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Julie's Journal

Wow! It's hard to believe that October 1st marks the beginning of my second year at Campbellsburg Christian Church. It's an understatement to say that Year 1 was nothing like I expected to be. Oh, the first five months were pretty routine... figuring out the church's traditions, learning names, and discussing pew cushions. The onset of the novel Corona virus and COVID-19, however, changed *everything!* Preaching to an empty sanctuary, learning how to use *Facebook Live* and missing out on hugs were just a few of the adjustments that kept me on my toes. Most of all, I missed (and continue to miss) my church family being all together!

Many thanks for all the love and support the congregation has given me as I learned (and continue to learn) how to be a solo minister. I have loved being here and praise God for sending me to this church. I also want to thank everyone for the many, many tasks that everyone does to keep the church going.

So, what's next for us? Unfortunately, the pandemic continues to have power over all that we do. As the weather is beginning to cool, please, get a flu shot. Wash your hands. Make sure that you filled out your census form. Make a plan on how you intend to vote... by mail, in person in advance, in person on Election Day, dropping off your ballot ahead of time, etc. Wash your hands again.

Many of the "experts" are predicting another spike in COVID cases over the next few weeks. As long as Henry County is in the green or yellow zone, we will have worship in-person. If Henry County gets to the orange zone, we will need to *consider* online-only worship. If we become a red zone, we will definitely do online-only worship. You can check the status of each county at:

<https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>

I do have some concerns that some of our members will be in the habit of staying home even after the pandemic is over. Please encourage each other to attend worship in-person when it is safe. Remember that until that time, masks are required, hand-sanitizer is encouraged, Communion comes in sealed containers, the offering plate is on the baptistry, and social distancing of six-feet is required.

If you are able, please continue to bring in or mail your offering. Costs remain relatively stable, but the amount of money coming in has decreased significantly since the pandemic started. I do realize that many have lost their jobs and that others have taken in friends and / or relatives who are hurting financially. If you need financial assistance, the

Disciples of Christ have some resources. I can help you through the process while keeping your information confidential. Please call me at 502-419-8874 to set up an appointment.

Also, remember to stay healthy both physically and mentally. If you need to talk, let's set up an appointment at the number listed above. Try to get some fresh air each day and do some exercise, too. Be mindful of those around you. Many are experiencing the greatest stress of their lifetimes. Be an "involved bystander." In other words, if you suspect domestic violence, child abuse or neglect, elder abuse or neglect, suicidal ideation, drug or alcohol abuse / overdose, etc., please report your concerns to 1-877-KYSAFE1. You just might save a life.

For your spiritual health, pray every day. Read your Bible. Pick up a free copy of *The Secret Place* at church. Attend worship in-person or online. If you are having difficulty with technology, let us know. We have some very talented young people who can probably fix your problem in a flash.

Advent is just around the corner. In fact, I already purchased candles for the Advent wreath last week. If you have a great idea for Advent, please contact Jennifer Rankin, chair of the Worship Committee.

The search committee is working hard to find a minister of music. Please keep them in your prayers.

Will Lyle has agreed to chair the committee responsible for the 100-year celebration of our building. The celebration will take place next summer, but the planning is already underway. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Will or me. We would like to invite former members who have moved away. If you have names and addresses, please leave them on my desk.

We continue to collect food for backpacks, pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House, plastic lids for benches, and pennies for school supplies. Please place your items in a plastic bag when you bring them to church. That way, we will know what has been sanitized and what has not been sanitized.

In my own life, my daughter is getting married on November 14th with just parents and siblings present due to the pandemic. We were able to move all of our deposits to November of next year when Megan and Travis will renew their vows and have the "wedding" they had planned to have this year, but on their first anniversary. My son, Patrick, is completing his senior year at IUS online. He is really missing being on campus. This fall, I will complete my last two competencies for seminary. After the first of the year, I will complete my capstone project and graduate in

June (hopefully). I had thought that I would get all the projects done this past year, but the fallout from COVID put me behind. Please pray that God gives me exquisite words to put into my papers. I think just about everyone knows that I retired from Bellarmine in May. Although I miss my students, I'm relieved that I don't have to teach online this fall and I'm especially glad that I don't have to attend faculty meetings.

The Ministry of Reconciliation study group is having some great conversations. Please remember to pray for both the protestors and the police in Louisville and elsewhere.

When you feel discouraged by the pandemic, remember to count your blessings and have a heart full of gratitude. Pray for an end to the pandemic and pray for those who are mourning, essential workers, healthcare providers, those who are hungry, teachers, students, and those who are sick. Actually, pray for all of our neighbors during this difficult time.

