

THE MESSENGER

A Publication of Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church (khpesharon@fuse.net)

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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.*

SEPTEMBER, 2011

From Pastor Hart Edmonds, Interim:

“Perseverance”

+How is it that some people persevere, remaining steadfast & persistent no matter what?

+How is it that some people, even with failures, betrayals & set-backs, still keep going, working for what they care about?

+How do they not fall victim to exhaustion & despair?

+Who and what do you turn to when life is challenging and you wonder if you can endure?

Those questions I've listed above are really spiritual questions about living our lives and finding our way. I thought about those questions as I helped my son Daniel prepare for his return to college for his senior year, with all of the uncertainties and adventures that will begin post-graduation. I've seen my call as a father to all three of our sons as a calling to be a mentor and guide in helping three young men launch their own adult journeys. This call to be the kind of father I never experienced is about discovering who I am as well, because each of our roles and callings contributes to the person God is also fashioning us to be. When I was in my senior year of college, my mother sent me a letter with a very simple message that she recalled hearing in a time of real crisis in the world: ***“Never Give Up! Never Give Up! Never, Ever, Give Up!”*** Those words meant something to me, not just for their own power, but also because of the person who shared them with me. They were words that had been validated in a life well lived. Isn't that a crucial part of the witness of our own faith journeys?

Currently I'm reading a little book of meditations with the title **Perseverance** by Margaret Wheatley. She begins with a definition of “perseverance” which in Latin means, “one who sees through to the end,” “one who doesn't yield.” In English, it describes how we maintain our activity in spite of difficulties. Tenacity, steadfastness, persistence, doggedness-- these are all common synonyms. As Wheatley observes, human experience is the story of perseverance. Throughout space and time, humans have always persevered. We wouldn't be here without them.

Think of all the people you know-family, friends, strangers- who have just kept going, who didn't yield, who were tenacious, steadfast, patient. How would you describe them? What were some of their traits? Their capacities? What was it like to be around them, to listen to their stories? At the end of their lives how were they? Angry? Contented? Cynical? Peaceful? What do their lives offer you as lessons on how to persevere? What could inspire us from these examples in the faith we share together?

A pastor friend spoke to me this summer about participating in a retreat with the focus being **the cultivation of resilience as a leader and as a person**. The more I heard this friend speak, the more I saw “resilience” as part of that constellation of qualities that I want in my own life, along with traits like “perseverance”. In times like these of great uncertainty, people of faith need many qualities of strength and determination; most of all we need each other in a community of faith where we can “count on God” and where we can “count on each other.”

Transitions2Adulthood **“navigating the new path to adulthood”**

What? A time for KHPC parents to learn & share
When? Sunday, September 11 at 9:45am. Kemper Lounge

Several families, parents, and young adults here at KHPC are learning something about the challenges of “navigating a new path to adulthood” in our culture and particular historical moment. It’s an exciting time! It’s sometimes a confusing experience! Sometimes adults find that the older, familiar ways of moving into young adulthood are taking new twists and turns. And let’s face it; sometimes we parents are not always sure about how to go about being helpful in launching our young men and women into adulthood today. **Wouldn’t you like to join other parents and adults here at KHPC in a beginning exploration of common questions and concerns and maybe explore together what resources there are out there to help in the transition from adolescence into adulthood?**

Here’s what one experienced counselor shared about the experience of equipping parents in their task of launching young people into adulthood:

“Most parents who consult with me, no matter what the age or stage of their children, will ask me for help with motivating them—to study harder, to make friends, to complete their chores, to get their driver’s license, to fill out job or college applications—in short, to perform the tasks that lead to self-sufficiency. The reality, however, is that it is impossible to motivate anyone else—motivation is an *interior* mechanism, not an exterior one. We are all designed and inclined to establish goals and behave in ways that bring us closer to reaching them. **All that parents can do is to help create the conditions in which *self-motivation*—the only true motivation—can blossom. In other words, we can show our children where the doors are, and maybe even open the doors, but we can’t *walk through* those doors for them.”**

So, you are invited to join in a conversation with friends and parents here at KHPC to begin this exploration about learning to help your son or daughter prepare for an effective start in adulthood. We all have something to offer and questions to share and encouragement to discover together. Speak to Pastor Hart Edmonds about your interest.

KHPC SESSION
AUGUST 2, 2011

Present: M. Highsmith, M. Kamp, D. Ziesdes des Plantes, D. Herring, S. Roerdanz, L. Battle, B. Young, J. Goings, W. Swormstedt, Moderator, H. Edmonds, Clerk, S. Imhausen

Absent/Excused: B. Rankin, C. Sheridan-Bebeau

Guests: Gary Langhorst, Janet Langhorst, Jonathan Simmons, Bob Kamp

Call to Order and Opening – Litany of Abundance in Community

A quorum was declared.

