“Sweet” Night for the Board
By Leigh Bond

All new, incoming, and outgoing elders and deacons are invited and encouraged to be present for a “sweet” night at the church on Monday, June 6, beginning at 6:30 pm. An array of delightful, delicious desserts will be available. This gathering is the “transition meeting” for our Board members—a chance to look back and look ahead—and to give thanks to God for so many people who are offering their time, talent, and resources to serve the church.

A Time for Baptisms and Baby Dedications
By Leigh Bond

Spring and early summer remind us of God’s gifts of new life and new birth. If you are interested in being baptized or participating in a service of dedication for a new baby or child, please contact the church office at 896-1161. Father’s Day is June 19 and that would be a wonderful time for a dedication service.

Summer Suppers!
By Leigh Bond

Do you like to eat? Do you like to meet new friends? If so, you’re qualified! We're organizing some small group get-togethers at Beargrass. The idea is to gather groups of 6-9 people from the church for two meals during the summer. A designated host within the group will arrange for a time and place to meet and eat—either at someone’s home, the church, or a local restaurant. Group assignments will be coordinated through the office and folks of all ages and stages—singles and couples and families—are welcome to participate! Please call the office at 896-1161 to sign up, or email me at leigh@beargrass.org by Sunday, June 19.

Vacation Bible School 2016
By Steven Straub (steven@beargrass.org)

Vacation Bible School will take place June 12-16, 2016 from 6:00-8:30 pm each evening. Most nights will include an opening gathering, snack supper, music, crafts, Bible stories, and recreation activities. The last night will include a family potluck, music concert, and carnival! Again this year, JYF (those who have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade) will have an entirely separate program.

This year’s theme is Surf Shack: Catch the Amazing Wave of God’s Love. The children will gather at the “beach” each night for a variety of exciting activities. As the children learn Bible stories from both the Old and New Testament, they will learn ways that God creates, God helps, God loves, God calms, and God sends.

Registrations for VBS is still open. Registration is based on the grade COMPLETED in spring 2016, and all pre-school children must have turned 4 by June 1 to participate. You can register online. For those who register in June, the cost is $15. For those participating in the special JYF program, an additional $10 will be charged to cover their special program. VBS Scholarships are available – contact me for more information or if you have any questions about VBS.
Graduations

Congratulations to more of our 2016 graduates!

Morgan Lindsey Duff, granddaughter of Rita and Jerry Maxwell, graduated summa cum laude with majors in music, biology, and chemistry from Western Kentucky University Honor's College. She has been accepted to the PhD program at the University of Louisville to study microbiology immunology.

Andrew Thomas Fuchs, son of Becky and Jeff Mosley, brother to Caroline and Cameron Mosley, grandson of Shirley Cook, graduated May 14 from Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Kentucky, with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services and Counseling and a minor in Christian Ministries. In the future, Andrew plans to attend graduate school to become a licensed counselor.

Kelsey Renee Gilpin, granddaughter of Brenda Brast, graduated from the University of Louisville.

Connor Knight, son of Donna and Doug Knight graduated from Saint Xavier High School. At Beargrass Connor has attended Camp Wakondaho. He has served as a Youth Deacon, gone on mission trips, and played basketball. At Saint Xavier, he has been on the basketball team for four years. Connor will attend the University of Kentucky in the fall.

Lisa Maney, granddaughter of Nancy Maney, graduated magna cum laude from the University of Kentucky with a double degree in Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Agriculture.

Emmalynn Rakestraw, daughter of Deborah and Chris Rakestraw graduated from Atherton High School. At Beargrass, she has served as Youth Deacon and Elder. She particularly enjoyed her mission trips to Heifer International, Nashville, Chicago, and Guatemala. Emmalynn went on two mission trips to Guatemala and will go again in July. At Atherton, Emmalynn played lacrosse all four years and was named Captain of the Varsity Squad this year. She has been a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society and the Spanish Club, for which she is the treasurer. Her Spanish teacher nominated her to participate in the Atherton Language Students European Trip. Emmalynn is interested in many things including the environment, education, and the Spanish language and culture. She will attend the University of Louisville in the fall.

