

# The Steeple



May 2023

## SERVING AT THE TABLE

### Elders & Deacons:

\*Stephanie Perry  
Carey Lancaster  
Scott Jolly  
Bob Belk  
Ellen Jolly  
John Meadows

### Communion Steward:

Linda Perry

## CADIZ CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

The Board of the Cadiz Christian Church met April 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Chairwoman, Vicky Jones, called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

Those in attendance were Judy Davis, Mike Davis, Vicky Jones, Betty Mae Lancaster, Carey Lancaster, Sheri Lancaster, Stephanie Perry, Kevin Deibert, Cher Loose, and Lynn Parrott.

The minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Cher Loose and seconded by Stephanie Perry.

The financial report was presented by Stephanie Perry and approved on a motion by Betty Mae Lancaster and seconded by Carey Lancaster. The operating income for the month of March was \$16,076.00 and the operating expenses were \$12,908.06. The designated income was \$150 and there were no designated expenses, leaving an overall balance in the general checking account of \$14,196.35.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Fellowship:** There will be a wedding shower honoring Hannah Lancaster and Collin Champion following the church services on April 23, 2023.

**Outreach:** The Outreach committee is continuing to work on finding a place for the blessing box.

**Personnel:** The candidate for Youth Leader will be interviewed soon.

**Minister's Report:** Kevin's report for March 9 – April 12, 2023 can be found at the end of the minutes.

**New Business:** Carey and Sheri Lancaster will attend the General Assembly in July. Stephanie made a motion for them to cast votes during the business meeting, and Betty Lancaster seconded. Motion carried.

Vicky Jones will ask Ellie and Mary Van to check on prices of a defibrillator.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:15pm by Kevin Deibert on a motion by Stephanie Perry and seconded by Betty Mae Lancaster.

Report submitted by Sheri Lancaster.



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## DMF Monthly Fellowship MAY FISH FRY!

DMF's May Fellowship event, in conjunction with other area churches, will be a fish fry held on **Thursday, May 11th at 6:00pm**. All men are welcome to attend any or all events! Please contact Chappell Wilson with questions and for a head-count.

**Location:** Jim Fleming Farm  
(EASY DRIVE FROM CROFTON, HOPKINSVILLE AND CADIZ)  
Greenville Road 107, KY

### **Minister's Report: March 31, 2023-April 27, 2023**

- 119 miles
- 4 Sunday services, 7 meetings, 1 pastoral counseling
- Administered Trigg County Ministerial Association Travelers Aid, CCC Community Aid, and Benevolent Funds, and pet food distribution. (~ 7 families, 14 dogs and 4 cats)
- Palm Sunday, Maundy Thurs, Easter service planning
- Lent devotionals
- Sermons, newsletter, Sunday School materials, bulletins, birthdays, anniversaries, book study prep, Lent/Easter planning
- Facebook, YouTube, social media administration, and posting including church events, and live streaming of Sunday worship services.

### **Elder's Meeting: April 6, 2023**

This month's meeting was a combined Elders and Deacons' meeting held on Maundy Thursday.

The Elders and Deacons met on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order with prayer by Sheri Lancaster. Present were: Ken Cooley, Kevin Deibert, Vicky Jones, Carey and Sheri Lancaster, Stan and Deborah Bridges, Johnny Meadows, Ronnie Cook, Mike and Judy Davis, Scott Sutherland, Chapell Wilson, Harriet Clark, Cher Loose, and Lynn Parrott.

1. A copy of the shepherd's list was distributed to the Elder's. A reminder to follow up with those you are responsible for on the list, and let Kevin know of any sickness or needs they may have. The list will become a standard item on the Elder's meeting agenda. Please bring your copy to the each meeting.
2. DOC workshop ideas- These are ideas to implement from those who attended the workshops. Below are already in place:
  - o Ask the children to welcome the online participants.
  - o Bring your own Bible to Sunday School.
  - o Include the children to read short scripture for the service.

A few others thoughts-follow up by Board Chair and Elder's.

- o Have homebound or shut in members to read the scripture and then play it during the service.
- o QR code to visitor cards to link it to the website and possibly fill out visitor information from the link.
- o All Saint's Day to remember those members who have passed. Read the name(s), ring a bell and end with a moment of silence.
- o Other ways to recognize those who have passed away
  - § Elder's offering communion to the family prior to the funeral.
  - § Placing a candle on the communion table around the week of the death.
  - § Placing ornaments in 'memory of' on the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall.
  - § Handing those in need a hand held comfort cross. (Kevin has them ordered).

Long term goals/ideas-

- o Grief and Support group
- o Ways to incorporate technology in the sanctuary with our Facebook live stream

The workshops were an excellent way to network and see how other churches are finding ways to meet the congregations needs and to minister to the community. I would encourage everyone to attend the next opportunity!

