

I think the biggest frustration to me was that I simply could not be an expert on everything. Between Middle East issues and environmental issues and issues about the way our church is organized and governed, it was simply impossible to be on top of it all. However, in the mist of those feelings of inadequacy is where trust comes in. In those moments I chose to trust that God was somehow in the midst of the decision, and that even if things didn't go the way I thought they should, or hoped they would, that God would still be at work.

I found it incredibly hopeful that there are so many people who care so deeply about the social and ecclesiastical issues before the PC(USA). Whether they were issues related to church structure, or issues related to the PC(USA)'s position on any number of theological and social justice topics, so many are so passionate for their cause. Through the week I came to realize that all of us were there - debating, making motions, amending, learning, and voting - because we fiercely love Jesus. We may not always agree on how to live out that love. We may not all agree on what that love even means. But in spite of our finite, broken humanity, and in spite of our disagreements, we are all working so that God will be glorified and so that others will hear the Good News of God's love for us through Jesus. I find that incredibly hopeful, and reassuring as we continue to be the Church.

Despite the length of this "I was Just Thinking," there really is so much more I could say about my experience at General Assembly, and the Assembly's actions. If you have specific questions I would love to try to answer them. I would also love to point you to resources where you could read for yourself some of the actions of the assembly, and some of the interpretations from various news groups and organizations. Thank you so much for allowing me the time and opportunity to serve as a commissioner to the 222nd General Assembly. It was an incredible experience, and I am thankful to have been a part of it.

In Christ,
Pastor Dena

Please keep these family members and friends in your prayers:

Sara Ahlgren (daughter of Bill & Becky Ahlgren), Seth Apel (the Ahlgren family), Geneva Cable (mother of Mindy Cable), Joe Ciaramella (father of Pastor Dena & Brooks Roy), George (friend of Linda Lynd), Carol & Lillian Grundler (daughter & wife of Dick Grundler), Karen (friend of the Stebors), Barry Lavery (brother-in-law of Dale & Diane Jacobs), Luke (grandson of Linda Lynd), Kim Long (friend of CCUPC), Doug Marner (husband of Dara Marner), Jim Miller (CCUPC member) Lee Moorhouse (husband of Linda Moorhouse), Harriet Murray (wife of Bill Murray), Dorothy Ohorodnik (extended family of Tara Schmidt), Karen Raman (CCUPC member), and Ann Veres (mother of Peggy Wetzel).

A **Summer Bible Study** is being held in the Greeting Area on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM and will continue until the end of July. Join Rick Martin, Dave Otto and Mark Stebor for a study of the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

CLOSET CLASSIC SALE UPDATE: Volunteer sign up sheets for the Closet Classic Sale, Flea Market and the Carnival Café are posted on the bulletin board beside the SCRIP table. Please sign up for at least one shift. *Our biggest need for volunteers is on Friday, August 12th and Saturday, August 20th.*

THIS WEEK AT CCUPC

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
TODAY	7/17	
8:30 am	- Pray for Tajikistan (politics)	
10:00 am	- Summer Sunday School	Greeting Area
11:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
	- Lemonade on the Lawn	Outside
	- Village J	
THURSDAY	7/21	
7:00 pm	- Property/Maintenance Meeting	Conference Rm.
SUNDAY	7/24	
	- Pray for Tajikistan (missionary situation)	
8:30 am	- Summer Sunday School	Greeting Area
10:00 am	- Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 am	- Lemonade on the Lawn	Outside
	- Ushers Ministry Team B	

Notice is hereby given for a **meeting of the congregation** of the Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church to be held, Sunday, July 31, 2016, following morning worship. The meeting will address the following items: reception of and action on the report of the Nominating Committee, approval of the pastors' terms of call, a report on the 2016 budget process, and a question and answer time concerning the worship questionnaire.

A LOOK AHEAD AT OUR SCHEDULE:

- We will be **unloading the trailers** on Sunday, August 7th. We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Communion on this day.
- We have begun sorting, tagging, marking and pricing clothes for the **Closet Classic Sale**. Which means, we need LOTS of help!!! Please read over the insert in today's bulletin and pick a time that would work best for you to help out. The sale (along with the Flea Market Sale) will take place August 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th. Mark your calendars and tell your friends!!
- Our next **Food Bank** collection will take place on Sunday, July 31st. The *Item of the Month* is liquid laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and cleaning supplies.
- The annual **Church Picnic** will be September 11th at Warrendale Park.
- The Deacons are sponsoring a Blood Drive on September 25th.
- Mark your calendars!!! VBS 2017 will be June 12th - 16th!!

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July 17, 2016

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"I will give thanks to you, God, forever, because you have acted. In the presence of your faithful people, I will hope in your name because it's so good." Psalm 52:10 (CEB)

The Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the register pad, passing it down the row, then back to center aisle.)

