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Beargrass: Next Generation. A Visioning Process

By John Hull and Keith Wilson

The Ministry Leadership Team announced plans at the June 18 Board meeting for an exciting initiative. A Beargrass visioning process will develop a focused plan for ministry and mission at Beargrass for the coming years. Outgoing Board Chair, Bob Gilewski, will head a lead team to guide the process. Beargrass has secured the services of a highly regarded church consultant to aid this venture. John Wimberly of the Congregational Consulting Group (formerly Alban Institute) will be at Beargrass the last weekend in September (27-30) to meet with leaders and the congregation. His visit will include a leadership retreat on Saturday, September 29, and a forum with the congregation on Sunday, September 30. This plan was developed by the MLT in conjunction with the personnel and finance teams. It was prompted in part by the knowledge that three key staff members plan to retire over the next three years: Leigh Bond (2020), John Hull (2019) and Jenell Buckman (2021). With this planning process in place, we will better understand who we want to hire in order to support the missions and ministries that our congregation has outlined. We look forward to working with the congregation to lay out this plan.

MLT and Called Board Meeting July 2

The Ministry Leadership Team will meet Monday, July 2, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. A called Board meeting will follow immediately at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The primary agenda item is to seek approval for the recommendation from the Search Committee for our new Minister of Youth and Young Adults. This will be an exciting announcement, so it will be important to have as many elders and deacons in attendance as possible.

Habitat for Humanity Sign-up

Beargrass has been invited to participate alongside St. Matthews Episcopal Church to construct a Habitat Home in East Louisville, in the Park Springs Community. Six volunteers are needed for Saturday, July 7 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Contact Keith Aultman at KJAultman@gmail.com or 417-7831.

Reception for Dr. Tiffany DeTienne July 15

We will have a reception for Tiffany on Sunday, July 15, at 10 am in Chalice Hall. There are numerous reasons to celebrate. We want to recognize her completion of her Doctor of Ministry degree. We want to express our gratitude to her for her excellent ministry at Beargrass. And we want to send her off with our love and prayers as she and Britt establish their new home in Spokane. We are encouraging members and friends of the church to participate in a "Gift Card Shower" at the reception—and please continue to keep Tiffany and Britt and their family in your prayers.

Summer Adult Bible Study "Jesus Among Secular Gods"

Would you like to be better-equipped to share your faith in a culture of opposing world views and defend your belief in Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world? Come join us in our study of "Jesus Among Secular Gods" by Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale, runs through July 26th, from 10:30 am until noon. This six-week study will include daily personal study, discussion, and video teaching sessions. The workbook will be available in the church office for \$13.00. If you require childcare, please notify the church office at 896-1161. If you have any questions, please call or text Missy Aultman at (502) 417-7046. Hope to see you there!

The Chalice Group Meets Monday, July 9

The group will meet from 6:30-8 pm in the Conference Room to discuss the book "The Evolution of a Faith: How God is Creating a Better Christianity" by Philip Gulley (Chapters 1-6). For more information, contact Melissa Draut at 897-3975 or meldraut@bellsouth.net.

July Summer Camps and Events

By Steven Straub and Tiffany DeTienne

Camp 101 — B completed first or second grade (parent/guardian attends as well) (July 20-22)

Mission Day Camp — children who have completed second to fifth grade (July 16-20)

Chi Rho Camp — youth who have completed sixth, seventh, or eighth grade. (July 2-7)

CYF Mission Trip — youth who have completed ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade. (July 8-13)

Beargrass Property "Wish List"

By Keith Wilson, Board Chair

Beargrass has always done a good job putting together the annual budget. We continually address the missions and ministries of the church. However, there are always several requests for other property needs that have so far gone unfulfilled. These are items that are not "must haves". Instead, they are things that would enhance the appearance of the exterior and/or interior of our many church buildings or things that would make our space more functional and user friendly. These kinds of items are necessary to keep our campus appearance open and inviting. While this is very important to new guests and visitors, we also want our members to feel proud of and comfortable in their church. So I will be writing periodic articles on projects that we are hoping the members and friends of Beargrass are willing to support financially so that the necessary funding can be obtained to bring them to fruition. These requests are to be considered to be "over and above" contributions. We do not want any funds diverted from normal stewardship giving, the Alternative Giving program at Christmas or any other special offerings throughout the year. We hope that some of you have interest in contributing towards one or more of these projects. Your combined gifts can help transform our campus in a way that makes it more inviting to everyone who comes through our doors.

News From the Library

Many new books have been purchased for or donated to the library. The following books have been donated by the Once Circle:

The Restless Wave by John McCain in memory of Jim Hall, Ada Russo's brother.

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah in memory of Betty Gillis.

Kentucky Rising (Kentucky history) by James Ramage and Andrea Watkins in memory of Kathleen Stone, Cindy Stone's mother.

Other new purchases are:

Fiction:

- *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant
- *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan
- *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty
- *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline.

Non-fiction:

- *Meghan (Markle)* by Andrew Morton
- *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance
- *Magnolia Table* by Joanna Gaines

Book Club Meets Thursday, July 19

1:30 pm in the Library. No July Meeting.

6:30 in Youth Room. The Disciples Women's Book Club will be discussing *The Girls* by Emma Cline. All are welcome.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Back to school expenses can become a burden for some parents. St. Matthews Area Ministries is hosting a "Back-To-School" supplies drive to assist children in need of such items.

Specific items are designated for collection during each week of July. To be dropped off at St. MAM no later than July 31st.

Week of July 1st

Pens, Pencils, Colored Erasers, Rulers, Markers, Crayons, Yellow Highlighters

Week of July 8th

Spiral Notebooks, Solid Color Pocket Folders, & Loose Leaf Paper (College & Wide Rule)

Week of July 15th

Glue Sticks, Fiskars Blunt Tip Scissors, Small Pencil Sharpeners, Soft & Hard Pencil Cases

Week of July 22nd

Composition Notebooks, Steno Pads, 2 inch Binders, Backpacks, Lunch Boxes, etc...

For pick-up or to drop off donations contact St. MAM at 893-0205. Also, a collection box will be in the Gathering Space of the church for donations.

School supplies will be distributed at St. Matthews Area Ministries on August 8, 2018 by appointment only.

Donations to Beargrass

By Marikeith Mercke

The Beargrass Christian Church Memorial Fund has received donations in memory of **Harry Troutman.**

Don and Sharon Asfahl

Mr. and Mrs. Bo Nixon

Mary J. Gillim

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