Scriptures for upcoming sermons are:

October 4th – Philippians 2:1-5

October 11th – Philippians 4:1-14

October 18th – Matthew 22: 15-22

October 25th – Psalm 18:1-2

All Saints Day is November 1st. Please provide me with the names of any friends or relatives who have passed away in the last year so that we may recognize them.

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it!

*Blessings,
Julie*

From the Chair

Decision, decisions, decisions. Life is full of them, isn't it? Sometimes I'm really not good at making decisions. I dread it, sometimes, and yes, I worry. Jesus says don't worry. Read Mathew 6:25-34:

²⁵“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”²⁶Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?²⁷Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

²⁸“So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”³⁰Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’”³²For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴Therefore do not worry

about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

... Yet, somehow that doesn't make complete sense to me either. Don't worry? Not at all? That would be ideal but is it possible? Maybe we should strive to be concerned, but not worried. I'm not sure exactly how that is done, but it sounds good. Maybe it is kind of like praying for the answer to a question or problem. When you find the answer, you realize that you really got more good from figuring out the answer than from the answer itself. Maybe being concerned will help us to evaluate an issue so that we don't need to worry. Well, I'm not sure if I have struck on something here or not, but in the meantime, if someone happens to ask you to make a decision (oh, possibly like a person from the nominating committee or even something else), don't worry, just be concerned, pray, and hope for the best. Maybe the journey will mean more than the destination.

In Christian Love,
Les

Editor's Note: A Nominating Committee consisting of Les Lyle (Chairperson), Patricia Carpenter, and Jill Bohman was approved September 21st by the Board via email.

Scripture of the Month

⁷Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:7-8 NIV

Financial Info

As of September 30th:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 39,057.16
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 4,245.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 16,912.90

October Calendar

October 2 nd :	<i>Happy Birthday – Logan Bush</i>
October 4 th :	World Wide Communion Sunday <i>Philippians 2:1-5</i> Call to Worship – Gina Lyle Elders – Les Lyle Kevin Mullikin Deacons – Jennifer Rankin Tina Spencer Acolyte – Amy Lyle <i>Happy Birthday – Marilyn Highfield</i>
October 9 th :	<i>Happy Birthday – John Ball</i> <i>Happy Anniversary – Phil & Betty Spradling</i>
October 11 th :	Clergy Appreciation Sunday <i>Philippians 4:1-14</i> Call to Worship – Alice Lyle Elders – Tracy Carpenter Chet Lawrence Deacons – Jill Bohman Mary Ann Courtney Acolyte – Ginny Lyle

- October 12th: **Columbus Day**
- October 13th: Henry County Ministers' Meeting –
Our Best – 11:30 a.m. (*Maybe*)
- October 14th: *Team Rankin* packing bags for
Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen – 5:45 p.m.
- October 15th: *Happy Birthday – Karlee Benham*
- October 16th: *Happy Birthday – Adam Lyle*
- October 18th: *Matthew 22: 15-22*
Call to Worship – Tina Spencer
Elders – Kevin Mullikin
Kim Mullikin
Deacons – Becky Bush
Ben Lyle
Acolyte – Ava McKinley
- October 21st: *Happy Birthday – Mariah Clark*
Happy Anniversary – David & Erin Orr
- October 22nd: *Happy Birthday – David Lyle*
Jennifer Rankin
- October 24th: *Happy Birthday – Suzanne Edelstein*
- October 25th: *Psalm 18:1-2*
Call to Worship – Ben Lyle
Elders – Alice Lyle
Les Lyle
Deacons – Patricia Carpenter
Jennifer Rankin
Acolyte – Jake Moore
- October 31st: **Halloween**
Happy Birthday – Robert Reed Bush
- November 1st: **All Saint's Day**
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Call to Worship – Isaac Schwarz
Elders – Tracy Carpenter
Chet Lawrence
Deacons – Isaac Schwarz
Tina Spencer
Acolyte – Matti Tillett
- November 2nd: *Happy Birthday – Nora Orr*

Outreach and Evangelism Committee

Backpack Ministry –

We are up to 31 children now. Please remember to bring in the following items so we can keep providing the much needed weekend food for these children – *Fruit Grain Bars, Pepperoni Snacks, Jif To Go, Ramen Noodle packets, Pringles, Pudding Cups, Individual Goldfish, Individual Cookie Packs, Cheese Dips Snacks, and General Mills Snack Bars.*

John 21:17 reminds us, *The third time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love Me?" He said, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Feed My sheep.*

Team Rankin will be packing bags on **October 14th**. *Team Courtney / Mattick / Wolfe* is scheduled to pack bags on November 18th.

4th Sunday Luncheon

4th Sunday luncheons are still on hold. We will resume our fellowship luncheons as soon as we are feasibly able with COVID restrictions.