3. Installation of Lynn Parrot and Cher Loose as Deacons.
4. Kevin discussed the Words of Intuition and we served each other communion.
5. Next Elders' meeting will be Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Bring your shepherd's list.
6. Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Kevin.

## CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) Monthly Meeting: April 17, 2023

**Members present:** Linda Perry, Betty Lancaster, Mary Belk, Carol Martin, Deborah Bridges, Laura Grigson and mother Jeanette, Jean Bryan, Joanna Mulas, Gayle Mitchell, Robin Oakley, her daughter and granddaughter, Judy Davis

**Devotional** The devotional was given by Pastor Kevin. **NO SIGN WILL BE GIVEN** Scripture Jonah 3:1-2 "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell." God surprises and journeys, helps us to live our lives forward, trusting that God is steering the ship. We need to understand our life backward by seeing and forgiving the many "signs of Jonah."

**Meeting called to order** Linda Perry led the members in CWF Prayer to open the meeting. Betty Lancaster provided refreshments for the April meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes were distributed from the last meeting. A motion was made by Laura Grigson to accept the minutes and seconded by Gayle Mitchell, motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$2,729.61. Laura Grigson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Carol Martin seconded, motion carried.

**Church Updates:** None

**Old Business:** Continue to bring your Happy Birthday Bags (cake mix, icing, candles, disposal baking pan, etc) for helping hands.

**New Business:** The CWF will have a **Rummage and Bake Sale** May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Save your items for us. We could not have a rummage sale without all the nice items you donate. Please no TVs or electronic devices. CWF will be receiving items up to Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are bringing items, please set them on the tables in basement. The basement has a tendency to flood. **THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.** Thank you notes were read from Rotary and Outreach CWF State International Women Disciples for donations from CWF.

**Date of Events:** April 23 – Shower for Hannah and Collin light lunch after church and Bake and Rummage Sale May 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 to 4:00p.m.

The hostess for May will be Deborah Bridges.

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

## 2023 Disciples of Christ General Assembly

The 2023 Disciples of Christ General Assembly will be held in Louisville, KY this year July 29-August 1. Visit [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org) for more information and to register.



## Children's Choir at Easter Service & Easter Egg Hunt 2023

Thanks to the Education Committee, Laura Grigson, and all those who had a hand in organizing and carrying out both of these wonderful and fun Easter events!



*Congratulations to Susan Hust who was baptized on April 23, 2023!*

*CCC sent off Anna Boyles on April 23rd to answer her call in Alaska! Keep in touch Anna!*



Come on out on May 20th from 8-4pm and support CWF during their 2023 Rummage & Bake Sale! Who knows what treasures you may find & you can support CWF and the planet at the same time!

(Donations still being accepted until the 15th-Thank you!)





**Isaiah 11:9 (ESV)** “They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

There is still so much we do not know about our planet and all of the life inhabiting it. Therefore, it is prudent to act with care, caution, and compassion. The more we learn about nature, the more we also learn about God. We and all life are interconnected.



It’s kayak weather and I’ve been taking advantage. Lake Barkley, as most of you know, is a little over 130 miles long and has over 1000 miles of shoreline. That’s a lot of beaches. That’s also a lot of kayaking.

I kayaked at Honker Bay last week and as I headed toward the lake there were a few small bays along the way. Naturally, I had to check them out and never made it completely out of Honker Bay. I don’t think I intended to anyway but was content just kayaking the small bays in Honker.

That day kayaking was a summary of our spiritual journeys. There’s a destination but there’s also the little bays along the way. That day, the journey through the bays was more important than getting to the destination (Lake Barkley). So our journey is more important than our destination because we don’t end up at God, we find God along the way. Every bay we enter is accessed not by lake water but by the living water that’s Jesus Christ.

That lake over there has a lot of stories to tell and that’s the story it told me that day.

With Love, Kevin





# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 AA 6PM	3 Choir 5PM Elders' Mtg 6:30PM	4	5	6
7	8	9 AA 6PM	10 Choir 5PM Board Mtg 6:30 PM	11 DMF	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15 CWF Monthly Meeting 12:30PM	16 AA 6PM	17 Choir 5PM	18	19	20 CWF Rum- mage & Bake Sale
21 Pentecost Offering	22 International Day for Biodi- versity	23 AA 6PM	24 Choir 5PM	25	26	27
28 Pentecost (Wear red)	29 Memorial Day	30 AA 6PM	31 Choir 5PM			

## Birthdays:

2 Ray Parrot  
 9 Ellen Jolly  
 14 Hannah Lancaster  
 14 Chance Lancaster  
 20 Jean Bryan



## Anniversaries:

5 Kyle & Melissa French-Tremmel  
 14 Ray & Lynn Parrott

**Memorial Day  
 May 29th**