Connor Rawlings, grandson of Sue and Joe Rawlings, graduated from the University of South Carolina with a major in biochemistry and will attend the University of Texas to work on his PhD.

Joseph Quaye graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Doctorate in Ministry.

Robert Watson, son of Karen and Robert Watson, graduated from the MST program at DuPont Manual High School. He will attend UCLA this fall as a Stamps Leadership Scholar.

The Youth Ministry Summer Schedule!

By Tiffany DeTienne (tiffany@beargrass.org)

We are going to get together a couple of times each month this summer. Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar!

June
Sunday, June 5, 4:30-6:30 pm
Sunday June 26, 4:30-6:30 pm

July
Sunday, July 3, 4:30-6:30 pm
Sunday, July 10, 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturday, July 16—Holiday World Trip
Sunday, August 7—Back to School Pool Party

Beargrass Bridge Club

Barbara Decker, Johnnie Lynn Romine, and Nancy Stoess are organizing a Beargrass Bridge Club to meet the second Wednesday of every month beginning in June. So if you like to play bridge, come join us June 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome so bring your friends, men as well as women. Contact Johnnie Lynn Romine at jlrromine@twc.com or 425-5709 to reserve your spot for the first session. If you have questions, contact Barbara (797-6100) or Nancy (905-2894).

JYF Summer Trip

By Steven Straub (steven@beargrass.org)

Calling all children who have completed third, fourth, or fifth grades! You are invited to participate in the great JYF Summer Adventure on Wednesday, June 8 (Rain date: Thursday, June 9). We are heading to Holiday World in Santa Claus, Indiana, for a day filled with fun!

The cost for the trip is $40 per person, which includes park admission, meals, and travel costs. Reservations should be made in the church office by Sunday, June 8. Please call me at 896-1161 if you have any questions.

Parents: We could use a few extra chaperones for this trip. Let me know if you are interested in going!
2016 Scholarship Awards

**Jordyn Ethington.** University of Louisville. Masters in Education program. Van Nostrand Scholarship.

**Jacob Ferree.** Freshman at University of Kentucky or Centre College. Van Nostrand Scholarship.

**Seth Harper.** Senior at Western Kentucky University. Physics and Mathematics major. Van Nostrand Scholarship.

**Derek Holland.** University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Freshman. Van Nostrand Scholarship.

**Morgan Mercker.** University of Kentucky. Sophomore Communications major. Gladys Gibson & Van Nostrand

**Shelby Nickol.** Mississippi State University. Senior, Public Relations major. Van Nostrand Scholarship.

**Emmalynn Rakestraw.** University of Louisville. Freshman. Van Nostrand Scholarship.

**Adrienne Sams.** Indiana University Southeast. Junior, Education major.

**Darcy Simpson.** Transylvania University. Junior, Business major. Gladys Gibson and Van Nostrand Scholarships.

**Robert Blake Watson.** UCLA. Freshman, Political Science major. Van Nostrand Scholar-

**Kyle Willinger.** University of Louisville. Sophomore, Finance major. Van Nostrand Scholarship.
Thank You Beargrass

Please accept a big thank you to everyone at Beargrass for the privilege to be your Board Chair this past year.

Some of the many accomplishments in the past year brought about by the leaders and members of Beargrass living out our mission to Worship Regularly, Grow Intentionally, and Serve Generously are as follows:

- The Greeting and Welcoming Task Force helped re-energize this important part of our Ministry—thanks to the many greeters who are making this happen
- The Fed With Faith Task Force has helped Jean and Wendy Manganaro grow this dynamic outreach program
- Our Young Adult Ministry is experiencing growth and commitment
- Our Children’s and Youth Ministries are increasingly making a difference in the lives of our youth
- The growth and impact of the new Men’s Group
- Our Music Ministry has grown even better with great new musicians under Dan Spurlock’s leadership
- Our Adult Ministries Team has increased attendance with growth in the value and quality of programming
- The continued growth of the Farmers’ Market
- And so much more!