A.D.M.er's

A.D.M.er outings are also still on hold. Hopefully, we will be able to resume outings in the near future.

Cookbook

More recipes have been turned in and are being typed into the cookbook website. If you would like to include any additional recipes, please email Patricia Carpenter or Kim Mullikin. We can still use more!! If you happened to provide a recipe for *Southwestern Onion Rings, Marshmallow Delights, Timothy's white chili, or Hearty and Elegant Shrimp Cassoulet*, please let Kim Mullikin know so your name can be included as the contributor. Hopefully, the cookbook will be completed soon.

Among Our Own

Congratulations to **Will Lyle** on the purchase of his first home in Owensboro, KY, and to **Adam Lyle** on his new job with Rainbow Design Services...

Many **thanks** to **Ben Lyle** for the recent tree removal and to **Les** and **Gina Lyle** for cleaning up the water from the flooded basement...

Our **Christian Love and Sympathy** goes out to **David Graetz and family** in the passing of his father, Rev. Robert Graetz.

The following appeared in the *New York Times*; Published Sept. 20, 2020; Updated Sept. 24, 2020; by Alan Blinder.

Robert S. Graetz, Rare White Minister to Back Bus Boycott, Dies at 92

Targeted by the Ku Klux Klan, he drove Black people to and from work during the Montgomery boycott and remained an unbowed voice for desegregation.

As a young Lutheran minister in Alabama in the 1950s, the Rev. Robert S. Graetz Jr. would alternate his driving routes to thwart attackers. He once measured a 15-inch-deep crater left by a bomb that had targeted his home in Montgomery. And to shield his young children from fear — and the shards of glass that would follow another explosion — he would play a "game" with them in which they would crawl behind a couch when there was a suspicious sound outside.

Defying the menacing of the Ku Klux Klan, intimidation by the authorities and isolation among fellow clergymen, Mr. Graetz remained a rare, unbowed voice for desegregation among white people in Alabama, supporting the Montgomery bus boycott that transformed the nation's budding civil rights movement.

"I have always contended that the absence of fear is not the point," Mr. Graetz wrote in "A White Preacher's Message on Race and Reconciliation: Based on His Experiences Beginning with the Montgomery Bus Boycott," a memoir published in 2006. "What you do

when you are afraid is what makes the difference. We often had good reason to be afraid.”

Mr. Graetz, who seemed to toggle seamlessly between foot soldier and field general in civil rights and social justice causes for seven decades, died on Sunday at his home in Montgomery. He was 92. In confirming the death, Kenneth Mullinax, a friend and a family spokesman, said Mr. Graetz had been in hospice care in recent months with Parkinson’s disease.

Mr. Graetz never gained the international prominence of a friend, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., nor the through-the-ages symbolism of a neighbor, Rosa Parks. But as the pastor of Montgomery’s all-Black Trinity Lutheran Church, he was a forceful advocate for equality, accepting scorn and derision.

The bus boycott began less than six months after Mr. Graetz arrived in Montgomery, the state’s capital, after Mrs. Parks’ arrest. Although word of her detention spread quickly through the city’s Black neighborhoods, Mr. Graetz, a newcomer, did not know what had happened until another minister alerted him to plans for a protest that were afoot.

Mr. Graetz telephoned Mrs. Parks, who sometimes led N.A.A.C.P. activities at his church, to inquire about the expected demonstration. Only then did he learn that it was her arrest that had prompted the action.

Mr. Graetz, with the help of his wife, Jeannie Graetz, aided the boycott. In his Sunday sermon he urged parishioners not to board Montgomery’s buses on Monday and offered them rides to work. After a Monday morning spent giving rides to Black residents, he went to the courthouse to watch Mrs. Parks’ trial, which proved swift: She was found guilty and fined. Mr. Graetz was forbidden to sit in the courtroom’s “colored” section.

The boycott, first planned as a one-day event on Dec. 5, 1955, lasted more than a year, and Mr. Graetz continued to drive Black residents to and from work. Some white ministers privately endorsed the desegregation effort but dared not speak publicly for fear of being condemned by their congregations.

Not Mr. Graetz. Wearing a cross that read “Father, Forgive Them,” he appeared at the courthouse with Dr. King — captured in a photograph on the front page of *The New York Times* — and became so well known that *The Montgomery Advertiser* asked him what it was like to live as a pariah.

“I don’t know any pariahs,” he replied.

Mr. Graetz became a target of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacists. In August 1956, while he and his family were traveling in Tennessee, his parsonage was damaged in a bombing. The mayor of Montgomery suggested that it was a publicity stunt by supporters of the bus boycott.

