Join us in May as we shower blessings on CASA
(Court-Appointed Special Advocates).

You may have seen the blue ribbons around town to raise awareness about child abuse, and the article in the Advocate that featured our own Eric and Truly Mount in their role as CASA volunteers. Others in our congregation are also longtime CASA volunteers.

CASA is an organization that provides consistent advocates for children as they move through the court system. Because of national and state regulations, CASA is required to have one paid employee to supervise every 30 volunteers. The local organization, which serves Boyle and Mercer Counties, is about to reach its goal of 75 volunteers, which has meant hiring another paid employee. CASA asked the Presbyterian Church for $3,000 from local mission funds for 2012; we were able to allocate $1,500.

On CASA’s wish list are supplies used by the volunteers and staff to maintain the court, school, and medical records on the children:

- black 1” 3-ring binders
- file folders
- copy paper

These donations will be budget-relieving and welcomed.

A NICE BONUS if you donate items on April 22 or 29! In thanks for our congregation’s financial support of CASA, we’ve been given 2 tickets to their upcoming Derby Eve Gala on May 4. (This is a popular fund-raiser event held at the Norton Center, including mint juleps and Kentucky-inspired appetizers, live and silent auctions of big ticket items—such as a week-long trip to Cypress and a private tour of Windstar horse farm—and dancing until midnight.)

With each donation of black binders, file folders, and copy paper, your name will be thrown in the pot to WIN 2 TICKETS TO THE GALA! The collection will continue throughout May, but early donations on April 22 and 29 will qualify you for the drawing for tickets.
Dear Friends,

Gustav Nelson died last December just before Christmas. He was 84. I doubt many, if any of you knew him or heard of him, but he was one of the saints of the church. He grew up in a Norwegian Lutheran farm family in Minnesota, but somewhere along the line he became a Presbyterian. How many Presbyterians do you know with the name of Gustav and Nelson? Those names aren’t usually associated with Presbyterians. Nonetheless, Gus became a Presbyterian earning his M.Div from Princeton and his Ph.D. from Union in NYC. He served as the co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Beloit, WI during the turbulent ’60s and helped that city and church address civil rights issues. For twenty years he served as the Executive Presbyter of Des Moines Presbytery, but it was through his work in retirement that I got to know him best.

Gus was concerned with the future of the church, and devoted a lot of his time and energy trying to develop strategies for churches to use that would help them reverse their downward spiral and set them on a course towards being a vital, vibrant church. His work led him to write, Service Is the Point. In his book, Gus argued that churches were spending too much time bemoaning the loss of participation in church programs. He said that what church leaders needed to understand is that their members were busy, that there is simply an increasingly larger and large smorgasbord of activities from which people can choose, and that church and its programs are merely one option. Anyone involved in church work will tell you that churches compete with everything from soccer and dance lessons to yoga and pilates for people’s time. Gus’ theory was that people will give of their time to those things that are meaningful to them. Rather than duplicating programs or activities, Gus suggested that churches embrace and affirm the activities of their members. In other words, churches see the activities of their members as forms of ministry. For example, church members may devote their time to coaching soccer or Little League, or they might serve on a city planning committee, or provide leadership for a civic group like Kiwanis or Rotary. Gus’ point was that those people are doing outreach ministries. They are doing the things churches have been advocating, that people live their faith. So rather than complain because no one is serving on church committees, Gus suggested that the members be recognized for their activities and that they be commissioned as missionaries in those activities.

We have always been a church dedicated to mission work. Scott and Bunny Scutchfield, Sandy Hartner, Jon Ricker, Karl Benson and seven other people from the community are leaving this Saturday, April 14th for our second medical mission trip. This year they are going to Nicaragua. A number of you have also gone on mission trips for Living Waters for the World and Mountain T.O.P., or been involved in Soups on Us or one of our Showers of Blessings. Those are all good things, but some of you have been involved in mission that was not sponsored by the church. Here are three examples that illustrate Gus’ point:

