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Mortgage Burning

by Keith Glennan

Good morning! We are gathered today, June 3, to celebrate paying off the mortgage that CPC entered into in June 2008.

Many of us here today took part in the decision to seek a mortgage. However, for those who did not join the congregation until later, we would like to provide a brief history. There are some here who were more involved in the early stages, so I apologize if I get any details wrong.

In 2006, CPC undertook a capital campaign—the first in 40 years—to support much needed improvements to our facilities. As an integral part of this “Growing in God’s Grace” campaign, we committed to tithing on mission, putting ten percent of the money raised in the campaign towards mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Louisiana, and in Baltimore.

In 2008, we began work on the renovations to this building, with a focus on welcome and hospitality. This included remodeling the entrance to provide easier access to people with mobility challenges, reworking the interior access to the sanctuary, remodeling the Library and France rooms to be more welcoming for

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the congregation and the community, installing a new boiler, and air conditioning the Fellowship Hall wing of the church. This project exceeded \$1M.

In order to move ahead and achieve the goals of the project—as well as the mission component—the congregation

voted in 2008 to undertake a mortgage, which totaled \$928,000. Part of the value of this mortgage was to cover the first several years of paying it back, while CPC completed the first capital campaign.

In 2011, we undertook a second capital campaign, Embracing the Vision, which was targeted at retiring the

mortgage. Today is the 7th anniversary of Commitment Sunday for that second campaign.

In addition, today marks the completion of a 12-year journey, beginning with the first capital campaign in 2006 and ending with the mortgage being retired this spring. We are indeed blessed to be able to gather and celebrate! ✚

Look at What We Did!

by Laurie White

Hard to believe it's been 10 years. Feels like forever since I sat as an elder as we wrestled, really wrestled with what to do with the overwhelming costs of the renovation. Sitting on a Saturday in a conference room, with some good munchies, trying to figure out which way to go. The conversation was passionate but never heated, intense but moving, exciting but scary. *Which way to go?*

You, the congregation, showed us which way to go. With an overwhelming 95% vote in favor to take on a mortgage, we knew we could accomplish much of what we had intended to do, not to mention a tithe for mission projects. But with such affirmation, came some worry and trepidation. Dare I say, there were a few lost hours of sleep?

We made great progress, but in 2011 a second capital campaign was needed to vanquish the mortgage. I was asked to serve with Keith Glennan and Vicki Haupt, who I am missing immensely at this moment. The Triumvirate. Never have I worked with such chemistry. *How do we put together a very unglamorous campaign of paying off the mortgage, right when the economy decided to take a turn for the very worst? How do we go about asking for \$750,000?*

You, the congregation, showed us how. The most vivid memory I have of the campaign was one evening, we were meeting with about 30 people who made up the team for the campaign and our RSI consultant, who in all honesty,

didn't quite “get us.” We were much more jovial than the usual crowd. In a very canned exercise, he asked us, “What story in the Bible demonstrates sacrificial giving?” The discussion that ensued was beautiful. So many different stories were lifted up, the most haunting Abraham and Isaac! (The consultant said never before had anyone thought to lift that story up!) The regular response of the woman and the least coin never came up. We had chosen much wider and deeper answers. We laughed at the idea that CPC was “regular.”

It's obvious we're not just an ordinary congregation—a regular people. Look at what you did! You vanquished an enormous mortgage in 10 years. The dream of the second campaign has come true—we have realized the promise of bursting out of the confines of our debt, freeing our hands and our hearts so we can move again in a new direction, to where God calls us. All because of you and your generous hearts, whether you were here from the beginning to hear Mary Lawrence Forkel's impassioned speech in Fellowship Hall or you are standing here to watch the burning of a document you are only learning about today. We have remained the dynamic, curious, forward-moving people that God has called us to be. Vanquished! Who would have thought it? Well, you probably did, because you got us here. Thank you. A very deep and sincere thank you. Now where's the match? ✚



Prayer of Thanksgiving

by Rev. Kenneth E. Kovacs

*Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us in
countless ways.*

And so, we have burned the mortgage. What a journey it has been. On this morning, we thank you for providing the resources to remodel and renovate this beautiful building, this place where we worship you and learn of your grace and from which we bear witness to your love at work in the world.

From the beginning, we trusted in you working through this congregation. We stepped out in faith. And you were faithful. Your Holy Spirit was with us every step of the way.

