



THE COLUMNS

By the Way....

May/June

Words from our Senior Pastor Bruce Nettleton

2019

The Lost Art of Making Change

I worked my way through college, much of the time holding more than one job at a time, as well as attending classes. One of those jobs was almost always in a fast food franchise. While I was usually in the kitchen, from time to time I was called upon to work at the cash register taking orders.

Some of you may remember an age in which buying a burger did not require taking out a loan. There were no credit card machines in most of the places I worked. Instead, people would hand me paper money with pictures of dead presidents, and I was expected to deduct the price of the purchase from the value of these slips of paper and return the resulting difference in value to the customer using other slips of paper and small metallic discs. It was a quaint, but effective, system of buying things that you may still witness from time to time in older establishments.

It did, however, require a certain base skill set. We had a codified system for counting change that involved counting the money into the customer's hands, starting with the price of their food and adding the value of the change until we (it was to be hoped) arrived at the amount they had originally given us.

Not too long ago, I was at a fast food place whose computerized cash registers were on the fritz. The credit card thingy didn't work, either, so I was trying to pay my bill using cash.

They couldn't do it. Nobody in the store knew how to make change. I tried to show them. I got the sort of look you might get when trying to explain the science behind an electric fence to a cow. They declared the whole thing "too confusing" and sent me on my way with a free meal in my belly.

Now you might think that between the free food and a smug sense of superiority that I found the whole thing to be a generally positive experience. The problem was that this meal was during a break at a church leadership conference on the subject of "Change in the Local Church." What I was discovering at that conference was that churches, also, have lost the knack of making change.

The early church was awash with innovation. They couldn't help themselves. *Everything* they did was new, without precedent. There was no handbook on how to bring people to believe a man had been raised from the dead. The only possible answer to "We've never done it that way before" was "Of course we haven't." There were no ruts, because there was no road.

I do like tradition, but sometimes I think we forget that the Gospel of Jesus is not a blanket endorsement of the Status Quo. It is, at its very core, a message of change. In Christ, we are called to become "a new creation." The God that we follow has declared "Behold, I make all things new."

Bruce Nettleton



Third Annual Malcolm Poulter Memorial 4-Person Golf Scramble

Saturday, 13 July 2019

Battlefield Golf Course (Richmond, KY)



Sign-in @ 8:00 am in Clubhouse
Shotgun Start @ 9:00 am
Mulligans & "Skirts" = \$5 each
Lunch provided



COST: \$50/Player (\$200/Team)

(please make checks payable to: **FUMC Men**).

CONTACT: Bobby Herbst @ (859) 200-5755

or Herbst120@yahoo.com

Sign up Deadline Wednesday July 10.

	NAME	PHONE	HANDICAP
Player 1/Captain			
Player 2			
Player 3			
Player 4			

Proceeds support Malcom Poulter Memorial Fund and Men's Ministry Outreach

Little Ones' Consignment Sale
Fall/Winter 2019: August 2nd & 3rd

*Hours are Fri 7am-6pm and Sat
8am-2pm*

The Fall/Winter 2019 Consignment Sale will be held on August 2nd & 3rd. The Little Ones' Consignment Sale (LOCS) is a community sale held in the MMC twice a year in which children's clothing and other child-related items are sold. LOCS proceeds go to benefit those in need in our community as well as internationally. Here is some information about the sale and ways to help:

- **On-site Registration will be held on Saturday, June 8th.** This is when you can get a seller number to sell your items in the sale. Cost is \$6. You can also register online after this date for an \$11 fee.

- **Sign up to volunteer during the sale.** If you'd like sign up to work the sale, please go to our website or contact Kathy Vockery at 358-5270. Working a 3 hour shift allows you to shop the presale on Thursday, August 1st.

- **Sign up to bring food/drinks to help feed our volunteers.** Contact Sharon Stone at 200-3116.

Donate wire hangers for items that need to be hung on racks. **(WIRE HANGERS ONLY!)** Hangers can be dropped off in the container by the back door or the week of the sale at the MMC.

Visit our website at
www.locsofrichmond.com for the latest information about LOCS!

locs ministries supported

Spring/Summer 2018

\$2,856.00:	Gift Certificates (Clothing given to those in need)
\$ 465.00:	Compassion for Christ (2 adopted children)
\$2,000.00:	God's Outreach Food Pantry
\$1,000.00:	FUMC Sharing Ministry
\$ 200.00:	Kidz Konnection Klub, Inc.
\$ 400.00:	Red Bird Mission
\$ 500.00:	CASA (Court Appointed Special Adv.)
\$1,000.00:	FUMC MMC
\$ 200.00:	Project Read
\$ 300.00:	Health Now Clinic (In Memory of Harry Smiley)
\$ 500.00:	Hope's Wings (In Honor of Vicky Petry)
\$ 500.00:	Gilmin Home (Berea)
\$ 600.00:	New Liberty Family Shelter
\$ 1,000.00:	Salvation Army Canteen
\$ 600.00:	FUMC Youth Trip to Haiti
\$ 300.00:	Estill County Center for Pregnancy & Parenting
\$ 300.00:	Christian Flights International Nutrition Clinic
\$ 300.00:	Pregnancy Help Center
\$ 200.00:	Prince of Peace Orphanage (Guatemala)
\$ 300.00:	Winchester Beacon of Hope Emergency Shelter
\$ 300.00:	CHOSO Chosen Junior School (Uganda)
\$ 250.00:	Yehor Vitel Education Fund
\$ 600.00:	Aldersgate-Scholarships
\$ 500.00:	Refuge for Women
\$ 500.00:	FUMC Youth
\$ 150.00:	Hannah's Care Packages, Memory Jared Chitwood
\$15,812.00:	TOTAL