The Prelude

Worship Team

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Psalm 37:7

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a green prayer card and pass it to the center aisle as they will be collected during the first hymn and included during the prayer time)

The Call to Worship

WE WORSHIP IN PRAISE

*A Hymn of Praise

"10,000 Reasons"

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

*You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

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*And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;
Ten thousand years and then forever more!*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name.*

WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER

*The Call to Confession

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, God, that You are holy and we are not. We stumble and fail. We set our sights on the wrong things and pursue the wrong goals. We follow the unsuitable examples, and let them have undue influence on our lives. Right our hearts, O God. Set our eyes on You, and assure us of Your grace and forgiveness. We ask this in the name of the One who came to show us the true and right way, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Glorifying God ***“We Will Glorify”***
***We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.***

The Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

Our Invitation to Give

The Offertory

Worship Team

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Praising God #556 ***“Praise God From Whom All Blessings”***

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*The Prayer of Dedication

WE WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

*The Greeting (*Please share words of peace, encouragement, and hope*)

The Children's Lesson and Prayer

(The children may come forward)

(The children 3 years old - Kindergarten may now leave for TLC)

(There is no KFC for the summer)

The New Testament Lesson

Luke 10:38-42

(page 1028)

The Sermon

“TO DO LIST”

Pastor Nadine L. Roy

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*The Closing Hymn #359 ***“Be Thou My Vision”***

*The Benediction

The Postlude

Worship Team

**Please stand as you are able.*

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The chancel vases are given by Jo Goddard to the glory of God, and in celebration of her husband, Mike, on his birthday.

I WAS JUST THINKING . . .

Wow! What a summer it has been so far! Whoever called these “the down days of summer” definitely wasn't an associate pastor at a *busy* mid-sized Presbyterian church! Between Vacation Bible School, General Assembly, and the upcoming New Wilmington Mission Conference, I haven't stopped at all! But honestly, I wouldn't have it any other way. Even if it is busy, it is good to be a part of what God is doing here and around the world.

My experience of the General Assembly may be of particular interest to some of you. It was a whirlwind week that was at one time both very quick, and very slow. The days were quite long starting at 8:30 AM and going until 9:00 PM, and sometimes even past 11:00 at night, which was particularly rough for those of us on east-coast time! But it was good, and actually even a little exciting (in a nerdy-Presbyterian kind of way.) If you ever have the opportunity to participate in a GA, I encourage you to take it. It is hard work, but it is so interesting to see how the church functions at the national level.

There were a number of historical moments during the 222nd General Assembly. First, we elected Co-Moderators. Our church has always operated on a moderator/vice-moderator model, but in 2014, there was a vote to allow for this change. It is also historic because this is the first time two women have occupied these offices. There have been many women moderators and vice-moderators, but they have always been accompanied by a male counterpart.

Also of note is the fact that the Rev. T. Denise Anderson is the youngest person ever to hold the office of moderator or vice-moderator. Many believe it important for a church that is asking “Where are all the young people?” to have a (relatively) young person in one of its most public roles. (I can say relatively because she is very close to my age!) History was made, again, at the end of the week as we elected the first African-American to the office of Stated Clerk – the highest office in the PC(USA). This is significant and a good reminder that our denomination is more diverse than what we may experience in our own church and presbytery.

The beginning of the week gave time for every committee to act on recommendations for each of the business items it was assigned. The committees did not act definitively, but instead, recommended to the General Assembly (all the commissioners together) how they should act on each item of business. The committee's work was only a recommendation, and the Assembly could do whatever it wanted with the recommendation when each item came to the floor. (I was assigned to Committee 05 – the committee dealing with mid-councils.)

The General Assembly's action on anything that didn't amend the Book of Order (our constitution) is final and binding. However, wherever there is an amendment to the Book of Order, those amendments must be approved by a majority of presbyteries. Those decisions will take place over the next few months, and changes to the Book of Order will be published in 2017.

The only exception to this was the adoption of the Confession of Belhar. Any change to our Book of Confessions must first be approved by a General Assembly (which it was in 2014), then it must be approved by two-thirds of the presbyteries, and then voted on at a subsequent General Assembly. The 222nd GA (2016) had the privilege of formally adopting the Confession of Belhar into the Book of Confessions. This is significant because it takes a strong stand against racism by affirming that all of human kind is created by God and rejects any doctrine that advocates the “forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.”

Again, this was a historical moment for the PC(USA). It is the first Confession we have adopted from the global south, and it is the first addition to the Book of Confessions since 1967 (which was the first addition in 3 centuries!). While one may claim that our adoption of this confession is about 30 years too late to address apartheid – the situation to which it was written – it speaks powerfully the problems of racism that still exist in the world.

Since committees can only recommend, the whole Assembly had to come back together for plenary. Days in plenary at the Assembly were long and tedious, but also hopeful and exciting. I believe there are many decisions that we got “right.” I also believe that there are some areas where we “missed the boat.” There are many I'm still not sure about – and some votes of my own that I might change if given the opportunity to choose again. There were even a few instances where I genuinely didn't know which option would be most pleasing to God.

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