



NOTES FROM THE ROAD

Every now and then I need to dump out my basket of miscellany and sort it. Here goes:

I hope a lot of us will be able to come to worship on April 22, when the Adult and Teen Challenge Mid-America Choir will lead the service. I hear this is outstanding and am sorry to miss it, but I'll be in Mississippi for a family interment. I look forward to hearing your reports!

Have you lost your Piggy? Found in the church foyer: a small, black silicon phone stand that looks like a pig with a suction cup face. I am not making this up. You may claim it in the church office.

May is National Bike Month, and I thought yesterday, "You know, in our parking lot, we could offer the Cape community a 'Blessing of the Bicycles,' followed by an optional ride on the Cape La Croix Recreation Trail." May 19 looks like a good date. I'd need help with planning, publicity, and some hospitality. Would some of you want to grab this with me and ride with it? Bicycling experience not required (smile).

It's said that nature abhors a vacuum, but you've been remarkably tolerant of the hole in the church kitchen. Still, momentum is gathering around initiatives to do something about that. Stay tuned for ways you can have a part.

I've heard great things about Greg Heinsman and know he's missed around here. He'll be back for a Sunday on May 27 when he'll preach for us. Alas, I'll be gone for that, too; I'll be home in Athens for the Georgia Tandem Rally. Please hug Greg's neck for me.

Finally, if you're interested in our welcoming of visitors in hopes that they'll become regular worshippers, we're meeting at 8:45 am this Sunday to have a look at our nametag board and make at least one decision about it. Come advise!

—Doug

Dear Friends,

Are you feeling some impatience, as I, awaiting what is coming, but seemingly, so slowly? Snow in April? What? Or, perhaps some impatience, as I, for the next "chapter" in the life of Abbey Road Christian Church?

The Board of Elders met April 5th and enjoyed a meal and meditation together, then our attention was focused upon our 'interim time'. So, how are we doing, despite our impatience/anticipation? The business of our Church is moving forward with reassuring regularity. Our financial report records we are beginning to repay our former loan to ourselves.

Our maintenance schedule is 'on schedule', with air conditioning maintenance and replacement. There is the beginning of an initiative to replace the dishwasher in the future.

In our ministries, opportunities continue in service to our Church. Financial Chair Elder remains an open position and the future Search and Call Committee will be formed this summer.

And, the most important ministry in the church always remains open and welcoming: being there for each other and the needs outside our sanctuary doors. Thanks for what you do, and please know, additional opportunities do abound, and you would be so welcomed.

Our continuing business is moving forward with success. In becoming that open and affirming community of Christ, the important detail of 'consistent and integrated' church documents relating to how we advertise, secure, and care for our employees has been reviewed and updated by Personnel Committee. What remains of our journey to open and affirming? Declaration. Amen.

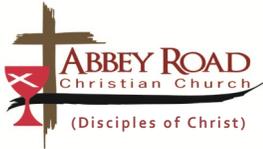
Work in re-adoption of the *Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct* continues. In review, these guidelines address how we treat each other as Christ's Body, how we treat our leaders, our minister(s), how we represent Christ in our community and beyond, to those outside the church, and to the Church Universal. I hope to address this document further at our upcoming Town Hall meeting, June 3, 2018 after worship (w/meal).

Finally, if you have missed the opportunity to visit with Pastor Doug, let me encourage you to do so. He would love the visit; you will be blessed by it.

Yours in Christ,
David



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Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.
Please note: Names will be removed from the prayer list after 3 months unless an update is made to the church office.

Worship Notes April 8

Attendance: 68

Regular friends: 7

Offering: \$1,071

April 15 Every Sunday Is Earth Sunday

Holy Ground

Psalm 84:1-4

Serving on Sunday, April 15

At the Table: Judy Cureton (c), Jim Main (o)
Distribution: Peggy Bentlage, Adrian Wills+ ushers
Communion Prep: Felicia Fox
Scripture Reader: Pauline Filla
Greeters: Felicia Fox, Sue Kemp
Ushers: Anne McDonough, Ed Tilley
Abbey Road Adventures: Karen Piker
Worship Capt.: Steve Piker
Soundboard: Breedon/Dean



◇ **Golden Boys** will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy's Cheesecake. Please join us for breakfast and conversation.

◇ Remember that the *Mid-America Adult & Teen Challenge Choir* will share their musical ministry with us on Sunday, April 22, during worship service. A reception will follow. 

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 15 *Every Sunday is Earth Sunday*

8:45am Name Tag Board Meeting (*1st meeting! All interested in welcoming & hospitality, please come!*)

9:30am Worship

9:30am Abbey Rd. Adventures for children, K-6th grade

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Sunday School

Tuesday, April 17

8:00am Golden Boys at My Daddy's Cheesecake

3:00-5:00pm ARCL: Basic 100/101

Wednesday, April 18

9:30am Bible Study

6:00pm New Life Singers practice

6:45pm Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, April 19

8:00am Women's Breakfast Group at Huddle House

6:30pm Deacons' Cabinet meeting



There was a nice turnout—around 200—for the *13th Annual Mother Earth Wholistic Fair* last Saturday. There was very good interest in our labyrinth with people wanting to learn more about it. One young enthusiast was adamantly requesting that her mother take her there "right now"! Thank you to Linda Hill, Lavetta Bratton, and Dave Dickey for helping at the table; you are very much appreciated! ~Anne



ARCC Garage Sale!

Saturday, April 28, 7am-Noon

Bring your donations [beginning on Monday, April 23](#) and leave them in the narthex.

Workers are needed to help set up, work, and clean up. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board or you may click the link below and sign up online:

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