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Do you enjoy playing golf? Do you enjoy giving to good causes? These two items meet for an awesome experience on Saturday, July 13th 2019 at 8:00am for the Men's Ministry's Third Annual Malcolm Poulter Memorial Golf Scramble. This fun event raises funds to help children go to the Aldersgate camp as well as other mission needs. Talk to any member of the Men's Ministry for more information, or better yet come to one of our meetings, held the second Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. For more info please contact: Bobby Herbst at 859-200-5755



Donations are being solicited now for the Fourth Annual Quarter Mania Auction. Be part of the most talked about charity event in the Blue Grass! New and slightly used items are accepted. Gift Cards in any amount are welcome. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by federal and state law [503(c)]. For more info please contact any member of the Men's Ministry.



Have you signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program? When you do so, you will be helping our church. Simply go to krogercommunityrewards.com and create your account. Indicate that you would like your donation to go to First United Methodist Men's Ministry. Every time that you shop, a donation will go to this group.



Beyond opinion to Conviction, Beyond Conviction to Love

Ever wonder how to respond to questions about your faith, what you believe and why? The Good News Class will be discussing "BEYOND OPINION: Living the Faith We Defend" by Ravi Zacharias who is the author & general editor. More than a book of apologetics, Beyond Opinion is written to equip us intellectually, spiritually, & relationally "to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

This will be an ongoing study & everyone is welcome; please drop by room 204 on Sunday mornings to join the discussion. You may also call me, Elizabeth Bendure 859 893-1366.





5/1: Brayden Nichols
Jullien Ross

5/2: Don Shadoan
Andy Bentley

5/3: Lois Beaver
Hunter Ross

5/4: Stacy Russell

5/5: William Nettleton

5/8: Ralph Jones
Milagnos Velazquez
Marisa Yerace

5/9: W. Richard Smith

5/10: Dammian Stepp

5/11: Craig Myers
Adam Collier
Rebecca Otieno
Claudia Rainey

5/12: Don Calitri
Ruth Babbitt
Christina Ciolek

5/13: Mason Lewis

5/14: Winona Harris
Ross Brown
Paula Southgate
Sarah Dalton

5/16: John Dawson
Sally Martin
Sarah Garrison
David Southgate

5/17: Elizabeth Gale

5/18: Steve Coe
Kendra Myers

5/19: Amy Gribbins

5/20: Daniel Southgate

5/22: Michael Martin

5/23: Ken Auble
Logan Jackson

5/24: Donna Strange

5/26: Rindy Russell

5/27: Maison Nichols

5/28: Doug Lippman

5/30: Larry Shearer
Gay Sweely
Pat Webb
Ramah Ballard

5/31: Carol Rogow
J.C. Deaton
Durand Waterbury



5/12: Jeff & Ruth Babbitt

5/14: Bob & Sharon Shoemaker

5/16: Jon & Lisa Clevenger
Justin & Jessica Cobb

5/20: Bob & Bethany Keith

5/21: Richard & Elizabeth Bendure

5/23: Bill & Shannon Grise
Zak & Kara Kratzer

5/24: Ross & Cathie Brown

5/25: Ken & Paula Southgate

5/26: Danny & Amy Gribbins

5/27: Mark & Julie Secor

5/28: Ron & Joyce Smith

5/31: Scott & Wilma Deyo
Bob & Jackie Bliss

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Give the church office a call so we can get you added!
859-623-3580



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Do you have something that you would like to have added to the Columns? Feel free to contact Lori by calling 623-3580 or email her at richmondfumc@richmondfumc.org for more info. The plan is to have a Columns every 2 months. The DEADLINE for the July/August Columns is June 1, 2019.