We give thanks for everyone who supported the work of our campaigns, the giving of time, talent, and money, for those who tirelessly gave of themselves.

We give thanks for the saints in light who began this journey with us, who encouraged us on and inspired us, and, we know, look upon us with joy and gratitude, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, sharing in the communion of the saints.

Thank you for walking with us, Lord. May the results of our labor continue to bless you and bless your people here on this corner of your kingdom and around the world. Lead us forward into the next chapter of this ministry. Continue to use us for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. ✚



TOP LEFT TO RIGHT: Keith Glenan lights the mortgage in a chiminea held by Laurie White, whose joy at its disappearance is contagious. At the end of the ceremony, nothing is left of the mortgage but ashes. BOTTOM: Alison Enokian happily serves the celebratory cake with the message, "So long, Mortgage!"

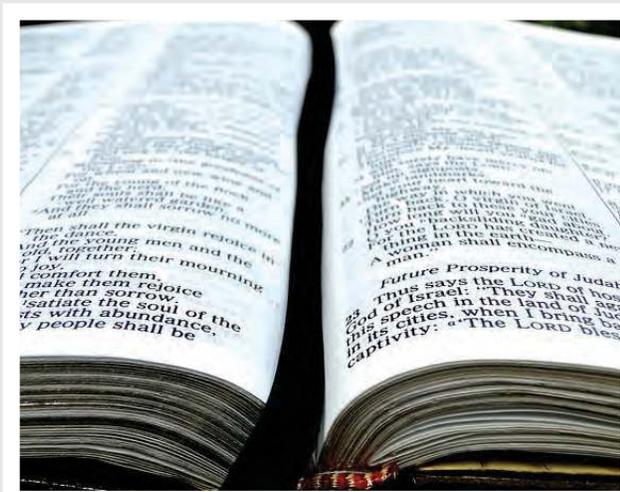
Ginger Daiger Celebrated

by Susan Krehbiel

On June 10th, the congregation was pleased to recognize Ginger Daiger for her 15 years of service as the CPC bookkeeper. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated and conscientious person to handle our finances. If you haven't met Ginger, she is diligent in making sure that our bills are paid, the pastors and staff receive their paychecks, and that our accounting is in order. If you have ever been up to her office on the second floor of the church house, you know that she always greets you with a warm smile and there isn't a request that you make that isn't met with a "sure" or "okay." We are so thankful to God for bringing Ginger to CPC and to Ginger for sharing her many gifts with us. (Ginger also works part-time for the Child Care Center.)

The session presented a gift, the chancel flowers and a cake. Ken also said a few words of appreciation. After worship, people were able to greet Ginger during fellowship hour.

"Ken, My sincere thanks to you and the Session for all you did last Sunday. It was so nice and so generous. I appreciate everything you have shared with me over the years and all you have taught me. I will always be grateful. Many thanks, Ginger."



Summer Sermon Series

Our Summer Sermon Series began on Sunday, July 1. We received a lot of great sermon suggestions—too many to cover in July and August. Thank you! Some of the themes we'll explore include: the nature of Christian hope, the Christian's use of power, locating the kingdom of God, losing faith, the relationship between "faith" and "works," Christian responsibility in the public square, and theological-biblical engagement with political issues.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Message during Summer Worship

Our worship time moved to 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on June 3 where we are sharing Life of Jesus Bible stories using flannelgraphs. Volunteers—children, youth and adults of all ages—are invited: all materials are provided and we'll train you. Come share your faith and join the fun. Contact Jodie Virago at jvirago@gmail.com.

Craft leader team volunteers are urgently needed!



We're looking for two or more caring & creative people who would like to share their gifts during VBS this summer. All the info & materials are provided. Can you help? Please contact Jodie Virago at jvirago@gmail.com.



Vacation Bible School

Registration forms are available on the website, on the education table, and in the church office. Children who are entering first grade in the fall and older are invited to join us at Hope Presbyterian Church, July 23-27, 9:00–noon for Rolling River Rampage.



June Session Meeting Highlights

The Session is a body of 15 members, elected by the congregation and ordained as ruling elders, who provide leadership for our congregation. Following are highlights of the regular monthly Session meeting of June 6, 2018.

