



## The Woodland Echoes

### WELCOME

This past Sunday we gladly welcomed Jennifer Sharp and Glenda Tucker as members of our Woodland congregation. A personal note of welcome can be sent to Jennifer and Glenda at 633 Elk Lake Drive, Lexington KY 40517.

**THE COMPLETE CIRCLE PRESENTS  
TRAVELS TO HAITI WITH JANICE JAMES  
ON MAY 20 AT 6:00 P.M.**

In March of 2006, Janice James joined a group from Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville who has a Sister Parrish (Cathedral St. Louis) in Jeremie, Haiti. Janice will provide a slide show that documents her travels from Port Au Prince to Jeremie on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. A light dinner will be provided. There will be discussion regarding the daily challenges of the Haiti people to survive and thrive. A book that was recommended to Janice on several occasions to gain a better perspective on Haiti is Mountains Beyond Mountains by Paul Farmer if anyone would like to know more about Haiti.

*The Graduating Class  
The Trustees and the Faculty  
of  
Lexington Theological Seminary  
request the honor of your presence  
at the  
One hundred and forty-third  
Commencement  
Friday morning, May fifteenth  
Two Thousand and Nine  
at ten o'clock.*

***(Our own Laura Phillips  
will be graduating at this time.)***



### The Pastor's Pen

In our last Board meeting, Dave Woods began our time together by having the members of the Board reflect on the question, "Where have I experienced God in Woodland this past year?" Of course I had to narrow my timeline down to 'this past six weeks', but still, it was a meaningful question for me to ponder. More than one answer came to my mind, but the one that I will share now is "In the open spirit of learning and growing present in this place."

I have been so very impressed with the faith journeying and struggling that folks openly share with each other here. Questions are expressed, doubts are raised, and listening to each other happens. Some of you may take that open atmosphere for granted. You shouldn't! It's a gift that you share with each other both in formal and informal learning settings.

Back in Seattle, a good friend of ours is always remodeling or tinkering with a part of his house. When one project is done – or even when it's not (much to his spouse's distress) he'll move on to another one. One day I asked him when he thought he would be through. His response was, "When I'm through, I'll die." Not that it would take him his entire life to finish, but that his projects are what made and defined life for him.

Is not learning and growing in faith the same? When are we ever 'through'? Certainly not at baptism, definitely not with ordination, not even with years under our belts as Elders. I am thankful that I am in such a place as Woodland as I continue to journey in my faith. Please know that my door is always open to ponder and question together!

### THANK YOU

Thank you so very much for the beautiful installation gift of the stained glass window! The fact that it is made from pieces of glass from this church makes it all the more meaningful. I treasure it, just as I treasure the call to be your pastor!

**EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY,  
ANYBODY, AND NOBODY**

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

**LITURGIST TRAINING SESSION**

Following Worship on May 24th, all who are interested in serving as Liturgist are invited to attend a training session. Young people are welcome too! I will be reviewing the steps of the process and Dalene will be there to explain the role of the liturgist as a leader in worship. This is a vital ministry at Woodland. Please join us and explore this area of service. Anyone presently serving as Liturgist is welcome to join us and learn Dalene's ideas in this area. Please join us May 24th after Worship and get on the schedule!

Anna Gayle Parke  
Chair of Worship

**EASTER THANKS**

What a wonderful Easter Sunday! Many thanks to all who helped make the services as glorious as they were: to John Roark, Ainsley Wagoner, and the choir for the anthems on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter, to Anna Gayle Parke for preparing the palm fronds, directing the processional parade on Palm Sunday and the flower placement on Easter Sunday, to Dave Campbell for making sure all of our ordered flowers arrived and were wrapped, to Patrick Thompson for organizing the Easter breakfast.

To the Good People of Woodland Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and kind wishes for our healing. Sarah's improvement continues and she gets stronger everyday.

We know that Easter is a time for celebrating life and we are grateful to Woodland for keeping us lifted in prayer as we continue to heal. Your friends in Christ,  
Kris, Mark, Sarah and Abby Anderson

Dear Woodland Church

I want to thank the church and Jackie and Tim Diachun for the Beautiful white Lily you bought me and the communion we shared together. What a blessing it is to be a member for over 50 years.  
Thanks again!  
Love to all,  
Ethel McQueary

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**March 2009 General Fund Update:**

Revenue	\$15,392.14
Expenses	\$13,626.32
Over/(Short)	<b>\$1,765.82</b>
Monthly Revenue needed to maintain 08-09 Budget:	\$16,967.15
<b>* Does not include Arts Fair Income or Sale of House</b>	
Balance for 08-09	<b>\$5,375.95</b>

**Youth Yak**

**JUNIOR WEEKEND @ WKDH—May 2—3,**

Theme: Running the Good Race, an overnight for youth in grades 4—5. Activities, worship, singing and meeting new friends before summer camp!

**CAMP REGISTRATION** Information is available from Kathryn, or is on the camp website at [www.ccinky.net/outdoormin](http://www.ccinky.net/outdoormin)

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[www.woodlandchristianchurch.org](http://www.woodlandchristianchurch.org)

**FAREWELL**

Rev. Michael Davison, Assoc. Regional Minister, will be leaving the Christian Church in Kentucky at the end of May. You are invited to a reception to be given in his honor on Saturday, May 16 at Providence Christian Church, 101 Providence Way, Nicholasville, KY. The reception will be from 1 - 3:00 p.m.

You are invited also to pen a letter and bring it with you to the event to be included in a scrapbook of letters. If you cannot attend the event you may send the letter to the Christian Church In Kentucky, 1125 Red Mile Road, Lexington, KY 40504. Please write "Davison event" on the lower left front of the envelope.

Any donations given in Michael's honor will be of benefit to Outdoor Ministry, at his request.

*April Mission Story from  
Global Ministries partners the Christian  
Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United  
Church of Christ.*

***FIVE HAMMERS AND  
A HANDFUL OF NAILS***

"Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses, entrust to the faithful who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2: 1, 2)

The fourth and fifth grade boys of Donkoi Primary School in Laos were excited. They were at Mr. Khamvanh's house in the village, using one big hammer and some long nails to repair the school's tables and benches. How wonderful this farmer-carpenter villager is! He took the initiative for this project without anyone asking him. I thought, wouldn't it be wonderful if there were a carpenters' group in the school? The children were asked, "Would you like more hammers?" They all said "Yes", so that was it! The Young Carpenters' Club was born.

Mr. Khamvanh was asked if he would bring some older youths to help him finish repairing the tables and benches while the younger boys played with the hammers, nails, and wood. Mr. Khamvanh bought a 'tuktuk' full of scrap wood (a 'tuktuk' is a small vehicle that carries passengers short distances) and that summer the children of Donkoi Primary School had a wonderful time creating anything they wanted. No more repairs to tables and benches were needed.

That was how Donkoi School's After-School Program began: with five little hammers, lots of nails, and a skilled carpenter with a very good heart.

Xuyen Dangers is a social worker in Laos/Vietnam serving as a Social Work supervisor of Donkoi Child Center and five other centers; and as social work advisor on the faculty of Social Sciences, the National University of Laos; and with Church World Service and Witness (NCCC).

Depend on God and each other through prayer and fellowship.

Need the gifts and vision of others to join with our own

Act to better God's world

Love, celebrate and nurture God's children

communion

Deepen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, study and

Overcome our human imperfections to spread God's love

Open our hearts and minds to God's direction for us

Welcome all

At Woodland, we

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