6/1: Kim Nettleton
 Stephen Sweely
 Debra Sweger
 Dorothy Ann Lovell
 Bev Merten

6/2: Shane Cartwright

6/3: Sonnie Maas
 Chris Jackson
 Adelyn Shearer

6/4: Hannah Nystrom

6/5: Michael Blakeney
 Vicki Moore
 Greg Thomasson

6/6: James Lamb
 Ashley Gribbins

6/7: Nicholas Killin
 Kaley Outlaw
 Chris Otieno
 Ian Stepp
 Larry Bailey

6/8: Lindsey Bendure
 Thomas Barker

6/9: Bryan Gardner
 Linda M. Yoder
 Keara Koerner

6/10: Marie Mitchell
 Jack Lindsey
 Jude Hardin

6/12: Jo Margaret Durham
 Robin Rickerson-George

6/13: Greg Sargent

6/15: Terri Sadler
 Marie Whitehouse
 Alex Phelps
 Jimmy Phelps
 Lisa Phelps

6/16: Jessica Cobb

6/17: Roger Jurich

6/18: Helen Ferguson
 Sheryl Jurich

6/20: Erin Cartwright
 Lauren Collier
 Jenna Boulden



6/21: Barbara Shearer
 Alice Salyers

6/22: Kayann Hinton
 Patrick Nnoromele
 Elizabeth Bauer

6/23: Al Grijalba
 Amiee Wills
 Parker Jackson
 Aidyn Maynard

6/26: Kathy Combs

6/27: Phillip Foster
 Amos Stone

6/28: Paula Deaton

6/30: Missy Rice



6/3: Paul & Linda Grant

6/4: Don & Gloria Shadoan
 Scott & Denise Collier

6/5: Bob & Tyronna Riley
 Kevin & Shannon
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6/6: Les & Jan Ramsdell

6/7: Rob & Paula Ciolek

6/12: John & Helen
 Ferguson

6/13: Tim & Barb Singleton

6/14: Ralph & Bev Merten

6/15: Rodney & Sabrina
 Cobb

6/18: Joseph & Jamie Lovell
 Mason Smith & Marie
 Mitchell

6/26: Bobby & Jojean Barton

Beyond the Shoebox

I want to share with you the story about a 10-year old Romanian girl who received an OCC Shoebox gift and was invited to participate in the Greatest Journey Bible Study by a local church.

“When 10-year-old Larisa received Jesus into her heart, she began to work for Him right away. She was impressed by the beauty of the pictures in her New Testament & promised to tell about the wonders of the Lord Jesus to her parents & friends in school.

One day, Larisa was given permission by her schoolteacher to make an announcement

& she invited her entire class to The Greatest Journey meetings. Wonderfully, 11 children from the school joined the course. They completed the 12 discipleship lessons & are now regularly attending church. They all want their parents to follow them, so they pray for their families often. Like the others, Larisa prayed for her family & the Lord brought first her mother, then her sister & father to church. Since August 2018, they have all become baptized members. Larisa is a child who wants to live for the Lord together with her whole family.”

It is never too early to be praying for the child who will receive YOUR shoebox gift!

Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.

—Matthew 21:22



Music Ministry

“From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation’s revealing your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
Indescribable, uncontainable...
... You are amazing God.”

(Chris Tomlin, 2000-2019, Indescribable, AZLyrics.com)

Although we all like different kinds of music, we all love music. The power and importance of music in our lives is undeniable. Music is a universal language that inspires human feelings and helps to bridge gaps between cultures. Music is *of the spirit* and inspirational *to the spirit*. (7 Top Reasons “Why Music is So Important”, May 15, 2007, Mark Maxwell, Ezine Articles).

Do you notice how the Scriptures instruct us to worship? “With psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.” What’s a key indicator of a heart that is worshiping God, ruled by the Spirit? It’s a heart that sings. How do we express gratitude to the Lord? By singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord.

Some can sing beautifully, others not so much. What matters is not necessarily the noise that comes out, but the heart that sings. (“Why We Need Music to Worship”, November 22, 2011, Daniel Darling, Crosswalk).

Opportunities to serve and participate in music offered at First United Methodist Church include ensembles for all ages. For adults – Chancel Choir, Adult Praise Team, and Cannon Handbell Choir. For Youth – Youth Praise Team and the newly formed Emerge Church Orchestra. For children – God’s Melody. Of course, several soloists and small ensembles participate in each of the services. Never fear, there is a place for you. Not only will you receive blessings from music, but you will bless others in turn. Come join us in making beautiful music for the Lord.



My heart is so overflowing with all that I learned at the Operation Christmas Child Connect Conference May 2-4 that I don't know where to begin. Here are a few glimpses into our shoebox ministry to inspire you as you shop and pack and pray.

As we were at conference, they asked that we pray as the Haitian customs officials were holding up the containers with shoeboxes. Last I heard, the President had signed the necessary documents to release them!

Roselyn's family fled from Rwanda to Kenya to Malawi. In second grade she received her first gift ever. To her that shoebox meant love and hope. She is now studying to be a doctor in the U.S.

Eighteen years ago, Yuliya Shinua from a restricted access country in Central Asia received a shoebox with a stuffed puppy dog that she still has today, but the most precious gift was the note saying "I am praying for you. Love, Katie". Katie's family had prayed that their box would reach a child in a country closed to the Gospel. In 2015 Yuliya met Katie and her family.

Neville Ramkissoon is an OCC volunteer in Guyana who travelled deep into the jungle to deliver shoeboxes to unreached people who had never heard of Jesus Christ. Those shoeboxes opened the door and 23 children graduated from the Greatest Journey. But the parents kept asking, "What is there for us?" Finally a Bible study was created for them, and presently there is a church in that village with 51 adults and 92 children.

There is so much more I could share! Just ask me! Meanwhile, please keep praying, praying praying. Elizabeth Bendure, 859 893-1366

