23 Henry Morgan, Captain, Melba Morgan,
Janet Berger, Anthony Wallace
- 30 Jan Goings, Captain, Temple Covington,
Don Lane, Carrie Wallace

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

Liturgist for OCTOBER

- 2 Verna Williams
- 9 Gary Langhorst
- 16 Tracy Sheridan
- 23 Christopher Che
- 30 Martha Highsmith

Communion servers

- 2 Verna Williams (liturgist)
Ev Kitchen
Carolyn Miller
Bill Brown
- 30 Martha Highsmith (liturgist)
Jim Walker
Edith Patton
John Lane

BEADLES FOR OCTOBER

- 2 Cassy Simmons
- 9 Rachel Smith
- 16 Anthony Wallace
- 23 Carrie Wallace
- 30 Loren Billingsley

COFFEE HOUR

- 2 Carol Davis & Geneva Davis
- 9 Carol Hubbard
- 16 *Volunteer needed*
- 23 Euvie Rankin & Verna Williams
- 30 Brenda Wallace

(if you can't make your Sunday for Coffee Hour in October,
please call Brenda Wallace 772-5620 or
Verna Williams 631-3304)



Sunday



OCTOBER, 2011



1
5:00 – 7:30
p.m.
Guatemala
Café Dinner

<p>2 <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship – World Communion Sunday / Peacemaking Offering <i>Lectionary Text: Exod. 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19; Phil. 3: 4b-14; Matt. 21: 33-46</i></p>	<p>3 5:30 W. H. W. in 7</p>	<p>4 6:00 Presbytery Women @ Knox 7:00 SESSION – F. H. 7:30 AA in Room A</p>	<p>5 5:00 KHPC Kids (K-6) 5:45 All Dancers</p>	<p>6 6:30 Alabama Connection – F. H. 6:30 Adult Bells 7:00 Geier Bible Study @ Geier 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7 10:00 Metallic Men – F. H.</p>	<p>8 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. <i>W. O. K. Annual Bazaar & Luncheon</i></p>
<p>9 <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:15 Church School 10:30 Worship <i>Lectionary Text: Exod. 32: 1-14; Ps. 106: 1-6, 19-23; Phil. 4: 1-9; Matt. 22: 1-14</i></p>	<p>10 5:30 W. H. W. in 7 7:15 Caring Place Board meeting</p>	<p>11 7:30 AA in Room A</p>	<p>12 5:00 KHPC Kids (K-6) 5:45 ALL Dance</p>	<p>13 6:30 Adult Bell 7:00 Geier Bible Study @ Geier 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>		<p>15</p>
<p>16 <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:15 Church School 10:30 Worship <i>Lectionary Text: Exod. 33: 12-23; Ps. 99; I Thess. 1: 1-10; Matt. 22: 15-22</i></p>	<p>17 12:00 W. O. K. & Naomi Circle Program (brown bag lunch) in Room C 5:30 W. H. W. in 7 (Messenger Deadline)</p>	<p>18 7:30 KHCC in F. H. 7:30 AA in Room A</p>	<p>19 5:00 KHPC Kids (K-6) 5:45 ALL Dance</p>	<p>20 6:30 Adult Bells 7:00 Geier Bible Study @ Geier 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>21 10:00 Metallic Men – F. H.</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:15 Church School 10:30 Worship Youth Group – IHN <i>Lectionary Text: Deut. 34: 1-12; Ps. 90: 1-6, 13-17; I Thess. 2: 1-8; Matt. 22: 34-46</i></p>	<p>24 5:30 W. H. W. in 7</p>	<p>25 7:30 AA in Room A</p>	<p>26 NO KHPC KIDS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>27 6:30 Adult Bells 7:00 Geier Bible Study @ Geier 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 <i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:15 Church School 10:30 Worship <i>Lectionary Text: Josh. 3: 7-17; Ps. 107: 1-7, 33-37; I Thess. 2: 9-13; Matt. 23: 1-12</i></p>	<p>31 5:30 W. H. W. in 7 </p>					