1. Chuck Keiser and Evie Smith, along with Bob & Patty Rowland, recently returned from a mission trip in India sponsored by Rotary International. Their purpose was to help vaccinate children from polio.
2. Joe Goggin wrote on his Facebook page about going to Eastern Kentucky with a group of people from the Boyle Count Farm Bureau. The group went to help with tornado clean up.
3. The April edition of the Kentucky Farm Bureau magazine had an article about a group of 18 volunteers from Boyle County who spent a weekend helping rebuild fences on the farm of 84 year old Clayo Wells. While his house had survived the tornado, his sheds, trees, and most of his fencing were ripped out by the tornado that destroyed West Liberty. The effort was organized and led by Allen Goggin.

I’m sure there are others of you who are involved in mission and ministries that are not part of the church. I’d like to hear about them, and thank you for your work. Jesus’ story of the Good Samaritan is so poignant because it is about someone outside the religious establishment who cares for the man on the side of the road. It is the Good Samaritan that does what the “religious” people, the priest and the Levite, were supposed to do. In the same way, the good works that members do should not be limited to being church sponsored for it is God who fills us with compassion and love that motivates us to respond. Thank you, all of you for the ways in which you serve and help do the work of Christ.

Grace & peace,
Jim
Louise Cox, Billy Goggin, Clyde Mohan, Hazel Venezie, and Lydia DiMartino-Ellis - Lydia and Edward Ellis, % Sarah House, 100 Roberts Avenue, Suite 10, Syracuse, NY 13207.

Worship & Music Committee

Our church is blessed with an excellent choir which leads our worship and presents several concerts of sacred music throughout the year. On Sunday mornings the beautiful sound of their combined voices soars from the choir loft in praise of God. The choir is an important leader in worship, guiding the gathered assembly in prayer and praise through song. Their singing enriches our worship experience and brings joy and satisfaction to those who participate. The choir is made up of all kinds of people, young and old, Centre students, the immensely talented and those who just love to sing. These dedicated people devote up to two hours on Wednesday nights to practice, and again early on Sunday morning in preparation for the second service. Music Director Jeff Jones brings out the best from singers who are gifted with glorious voices and those not quite so gifted. The beauty of a choir lies in the skillful blending of all those voices. And while we’re thanking the members of the choir, we shouldn’t forget all those in the congregation who join in song each Sunday. As the trained voices of the choir inspire and awe us, we also appreciate the combined voices of the entire congregation in less complex hymns. The music provides the whole assembly with a means truly to encounter God through worship. We are thankful for every voice.

HANDS TO WORK,
HEARTS TO GOD

“...in the cultivation of music at the highest levels of artistic excellence the perfect goodness and wisdom of God are displayed.” Martin Luther

LECTIONARY

April 22, 2012
3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:12-19; Ps. 4; 1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 29, 2012
4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:5-12; Ps. 23; 1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

May 6, 2012
5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:26-40; Ps. 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 13, 2012
6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
Acts 10:44-48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 17, 2012
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Ps. 47 or Ps. 93; Eph. 1:15-23

May 20, 2012
7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps. 1; 1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17
(8:30 am Worship and Eucharist,
11:00 am Centre Baccalaureate
AT Norton Center)

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

This church is compiling an Advent Devotional, written by the members of our church, for December 2012. We will be using the Lectionary for the daily scripture but the commentary and prayer is up to you. We will be limited to approximately 270 words for each daily devotion.

If you are interested, please contact Katherine Orton at 236-3027 or by e-mail to korton@bellsouth.net.
Thank you for your continuing support of Cents-Ability. Your generosity continues to feed the hungry. You contributed $900.23 for the combined March/April offering! That brings the year-to-date total to $1,501.95. Keep dropping that change into your cans—next collection on May 13.

On Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m., The Last Mountain will be shown at the Boyle County Public Library as an observance of Earth Day by local members of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. The 95 minute documentary film is set in Appalachian West Virginia and treats America’s most spirited battle over the environment and the economy. The film was a Critic’s Pick of The New York Times and an official selection of the 2011 Sundance Film Festival. The showing is free and open to the public, and a discussion will follow.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth is a grassroots, citizen’s organization that believes in the power of people, working together, to challenge injustices, right wrongs, and improve the quality of life for all Kentuckians.

