HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2019

Highland Church reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ building disciples with vision for ministry.

My best friend Charlie and I were always doing something after school. Charlie lived only two blocks from me and we were in the same class at school, so we would get our homework and then play as 11 year old boys would do. Charlie's dad was the Boy Scout Pack Leader in the neighborhood. It didn't take him long to convince me I should become a Boy Scout. That's when the "REAL FUN" began!

Shortly after joining the Scouts, it was announced that Troop 21 was going to Camp-A-Rama in Galena, Illinois, home of Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States. Troops from all over Illinois would make the trip. You could be sure I wasn't going to miss out on any fun. However, you were required to be at least a Tender Foot (first pin I had to get - needless to say at my age now, things may have changed since then, not that I'm old but that it's been a few years).

Being a Tender Foot consisted of a few minor, but basic things such as tying one knot, attending so many meetings and a scouting workday. Charlie's dad would take us around the neighborhood every so often and we would help individuals out in various ways. His dad always said if a person needs help you help them and expect nothing in return.

The good news was I got the Tender Foot pin and I was off to Galena. When we arrived, I was shocked to see tents set up for what I thought was miles. Oh, did I have fun! We toured Grant's home, ran up and down the old brick streets, ate ice cream at all the shops, and stayed awake the whole weekend telling ghost stories. I couldn't sleep with the light out at home for months!

As great as the trip to Galena, Illinois was and as much as I enjoyed it, I must say that I learned so much more from Charlie's dad than how to fold the American Flag and how to be a good scout. He taught us how to be a good person and how to treat others. Matthew 5:41 reads "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him two." This was who Charlie's dad was and what he believed and lived!

God Bless, Brother Doug

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, February 4 in the Fellowship Hall. We reviewed a "Send Me" Bible study written by Faith Jacob-Parra from Choctaw Presbytery, CPWM Convention Past President. We voted to send \$200.00 to Community Kitchen and \$1,000.00 to the CP Missions Ministry Team toward the purchase of a car for missionaries Daniel and Kay Jang. The Jangs serve our church in the Philippines. We agreed to talk to the Hospitality Committee about hosting a potluck to celebrate Bro. Bud's birthday. It will be held Sunday evening, Feb. 24. We also discussed hosting a missionary at Highland on a Sunday evening.

Mark your calendars for our Stott-Wallace Missionary Fund lip-sync fundraiser, June 2, 2019. We need everyone to start putting their acts together. There will be more information coming later.

Our next meeting will be March 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making some plans for the coming months. Please join us!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the February meeting:

- Add Debby Hughes to the Hospitality Committee
- Covenant Presbytery Board of Missions use of copy machine to make informational packets for churches. They will furnish paper and pay per copy fee.
- Marlene Wallace elected delegate to Presbytery; Roddy Johnson alternate
- Purchase desk chair for secretary, not to exceed \$200.00
- As requested by a special Presbytery Task Force, we confirmed our stance on marriage and human sexuality as outlined in the Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith.

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

Canned Goods

February Numbers

Stewardship Report as of February 24, 2019

Receipts \$ 30,718.77 Disbursements \$ 12,775.95

Attendance Record

Morning Worship

February 3 - 108

February 10 - 100

February 17 – 94

February 24 – 94

March Calendar

March 4 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

March 6 – Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.

March 16 - Covenant Presbytery,

Grace Covenant CPC, 9:00 am

March 17 – Session meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Mike Golightly, devotion

March 21 - Highlanders, 11:00 a.m.

Ushers – Steve and Diane Shrewsberry Melissa and Abe Dumes

Elders - Marlene Wallace, Tina Gamble

<u>Highlanders</u> We are going to hit the Pork Peddler before it closes. The bus will leave Highland at 11:00, Thursday March 21.

Adult Trivia March trivia will cover Jeremiah chapters 1-16

Ash Wednesday

The Christian season of Lent begins March 6 with what has become known as Ash Wednesday. Highland hosts the annual service this year at 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday is a day set aside as a call to repentance and reflection of the sinful self.

Lent

Certain Christians around the world celebrate the 46 days prior to Easter Sunday (Resurrection Day) called Lent. Common practices include abstaining from luxuries or foods to remember the 40 days Christ was in the dessert before his temptation. Lent however, can take on a dual meaning when we do not simply abstain from something, but when we also incorporate a practice in our daily routine to enhance our spiritual life. For example, do not just give up soft-drinks; but give that \$1.00 you would spend at the vending machine to PCM. Don't just give up Facebook, but in that 20 minutes you would normally spend idly looking at a computer, read a book developing your spirituality. Lent is a season of self examination. And then when we meet together for worship on the day of the resurrection, what a glorious day it will be!!

March Birthdays

3 – Jan Keen

8 – Nick Ferrer

15 - Nancy Finnell

17 - Clint Hill

Seth Hill

20 - Andrew Cunningham

24 – Diane Shrewsberry

28 – Molly Gannaway

March Anniversaries

5 - Clint and Brenda Cunningham

16 – Dick and Elaine Kaye