

The Steeple



September 2023

SERVING AT THE TABLE

Elders & Deacons:

*Ronnie Cook
Judy Davis
Bob Belk (9/3,9/10)
Stan Bridges (9/17, 9/24)
Vicky Jones
Alexandra Calhoun
Hannah Champion

Communion Steward:

Linda Perry

CADIZ CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

The Board of the Cadiz Christian Church met August 9, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall of the church. Chairman, Vicky Jones, called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

Those in attendance were Bob Belk, Stan Bridges, Harriet Clark, Ken Cooley, Judy Davis, Mike Davis, Kevin Deibert, Dan Grigson, Vicky Jones, Betty Mae Lancaster, Cher Loose, Lynn Parrott, Stephanie Perry and Scott Sutherland.

The minutes of the board meeting from July 12, 2023, were approved after a date correction on a motion by Betty Mae Lancaster and a second by Bob Belk.

The financial report was given by Stephanie Perry and approved on a motion by Cher Loose and a second by Dan Grigson. The operating income for the month of July was \$11,747.56 and the operating expenses were \$11,993.09. There was no designated income and there were \$425 in designated expenses, leaving an overall balance in the general fund of \$11,624.07.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Betty Mae Lancaster reminded the Board that the Celebration Sunday potluck will be held August 13. Our church will be celebrating our 181st year and everyone is encouraged to attend. Betty Mae also announced that the committee was ordering new white tablecloths for the Fellowship Hall. Sunday October 8th is Pastor Appreciation Day. Betty Mae also advised the Board that her grandson, Chance, and Audrey Barnett, will be getting married in our sanctuary on November 11, 2023.

Worship: Lynn Parrott announced that Laura Grigson is planning a children's musical performance during an upcoming church service.

Property: Stan Bridges reported that his committee is still working on having the roof and flashing repaired by a contractor. It has been difficult getting anyone to undertake the project. The molding surrounding several doors will be repaired and the church signage in the glass display unit on Main Street is being looked at to be repaired.

Outreach: Vicky Jones, Harriet Clark and Rhonda Nesbitt helped decorate the church's table at the school's Gala of Tables' event. Kevin attended and reported our table looked great and those seated at our table had a great experience. It was reported that the newly installed Blessing Box has been well utilized. There are donation boxes located as one enters the Sanctuary or one can make a financial donation in the church office.

Stewardship: Ken Cooley and his committee are working on the 2024 church budget. He asked that the committee chairs have their proposed committee budgets into him during the first week of September. The Stewardship Committee will be meeting at 5:30 pm, just prior to the next board meeting on September 13.

The Christian Church Area Men's Group will be meeting Thursday August 17 at the Hopkinsville location of Pennyrile Electric. If interested in attending, please contact Chappell Wilson or the church office.



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Board Meeting Minutes Continued...

Minister's Report: Kevin reported he and Sheri and Carey Lancaster attended the Disciples of Christ General Assembly. Approximately 3,000 were in attendance. The next General Assembly will be held in Memphis and attendance was encouraged. The minister's detailed report will be included at the end of the minutes.

Unfinished Business: Our church will be hosting the Christian Church Regional Workshop in the first quarter of 2024. Details of the meeting will be discussed in detail in future church bulletins.

New Business: There were several items that were discussed. The issue of church keys and doors left open by accident was discussed, at length. Additionally, no one really knows who all has keys. It has become a security issue. On a motion by Scott Sutherland and seconded by Stephanie Perry, the Board voted to change the locks on the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and to begin a checkout system to determine who has keys to the buildings. There will be some members, because of their duties within the church, who will have keys on a full-time basis and there will be others who have keys on a short-term basis.

Secondly, the Board discussed the need to update the wording in our current Congregational Constitution. The one currently in place has not been updated in several decades. Kevin, Sherri Lancaster and board chairman, Vicky Jones, are reviewing our documents and referencing the Constitution of other congregations and information gained at the recent church General Assembly. The committee will present to the Board their recommendations in October and the intention is to publish the recommendation to the congregation, in time, to have it reviewed for a vote during the congregational meeting in November. The November meeting is when the budget for the 2024 year will also be proposed for approval.

Lastly, the Board received an extended report by Kevin concerning the possibility of our church becoming a sister church to the group in Uganda, who hope to build and grow an organized Disciples of Christ church in the countryside outside of the country's capitol, Kampala. Kevin became introduced to the organizers during Covid when our sermons were made available through streaming. They reached out to Kevin, and they have been following our broadcasts ever since. At the General Assembly, Kevin approached those involved in the DOC ministries. He was then directed and introduced to the two committees within our church organization, the Disciples of Christ Overseas Ministries and the Disciples Church Extension Fund, who oversee our efforts abroad. Grants are available through the DOC and no local funds would be utilized. In essence, our local church would be vouching for this group as having been involved with our streaming program for quite a long time. Kevin was asked by the Board to send possible links that might go into further detail as to what the two previously mentioned committees within the DOC exactly do and how our congregation would be involved. Kevin did say that the DOC has had a long-time presence in Africa.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Kevin at 7:45 pm.
Submitted by Scott Sutherland

Elders' Meeting: August 2, 2023

The August Elder's meeting was postponed due to the lack of attendance. September's meeting will be held on the 6th at 6:30 pm

CMF Monthly Fellowship

Coming soon to a church very near you...September's Christian Men's Fellowship, in conjunction with other area churches, will be held here at CCC in the Fellowship Hall @ 6pm.CWF will be providing the meal and there will be a presentation about Lake Barkley. Please contact Chappell Wilson if you plan to attend.