The boycott ended in December 1956, but anger continued to simmer. In January 1957, while the Graetz family, including a newborn, slept, a bomb exploded outside their home at 2 a.m. No one was injured. Mrs. Parks later memorialized the attack in notes that the Graetz family purchased at auction in 2018 and donated to Alabama State University, a historically Black institution in Montgomery.

Although the authorities made arrests in the attacks, the suspects were acquitted by all-white juries. Mr.

Graetz believed that the jurors had begrudged him for helping Black people.

“If anything, a white person who was helping a Black person was seen as worse than the Black person,” he said in an interview in August 2018.

He found particular solace in the 27th Psalm, which includes the verse, “Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.”

Robert S. Graetz Jr. was born in Clarksburg, W.Va., on May 16, 1928. Early on, his family, with a lineage of Lutheran clergymen, pegged him as a future minister.

Growing up in West Virginia during the Great Depression and World War II, Robert attended segregated schools. He considered a career in medicine but enrolled at Capital University, in Columbus, Ohio, to study theology. He became interested in civil rights while writing a sociology course term paper about inequality in education. He soon founded a campus group to focus on race relations and joined the Columbus chapter of the N.A.A.C.P.

He married Jeannie Ellis in 1951 and had seven children with her. She survives him. (A complete list of survivors was not immediately available.)

The couple moved to Alabama in 1955 and lived in Montgomery for several years (Mr. Graetz was a groomsman at the wedding of Fred Gray, Mrs. Parks’ lawyer) before moving to Ohio, where Mr. Graetz had taken a position at a church. Dr. King and his wife, Coretta Scott King, gave them a silver serving tray as a going-away gift. The tray remained in a place of honor in the Graetz home in Montgomery, where the couple continued to meet with student groups and others on civil rights pilgrimages in later years.

“We feel God has given us the unique privilege of standing with one foot in the Black community and one foot in the white,” Mr. Graetz wrote in his memoir. “It may not be comfortable, but that is where we are. And until God tells us it is time to slow down, we intend to keep pressing ahead with our witness.”

Your editor also found this on the website of Montgomery, Alabama WSFA News 12. By Ashley Bowerman | MONTGOMERY, Ala. (WSFA)

A memorial service for the late Rev. Robert S. Graetz, Jr. was held inside of Montgomery’s historic First Baptist Brick-a-Day Church Sunday.

Only family members and memorial speakers were allowed to attend due to the family’s desire not to spread the COVID-19 virus. The ceremony was streamed live for those who were not able to attend.

Rev. Graetz is remembered as a civil rights icon and acclaimed human rights advocate. He died on Sept. 21 at the age of 92. His larger-than-life persona will be remembered across the world.

“He really left an impression on everybody that knew him,” said Rev. Graetz’s eldest child, Meta Ellis. “He will be deeply missed by all of us.”

Rev. Graetz was a key supporter of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a landmark event of the Civil Rights Movement.

“He was a pastor of a Lutheran Church here in town, Trinity Lutheran Church, it was called at the time,” said son David Graetz. “He was the only white pastor who,

at least publicly spoke out, and worked, during the Montgomery Bus Boycott.”

His role in the boycott included driving African Americans to work or shopping for several hours each day. He was also the secretary of the Montgomery Improvement Association, the organization founded to organize and support the boycott, and appeared at meetings led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“He provided an opportunity for me not only to ride at the front of a bus, but also to live a prosperous life without anyone deterring me because of the color of my skin,” said Alabama State University President Quintin Ross. “So we are just so happy to be able to honor him.”

“He will surely be missed,” said Alabama State University Archivist Dr. Howard Robinson. “He was an incredible force. When so few voices in Montgomery, so few white voices in Montgomery stood up, he stood tall.”

Because of his involvement in the Montgomery Bus Boycott his family faced harsh ridicule.

“His house was bombed as a result of his advocacy,” Robinson said. “His family was threatened and so he had to stand in the face of significant opposition to stand for what he thought was right and what eventually was proven to be the right direction for this nation.”

Rev. Graetz’s life’s work focused on reconciliation and a vision that he and his wife shared with Dr. King, a vision of a beloved community.

“It was just something that he stood for and lived for,” Graetz said. “And up to his last breath that’s what he was about.”

The First Baptist Brick-A-Day church, where the service took place, was associated with the Montgomery Bus Boycott’s meetings as well as the Freedom Rides in May of 1961.

Family members said they will plan a public celebration of Graetz’s life after the pandemic has subsided and asked that instead of flowers, donations be made to either of two non-profits:

The Graetz Foundation, 1558 Dunbar St., Montgomery, AL 36106

The Alabama State University Foundation’s fund for The National Center for the Study of Civil Rights & African-American Culture, which may be reached electronically at www.alasu.edu/giving or mailed to The Alabama State University Foundation, P.O. Box 1046, Montgomery, AL 36101.

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