Mountain T.O.P 2011

Spots still available!!!

June 23rd - July 1st, 2012

Trip cost: $300 – scholarships available!!!

PYC (Presbyterian Youth Connection) - meets regularly on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30pm, having dinner, a short program, and games. High School and Middle School join for dinner and games, breaking off for our weekly devotional.

4/22 - PYC - Restoration
4/29 - PYC - Restoration
4/22 - PYC - Theme: Restoration

Sunday School - Middle School and High School (separate groups) - Youth Rooms in Basement

4/8 - No Sunday School
4/29 - Total Commitment: John 10:11-18
Christian Formation Corner

Adult Formation Classes

Right Now:

The Gospel of Matthew
Room 120
Facilitator: Tim Noel

The Parables of Dr. Seuss
Room 122
Facilitator: Kim Ragland

Up Next:

May 6 & 13:
To be announced.

Sunday School for adults and children ends May 13.
Have a great summer!

April’s Book Recommendations

For Adults:

- In Defense of Civility: How Religion Can Unite America on Seven Moral Issues that Divide Us
  by James Calvin Davis
- Girl Meets God
  by Lauren Winner
- The Barefoot Way: A Faith Guide for Youth, Young Adults, and The People Who Walk with Them
  by Dori Baker

For Children:

- Writing to God: Kids Edition
  by Rachel Hackenberg
- The Araboolies of Liberty Street
  by Sam Swope
- Because Nothing Looks Like God
  by Lawrence and Karen Kushner
- Butterflies Under Our Hats
  by Sandy Sasso

Parents Night Out

May 4th
5:30—9:00 PM
Theme: Wild West

Parents can enjoy a night out on the town while the kids have a great time at church! We’ll have dinner, games, art projects, movies and more!

Nursery provided for children under 3.
Check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for more information and registration.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Sign up in the Fellowship Hall

Camp S.O.A.R.
Serving Others through Arts and Recreation
June 3-7

A new kind of VBS for children 3—5th grade!
Brochures and registration forms available in the lobby and church office.
### Daily Activities

**Monday, April 23**
- 7:00 pm Local Mission Meeting

**Tuesday, April 24**
- 6:30 pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, April 25**
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 26**
- 10:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Salt Shaker Deadline

**Friday, April 27**
- 3:00 pm Centre Singers
- 5:30 pm PYC

**Saturday, April 28**
- 8:30 am Worship with Eucharist

**Sunday, April 29**
- 11:00 am Worship (Spring Concert)
- 5:30 pm PYC
- 10:00 pm Get Centred

**Monday, April 30**
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday, May 1**
- 6:00 pm Facilities Committee

**Wednesday, May 2**
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 3**
- 10:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm Parent’s Night Out

**Friday, May 4**
- 11:00 am Worship with Eucharist
- 4:30 pm Sunday Fellowship

**Saturday, May 5**
- 4:30 pm New Member Class and Dinner
- 5:30 pm PYC
- 10:00 pm Get Centred

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**Sunday Fellowship Donut Schedule**
- **April 22:** Stu and Cris Harper
- **April 29:** Chris and Vickie Glidewell
- **May 6:** Caydon Voss
- **May 13:** Landry Woodrum

**Nursery Volunteers**
- **April 22:** Chris Harper
- **April 29:** Megan Shelton
- **May 6:** Lynn Preston
- **May 13:** Scott Johnson
- **May 20:** Dee Pendergraft

**Sunday Fellowship 2012**
- **April 22:** Kevin Cline
- **April 29:** Donneisha Richardson
- **May 6:** Caydon Voss
- **May 13:** Landry Woodrum

**Communion Schedule for May 6, 2012**
- Preparers (intinction): *Jim and Patty Gibson
- Servers: *Maureen Beto, Susan Matherly, Lois Quilligan, Joel Boitnott, Melissa Caudill, Vickie Glidewell, Gloria Hillegass, and Tressa Brown

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