- The Finance Committee reported that the budget year is proceeding well, with a nominal deficit of \$4911 through May 31, 2018. Recurring expenses like payroll can result in a budget deficit or surplus for a given month, depending on the timing, so the deficit is not a concern. The committee is proceeding with a reorganization of the Balance Sheet to make it more reflective of our current financial situation.
- Session voted to approve the request of the Creation Care Team to send a letter of thanks to community member Clare Walker for her help with our Woodlands restoration project and her assistance with the coordination of efforts between our Creation Care Team and Hillcrest Elementary School.
- Session revisited the Memorial Garden/Columbarium project, which is the subject of a 2016 Envision Fund grant. After discussion, Session reaffirmed the project with project leader Jeanne Mueller to explore locations on church grounds consistent with the Landscape Plan and to research the experiences and best practices of other churches that have built columbariums.
- Each Session member is assigned another member as a prayer partner, and partners were asked to explore with their partners what would be most helpful as they remember each other's prayer concerns in the weeks ahead.

Session recognizes the need to continually communicate with our membership, and we welcome your suggestions for communication exchange. Session member contact information is listed in the Church Directory, so it is easy to communicate directly with your church leaders. Take a few minutes to send a message to a Session member, the pastors, or the church office, and let us know what you think. We want to hear from you!

*—David Hutton, Clerk of Session
dhutton1@verizon.net*

Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

We rely on everyone to support what God is doing through this congregation. The vitality of this ministry is secured by God's grace and funded by the faithfulness and commitment of God's people. We are counting on the ongoing generosity of our members and friends. Thank you!

—Keith Glennan, Finance Committee

Actual income as of June 25:	\$ 236,158
Actual expense as of June 25:	-\$246,918
Total:	-\$10,760

CPC Calendar



EVERY WEEK

SUNDAYS

9:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
(Communion is the first Sunday of the month)

MONDAYS

7–9 p.m. Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAYS

9–11 a.m. Al-Anon, France Room
9:30 a.m. Needles Group, Library
7–9 p.m. Charm City Dancers, Gym
7–9:30 p.m. Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAYS

5:30–6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Library
7–9:30 p.m. Kung Fu, Fellowship Hall
7:30–9 p.m. Boy Scouts, Scout Rooms / Gym

UPCOMING IN JULY

MONDAY, July 2

7:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee,
Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, July 4

Church Offices Closed

THURSDAY, July 5

7–9 p.m. Boy Scout Committee, Library

SATURDAY, July 7

1–4 p.m. Tai Chi, Gym

SUNDAY, July 8

10:45 a.m. Website Design Team, France Room

MONDAY, July 9

6 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group,
France Room

WEDNESDAY, July 11

6:30–9:30 p.m. S.T.A.R. Theatre Rehearsal,
Fellowship Hall
7 p.m. Child Care Council, Senior High Room
7 p.m. Personnel Committee, Library
7:30 p.m. Trustees, Conference Room

THURSDAY, July 12

6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, July 14

4:30 p.m. J. Semiatin and B. Klingaman Wedding,
Sanctuary

SUNDAY, July 15

6:30–10:30 p.m. Dinner, Senior High Youth at
Home of Ellen Frank

WEDNESDAY, July 18

2–4 p.m. Committee on Preparation for Ministry,
Library
6:15–7:45 p.m. Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support
Group, France Room
7 p.m. Envision Board, Conference Room

SATURDAY, July 21

1–4 p.m. Tai Chi, Gym

MONDAY, July 23

6 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group,
France Room

WEDNESDAY, July 25

7 p.m. Session, Library
7 p.m. Deacons, France Room

TUESDAY, July 31

7 p.m. Adult Education Committee,
Conference Room

UPCOMING IN AUGUST

THURSDAY, August 2

7–9 p.m. Boy Scout Committee, Library

SATURDAY, August 4

1–4 p.m. Tai Chi, Gym

MONDAY, August 6

6 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group,
France Room

WEDNESDAY, August 8

3–8 p.m. Committee on Ministry Retreat, Library
7 p.m. Child Care Council, Senior High Room
7:30 p.m. Trustees, Conference Room

CPC CALENDAR, CONTINUED

THURSDAY, August 9

7-9 p.m. Cub Scout Committee, Library

WEDNESDAY, August 15

2-4 p.m. Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Library
6:15-7:45 p.m. Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group, France Room
7 p.m. Envision Board, Conference Room

SATURDAY, August 18

1-4 p.m. Tai Chi, Gym

MONDAY, August 20

6 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group, France Room

WEDNESDAY, August 29

7 p.m. Deacons, Library



THE Messenger

OUR MISSION

We seek to find and share God's calling for this community of faith through worship, fellowship and service.

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