Adoption of Agenda. No additions.

Business:

Examination of new elders.

- Excerpt from Book of Order regarding ordination and installation; discussion of questions to be asked.

Motion to schedule installation and ordination for September 18. Second. Motion carried.

Noted that serving on Session is a collaborative form of ministry.

Motion made to accept the examination of candidates. Second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, Bob Kamp

Finance Committee working on Stewardship campaign

Income or receipts versus what has been spent January – June, 2011 is down \$34,000.

Mr. Kamp asked that all Session members contribute to the Presbytery's per capita expense of \$27.19. Committee is meeting regularly. Members are Bob Kamp, Wade Swormstedt, Harry Stebbins, Lyn Battle. Suggested at least one woman be added to the committee Excerpt from "Extravagant Generosity" by Robert Schnase

Difference between generosity and stewardship: generosity is a choice, stewardship an obligation.

Motion to adopt theme of "Extravagant Generosity" for 2011 stewardship campaign.

Second. Carried. Focus will be in October.

August meeting will stress organizing the church's ministry and mission in the next year.

Wade Swormstedt and Bob Young volunteered to work with Hart. One more person needed.

Committee Reports

Mission: Martha Highsmith, chairperson, moved that the Session endorse KHPC's

Participation in the Presbytery's mission trip to Guatemala November 4-14.

Three people are interested in going: Jan Goings, Martha Highsmith and Hart Edmonds.

Motion carried. There will be a commissioning by both the Presbytery and KHPC at a later date.

Request was also made to use Fellowship Hall October 1 for a fund raiser, a Guatemala Café.

Approved by consensus.

Resources: Gary Langhorst. Molloy Roofing evaluated repairs needed. They have made a schedule of the most pressing issues. Painting needs will require two bids. Gary will check references for painting

the front of the church and the Solar Vista side. Work will begin in September or October. Other possible projects include resealing the parking lot, new carpeting in halls and Fellowship Hall.

Women of Kennedy: A request was made to use Fellowship Hall and Kemper Lounge for the women's retreat on September 17. Motion approved by consensus.

Clerk's Report. Minutes for the May 3 meeting were approved with one correction. Special meeting June 19 was approved with no objections.

Pastor's Report: Hart attended the July 26 Presbytery meeting as our representative. Summer activities and study time presented. Pastor Hart requests vacation time September 19-25. Pulpit supply to be arranged. Approved.

A petition was made to support the Anna Louise Inn recommended by Duane Holm. The request was to endorse the Inn's intention to stay where they are or Duane will collect individual signatures. Session moved to support the Inn through the individual signatures but not as a Session. Approved.

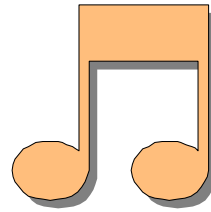
A committee to be formed to explore planning a Session retreat which will focus on leading change. Gary and Janet Langhorst and Sue Imhausen volunteered.

Closing: What felt positive in our time together? Stewardship/generosity discussion, everyone working together, welcoming new members.

Closing prayer for joys and concerns.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting planned for August 30, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Imhausen, Clerk of Session



KHPC WORSHIP AND MUSIC NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2011

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September worship will be continuing to open us to visioning the future of KHPC, even as the Vision Panel drafts our vision statement. We will also be ordaining and installing elders.

September 4—Communion and Summer Family Choir—all are welcome to come and sing with us—meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for a rehearsal of a simple anthem.

September 11—The Chancel Choir returns to sing after a well-deserved summer break.

September 18—Ordination and Installation—come to bless, support, and celebrate those who have agreed to this call to ministry and leadership at such an important time in the life of KHPC.

September 25—Pastor Hart will be out of town for this Sunday so things are still being planned. See you in church!!

MANY THANKS

. . . to all who participated in music this summer in any way!! We are blessed!!

Joel and Leanne Greenberg

Harry Stebbins

Abby Langhorst

Summer Family Choir

KHPC Brass

Ben Langhorst

Grace Gospel Choir

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HELP WANTED

It's time for the fall rehearsals to start and all of the choirs would love to have some new members! No experience is necessary—just a desire to make music for the Lord! **We are especially in need of at least one new adult bell choir member and additional Chancel Choir members—especially tenors.**

The times and dates are listed below—please find a group that looks interesting and come to a rehearsal. It's OK to come and observe at first if you'd like. Please see Janet or any other choir member for more information. Times and dates are below:

REHEARSAL TIMES AND DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

CHANCEL CHOIR

Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

September 8, 15, 22, 29

ADULT BELL CHOIR

Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

September 8, 15, 22, 29

KHPC KIDS (K-6)

Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45

September 14, 21, 28

YOUNG RINGERS (7-12)

Schedule is TBA



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”:

- We had some great worship experiences in August! On August 7, we met in Fellowship Hall to summarize our July experiences of being a Sign, Foretaste and Instrument and celebrated Communion which is a sign, foretaste and instrument. Our Park Worship on August 14 was a wonderful time of celebrating creation and blessing and sending our college age students on to another year and blessing the grade school students at the same time.
- 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 had a great turn-out for the Grace Gospel Choir’s appearance in worship on August 21, including several people who were participating in the music ministry for the first time!!
- Our youth have had busy summers. Tyler Davis has been working as an attendant in the private suites at Great American Ball Park. Tyler was originally going to be hired to work in food service, but on the basis of his strong interview—and winning personality of course!—he was kicked upstairs (literally). Yeah, Tyler!! Anthony Wallace and Ben Langhorst performed in plays this summer—Hairspray and Mean Girls, respectively—and Abby Langhorst played in the Eastern Music Festival in Greensboro, NC. Loren Billingsley applied her experience as a summer camp attendee by becoming a camp counselor. We also have some new—and working on their 50 hours—drivers. 😊
- Three people have committed to the Guatemala mission trip from November 4-14—Jan Goings, Martha Highsmith and Pastor Hart Edmonds. To supplement the financial support which will be given by the Presbytery, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a **Guatemala Café Night on October 1, 5-7:30 p.m.** There will be a Spanish-themed dinner and entertainment. **Save the date and watch for more information to come.**

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 😊)

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Journey Inward, Journey Outward: The Transformation Continues

As our church transforms, so does some of our programming. We don't know yet exactly how Wonderful Wednesday will function this year, so watch the bulletin and the e-news for more information.

If you have ideas for programming or other suggestions or would like to be involved in planning, please see Pastor Hart, Janet Langhorst, Sue Imhausen or Mary Kamp and let us know what you think.

HOWEVER

Youth Arts groups will start on September 14 and rehearse with the following schedule, at least for the month of September:

KHPC Kids (K-6) 5:00-5:45 Choir room September 14, 21, 28

Liturgical Dancers (all ages) 5:45-6:30 Sanctuary September 14, 21, 28



KHPC WOMEN OF KENNEDY BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON - OCTOBER 8, 2011

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/ UC/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 _____

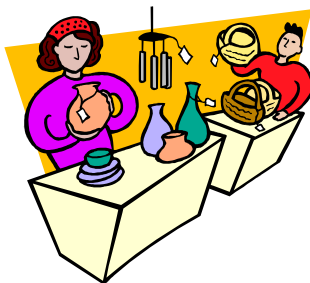
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DONATED ITEM/SERVICE _____

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. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!



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:

Tyler Davis
5202 Williamsburg Road NW (45215)
(c) 513-709-7257

ANNOUNCEMENTS :



Women of Kennedy Retreat:

All women of Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church are invited to a retreat at the church on Saturday, September 17, 2011. The retreat will provide a time of spiritual renewal and an opportunity to relax from the stresses of the world and to connect and reconnect with other church women. Registration and mingle will start at 9:00 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Sarah Melcher, professor of religion at Xavier University and former member of KHPC, will lead us in an interactive discussion about "Women of the New Testament" bring your Bibles, a note pad and pen.

Unwind and relax with Line Dancing: Leaders: Gloria Mangrum, Karen Thomas, and Brenda Wallace.

Stir up your artistic juices with a Mission project: Leader: Sue Ann Spears

Come and take advantage of this opportunity to revive and rejuvenate & relax.

Lunch is included!

R.S.V.P. by September 11, 2011. Call the Church office 631-1114 or sign-up after church in Fellowship Hall.

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!

CARING PLACE WISH LIST:

Your generous support of the Caring Place is much appreciated. In September, you may continue your support through contributions of: *(personal toiletry items for both men and women. Also, the clothing closet is in great need of men's shirts and pants. New underwear for men, women and children in all sizes is also needed.)*

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

Thank You!

Dear Friends at KHPC,

I appreciate so much your prayers and thoughts. Pam was a wonderful daughter-in-law, she will be missed. I am blessed to have your friendship. I miss all of you.

Peace, Irma Buford

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your many cards, hugs, calls, and contributions to the Kennedy Heights Art Center and/or The Caring Place in celebration of my 70th birthday. It was such a pleasure to have so many of you come to the party at KHAC to enjoy the beauty of this restored property, the wonderful display of local art work, the fellowship of friends and neighbors, and especially the delicious food prepared and served by Sharon and her amazing family.

You are a blessing to me, my family, our church and our community.



BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 1 Martha Highsmith
- 5 Estella Lumbus
- 7 Grayce Shadd
- 10 Sue Scheld
Kevin Thomas
Bob Young
- 18 Beatrice "Bee" Conner
Patricia "Patty" Heath
- 19 Mildred "Millie" Perkinson
- 20 Hoda Sadek Mabrey
Marcia Talbot
- 24 Barbara J. Campbell
- 25 Jeane Goings
- 26 Janet Payne

CHILDREN BIRTHDAYS in SEPTEMBER

- 23 Emma Marie Rankin
- 24 Jeremiah R. M. Burroughs

Some Changes to the new Directory

Bill Brown email: billybob65w@aol.com

Karen Brown phone # 513-300-6433

USHERS & Greeters

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- 4 Verna Williams, Captain,
David Singleton, Allison Singleton,
David Walters
- 11 Doris Herring, Captain, Clarence Herring,
Peg Meyer, Sue Roerdanz
- 18 Ted & Donna Ziedses des Plantes,
Captains, Michael Hedges, Wanda Smith
- 25 Win Swarmstedt, Captain, Dave
Swarmstedt, Clarence Leatherwood,
Cheryl Ware

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

Liturgist for SEPTEMBER

- 4 Loren Billingsley
- 11 Bob Rankin
- 18 Verna Williams
- 25 Jack Drake

Communion servers

- 4 Bill Brown
Jack Drake
Brenda Wallace
Gary Langhorst

BEADLES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 4 Joey Furlong
- 11 Emma Rankin
- 18 Kristen Scott
- 25 Allison Singleton

COFFEE HOUR

- 4 Melba Morgan
- 11 Rose Che
- 18 Karen Brown
- 25 Youth Group (Janet)

(if you can't make your Sunday for Coffee Hour in September,
please call Karen Brown @ 351-1182)



SUNDAY

TUESDAY

WED

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER , 2011

1

6:00 Alabama
Connection in F.
H.

2

10:00 Metallic
Men in
Fellowship Hall

3

4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**10:30 Worship –
Communion
Family Summer Choir
sings**

Lectionary Text: Exod. 12: 1-14; Psalm 149; Rom. 13: 8-14; Matt. 18: 15-20

5

“Labor Day”

(office closed)

6

**7:00 SESSION
MEETING – K. L.
7:30 AA in Room A**

7

8

6:30 Adult Bells
Choir rehearsal
7:30 Chancel
Choir rehearsal

9

10

11

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 Sunday School kick-off
Breakfast – F. H.

9:45 Parents Forum – K. L.

10:30 Worship

*Lectionary Text: Exod. 14: 19-31;
Ps. 114 or Exod. 15: 1b-11, 20-21; Rom. 14: 1-12; Matt. 18: 21-35*

12

5:30 W.H.W. in 7
7:20 Caring Place
meeting in C. P.

13

**5:00 Presbytery
meeting @ Knox
7:30 AA in Room 7**

14

5:00 KHPC Kids
rehearsal
5:45 All Dancers
rehearsal

15

6:30 Adult Bells
rehearsal
7:30 Chancel
Choir rehearsal

16

10:00 Metallic
Men in
Fellowship Hall

17

18

“25th Sunday in Ordinary Time”

9:15 Sunday School

**10:30 Worship –
Ordination & Installation
of Elders**

Lectionary Text: Exod. 16: 2-15; Ps. 105: 1-6, 37-45; Phil. 21-30; Matt. 20: 1-16

19

5:30 W.H.W. in 7

**(Messenger
Deadline)**

20

7:30 KHCC in F. H.
7:30 AA in Room A

21

5:00 KHPC Kids
rehearsal
5:45 All Dancers
rehearsal

22

6:30 Adult Bells
Choir rehearsal
7:30 Chancel
Choir rehearsal

23



Begins!

24

**9:00 K.H.C.C.
Progressive
Dinner in
Fellowship Hall**

25

“26th Sunday in Ordinary Time”

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship

Lectionary Text: Exod. 17: 1-7; Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16; Phil. 1-13; Matt. 21: 23-32

26

5:30 W. H. W. in 7

27

7:30 AA in Room A

28

5:00 KHPC Kids
rehearsal
5:45 All Dancers
rehearsal

29

6:30 Adult Bells
Choir rehearsal
7:30 Chancel
Choir rehearsal

30



"ALL-CHURCH FAMILY BREAKFAST"

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE ALL-CHURCH FAMILY BREAKFAST TO KICK OFF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2011.

**There are still positions open to help with this worthwhile project. For those of you unhappy with our lack of an Elementary program in 2011. Now is the time to get on board. We plan a young Elementary and Middle Elementary Group if teachers and students express interest. The Intergenerational Breakfast will be an opportunity to look over the curriculum and talk with others concerned about this program at KHPC.

Hope to see everyone there at 9:30 a.m.!!!

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