2023 Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries Fall Retreats

There are two upcoming women's fall retreats:

1. The State Park Retreat: Oct 20-22, 2023 @ Barren River Lake State Park in Lucas, KY. Registration fee is \$35 and is due by September 30th.
2. The Silent Retreat: November 10-12, 2023 @ Knobs Haven Retreat House in Loretto, KY. Registration fee is \$125 if you bring your own food or \$165 if you eat meals prepared at Loretto. This event is limited to 16 women so get your registration in as soon as possible.

More information as well as registration forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary or please visit www.ccinky.net.

Minister's Report: July 13-Sept 1, 2023

- 633 miles
- Local community- Administered Trigg County Ministerial Association Travelers Aid, CCC Community aid, and benevolent fund (~15 families) and pet food distribution (~ 14 families, 36 dogs and 21 cats). Tended the blessing box.
- Greater community- Facilitating with the DOC Church Extension Fund and Overseas Ministries, the possibility of a church plant in Uganda.
- Worked with Ugandan scripture reader Nantale to record and present for Sept. 3 service
- Media presence- Facebook, YouTube, social media administration, posting church news and events, and live streaming of Sunday worship services.
- 7 Sunday services, 9 meetings, attended the DOC General Assembly

Sessions attended:

Green Chalice- Consisted of visioning process for church to go further into the Green Chalice process. Talks about climate change. Discussed the most important aspect of local Green Chalice work is in relationships. Discussed a possible project with the Cadiz Recycling Center. Discussed how the DOC champions sustainability worldwide. If interested contact me for more info.

Moral injury: This session discussed the lingering effects of guilt-based life responses. This is not a pathology or mental health issue. Rather there are three stages or was moral injury affects one's life- conflict, distress (more severe) and injury (most severe). Injury severely affects one's daily living. Moral injury is often mitigated by developing and conducting rituals. This was a very interesting session. For more info, contact me.

Hybrid activities (for Church): Basically, how to develop multi-media worship services. Particularly useful for CCC as equipment and software discussed are in service here. Of interest was how to make the live service more interactive for those not in the building. Ask for more details.

Art as Activism: Created collage called "community." Learned about art as a form of worship. Good information. Ask for more details.

I also met with Overseas Ministries and Disciples Church Extension Fund to discuss Uganda's desire to become a DOC church in Africa. They requested a construction quote from Uganda who has since provided. Waiting for next steps.

- Sermons, newsletter blurb, Sunday School materials, bulletin material, birthdays, anniversaries, sourcing background check and ordered children's Sunday school material, completed revised CCC Constitution and Bylaws with Vicky J. and Sheri L.

CWF Monthly Meeting: August 21, 2023

Members present: Linda Perry, Betty Lancaster, Dianne Vlach, Carol Martin, Laura Grigson, Jean Bryan, Cheri Loose, Judy King, Guest Tammy Mason and Laura's mother Jeannette.

Devotional : The devotional was presented by Pastor Kevin which was from Mark 9:7. *Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice. "This is my son, the Beloved, listen to him.* This is God's message to us that we can't just listen to Jesus' words, but we need to put his words into practice. As James says, *Be doers of the word and not merely hearers (James 1:22)*

Meeting called to order Linda Perry led the members in CWF Prayer to open the meeting. Laura Grigson provided refreshments for the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes were distributed from the last meeting. A motion was made by Jean Bryan to accept the minutes with corrections and seconded by Cheri Loose

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$4,557.91 at the end of July. Judy King made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Laura Grigson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Old Business: Purchase of new tablecloths for Fellowship Hall. Discussion of the Blessing Box Project.

New Business: Tammy Mason gave a presentation on a community service she has been providing for 10 years. She provided Christmas boxes containing a frozen turkey and all the fixings for 53 families last year. After discussion CWF donated \$250.00 to help with her Christmas Project. Dianne Vlach has assisted her in preparing boxes and helping with distribution. After discussion, a motion by Carol Martin was made to donate to the Blessing Box Project in the amount of \$200.00 and Dianne Vlach seconded the motion.

CWF Monthly Meeting Continued...

A motion was made by Cheri Loose and seconded by Judy King to pay for the tablecloths that have arrived in the amt. of \$236.12. After discussion a motion was made by Judy King and seconded by Carol Martin that CWF will provide the CMF Fellowship Meeting with dinner on September 21.