Our growth (41 consecutive weeks of new members as I write this) can be attributed to having a strong ministerial team, a talented staff, dynamic and committed lay leaders, an involved membership, and a “Beargrass Mission-Alive” approach to serving others.

As we head into our 100th Anniversary Celebration at our current location and our 175th year as Beargrass Disciples of Christ Church in 2017, please give the same great support you gave to me to our next Board Chair, Alice Beckham.

Thank you again for the greatest honor I have experienced in my life—serving as Board Chair of this amazing faith community.

From,
Alan Forsythe

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Board Chair, Alan Forsythe
Honored by the Saturday Service
By Carolyn Sander

Alan Forsythe was recognized at the Saturday Service with a Kentucky Derby Box Seat for his dedicated leadership and extraordinary time and talents he has given to our church this past year. Everyone enjoyed the fun presentation and gift, especially Alan!

Donations to Beargrass
By Marikeith Mercke

Anita Roederer made a donation to the memorial fund in memory of Frances Wood.
Jeanette Wortham made a donation to the memorial fund in memory of James Neil Farris.
The Beargrass Christian Church Choir made a donation to the Music Fund in memory of Allan Cheatham and Fran Dick.
Be a Smart Cookie, READ
Beginning June 8, Library
By Nancy Wilson

The summer reading program, “Be a Smart Cookie, READ,” will begin at 10:30 am in the library with a story or two, a craft, and a snack. Readers can sign up in the library and check out books on Sunday, June 5. The library reading program for children will take place June 8, 15, and 22 and July 6, 13, and 20. Books need to be returned to the library by July 31 to be counted toward library prizes. Enjoy a summer of reading at Beargrass!

New Members
By Leigh Bond

We were glad to welcome Amy Carpenter to the church family at the 9:00 am worship service. Amy has been attending worship regularly and participating in the young adult ministries. She moved to Louisville with her husband, Dave, and is working as the Director of Communications at St. Paul United Methodist Church on Bardstown Road. Amy enjoys painting, writing, animals, hiking, and home improvement projects.

We were pleasantly surprised to welcome Steve Roling to the church family at the 9:00 am service on “May Day!” Steve is married to Kathy and is the father of Ryan Roling and Rachel Spurlock and the father-in-law of Audrey Roling and Jeff Spurlock. He attended the Newcomers Class and has been active in the new Men’s Group, as well as other outreach efforts. Steve has enjoyed being closer to his family since they moved to Louisville from Evansville. He also enjoys golf and basketball.

We were glad to welcome Charles Carey to the church family by transfer of membership from Bashford Manor Baptist. Charles has been worshipping with us regularly in the past few months and decided to make Beargrass his home church. He has his own yard service business and when he has time he enjoys watching a variety of sports. He will celebrate his 75th birthday on July 15.

We were glad to welcome Elaine Van Horn to the church family by transfer of membership. Elaine is the mother of Beargrass member, Charlaine Reynolds, and has been a “regular” in our worship services and other church activities. Elaine will celebrate her “four score + four” birthday next month! Let’s give them all a warm welcome to Beargrass!
Summer Dates 2016

*Junior Camp (grade 4-5) – June 20-24, 2016
*Mini Camp (grade 3) – June 3-5, 2016
*Camp 101 (grades 1-2; parent/guardian attends with child) – June 24-26, 2016 OR July 22-24, 2016
  CYF 1 (grades 9-12)—June 6-11
  *Eighters (grade 8)—June 12-18
  *CYF 2 (grades 9-12)—June 27–July 2
  *Chi Rho 1 (grades 6-8) July 4-9
  Chi Rho 2 (grades 6-8)—July 11-16

(*Beargrass recommends these camps and will assist in setting up a carpool for these camps.)
(Note: For camps and mission trips, grade refers to the grade completed by June 2016.)

Mission Trips
CYF Mission Trip (grades 9-12)—June 12-18
Chi Rho Heifer Trip (grades 6-8)—June 19-25

Vacation Bible School
June 12-16, 2016 (children ages 4 through completion of grade 5)
(Sign up at beargrass.org)