Date of Events:

The hostess for September will be Judy King.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the CWF Benediction Prayer.

Monthly Youth Group Meetings

CCC's Youth Leader, Melissa French-Tremmel, has started a monthly youth group meeting. In August she held the first activity here at CCC and the kiddos created prayer boxes. This month's youth group activity will be held at Barkley Plantation on September 13th at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Melissa and meet at the front of Barkley Plantation or, if your kiddo(s) needs a ride from school, please contact her.



WEDDING SHOWER

***In honor of Audrey Barnett & Chance Lancaster
October 1, 2023***

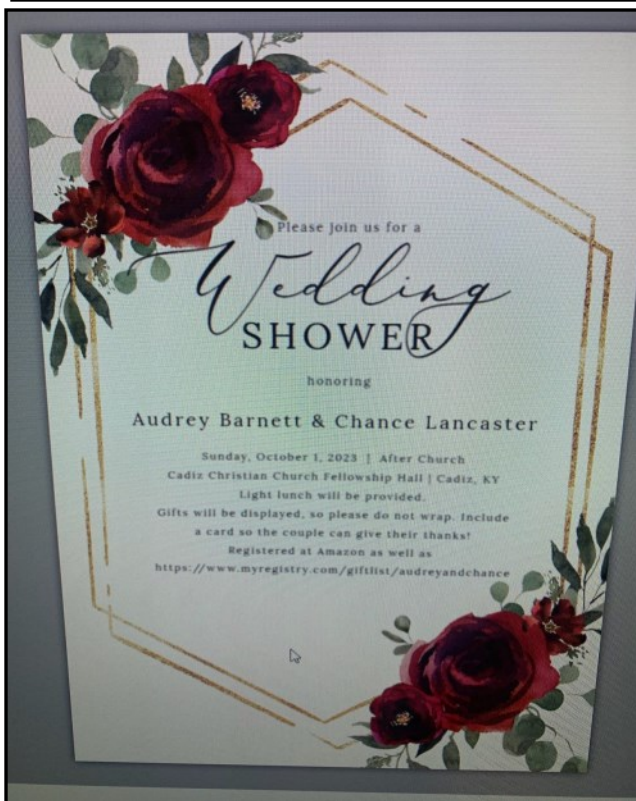
After Service in the Fellowship Hall

Light lunch will be provided

Gifts will be displayed so please do not wrap. Include a card so the couple can give their thanks!

Registered at Amazon as well as

<https://myregistry.com/giftlist/audreyandchance>



Congratulations!

To new parents Garrett and Madeline Clark and grandmom Harriet Clark! Maria Jacqueline was born on August 29th and mom, dad and little Maria are home and doing great.



Be thoughtful in all that you do.

Job 12 7-9

⁷ 'But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
⁸ ask the plants of the earth,* and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
⁹ Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?



**Gala of Tables
2023**

Thank you to Vicky Jones, Harriet Clark and Rhonda Nesbitt for CCC's table! Pastor Kevin was CCC's representative and reported it received many compliments.

Celebration Sunday August 13th, 2023

A potluck lunch was held after church in celebration of Cadiz Christian Church's 181 years of service!



Travel

I think travel should be mandatory. Not vacation but travel. Not travel with a travel group but travel alone into a foreign (the more foreign the better) country and living among the residents. As Mark Twain said, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

Travel is beneficial to loving others and most of all travel is a killer of fear, fear of others who we don't know and simply the unknown. As Christians, we're asked to travel. I don't mean as evangelizers in the traditional sense but travel in the shoes of others. How many times does Jesus speak about that kind of "travel." That travel makes the top 2 list of Jesus commandments to love God and love others. To do both, we must travel beyond our borders.

In Luke 6 Jesus said- "Do to others as you would have them do to you. 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.'"

He's asking people to travel outside of themselves. Also important is that he's asking them to travel in uncomfortable places. He's not saying travel where you feel good (vacation) or according to your idea of doing good (a planned trip). Rather travel where a sacrifice of your previous thinking happens. Summer may be over but in Christ, we can always travel. Travel with Christ is always transformative.

With Love, Kevin



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 AA 6pm	6 Choir 5pm Elders' Mtg 6:30pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 AA 6pm	13 Youth Group 3:30pm Choir 5pm Stewardship Comm 5:30pm Board Mtg 6:30pm	14	15	16
17	18 CWF Monthly Meeting 12:30pm	19 AA 6pm	20 Choir 5pm	21 CMF 6pm (@ CCC)	22	23
24	25	26 AA 6pm	27 Choir 5pm	28	29	30

Birthdays:

2 Jay Jolly
 10 Rachel Want Foti
 14 Buddy Perry
 16 Bob Belk
 18 Josie Carr
 20 Tim Perry
 23 Danny Jones
 26 Linda Perry and Cher Loose
 27 Donnie Lancaster



Anniversaries:

5 Donnie & Betty Lancaster
 14 Chappell & Jane Ellen Wilson
 22 Carey & Sheri Lancaster