

The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on August 25, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Church Lounge. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer followed by sharing of concerns of members of our church family.

### ***Ministry Team (MT) Reports to Session:***

#### **Care Giving Division – Carolyn Turner, Lead Elder; Freddie Hart, Elder**

Congregational Care Ministry Team: Nancy McManus, Chair

The Congregational Care MT meets monthly to discuss better and more ways to take care of those members in need.

Transportation (Pam Dashiell, chair) is provided to worship services for members who request this service. Also provided is transportation for doctors' visits, grocery store visits, hair appointments, or any other need for those who cannot drive or have no other transportation. Anyone who needs transportation should contact Pam Dashiell for this service (862-5957). If you are interested in being a volunteer to drive members, please call Pam Dashiell.

#### **Church Family Division – Don Gentle, Lead Elder; Tammy Nye, Elder**

Membership Ministry Team: Edna Bell, Chair.

An Inquirers' Class will be starting in September for anyone interested in learning more about our church and being a Presbyterian.

#### **Finance Division – Tom Taylor, Lead Elder; John Hachbold & Phillip Jerome, Elders**

Finance Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The Finance MT met on August 13, 2009. Overall, both revenues and expenses are running close to budget, within seasonal variability and normal fluctuations in income and expenses throughout the year. Year to date, income is running somewhat ahead of forecast and expenses are running somewhat below forecast. The July 2009 month-end financial statements show: a) total tithes and offerings in July were \$54,232, exceeding forecast by \$9,262; b) total tithes and offerings year-to-date stand at \$324,368, exceeding forecast by \$9,575; c) July expenses totaled \$42,630, which was \$2,732 below forecast; d) year-to-date expenses of \$305,126 are \$12,410 below forecast. The vacant Youth and Children director position accounts for a large portion of the reduced expenses.

The Preschool financial situation remains challenging. The CWMT and the Preschool staff have been working extremely hard to make the budget work. Enrollment for fall classes has been strong, which will help. However, an anticipated \$10,000 shortfall remains for the calendar year. Several fundraisers have been planned to help bridge the shortfall. To date, the fundraisers have generated \$2,801.34.

Stewardship Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The Stewardship MT met on August 11, 2009. Various strategies for the 2009 stewardship campaign were discussed and Commitment Sunday was set for October 25, 2009. A Bible study entitled "Money and Possessions: The Quest for Contentment" will be one of the Midweek Manna offerings in the fall and will mesh nicely with the stewardship campaign.

#### **Spiritual Life Division – Larry Goodwin, Lead Elder; Tom Taylor & Tammy Nye, Elders**

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Johnson, Chair

July meeting: Mary Johnson thanked Pat Crawford, Jeanny Hart, Sue Heglar, Brenda Monk, and Joyce Weaver for cleaning up the Young Children's Worship room and getting some stories organized.

A Welcoming Children to the Lord's Table class will be held for children (third grade and older) and their parents at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2009, in Davidson River Hall.

The Kirkin' o' the Tartan will take place at both worship services on Sunday, October 11. There will be a rehearsal for the people carrying the banners at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 10.

Charlie Steele presented his plans for the music program through December, 2009.

August meeting: Pat Crawford and Helen Russell replaced the white board in the Young Children's Worship room with a bulletin board. Because of this change, a letter will be sent to the parents of each child who regularly attends Young Children's Worship asking their permission to take a picture of their child and posting it on the bulletin board along with their artwork.

Pat Crawford will be the Worship Ministry Team's representative on the ALPS team for Advent.

The Worship MT will ask Shellie Dambax and Debbie Thompson to coordinate Acolyte training for interested children who are in the third grade and older.

Paula Jackson, who has been doing the tape ministry, is moving to South Carolina. The team is looking for someone to take over this ministry.

Charlie Steele announced that he will present an organ concert on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at the Porter Center.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Martha Taylor, Chair

A new Sunday school class: "Parents and Friends of Young Children" is being formed. Mary Jane and Dan Bennett will lead the class in ED3. Plans are being made to kick off the class with a get-together at the Gentles' home. A start date has yet to be determined.

Kim Spencer has offered to help with teaching the Middle School Sunday School Class. An assistant is needed.

Search Committee for the New Director of Youth and Children's Ministries has interviewed two candidates.

Midweek Manna starts September 9 with a worship service and ends December 16 with the Moravian Lovefeast. A Family Fun Festival is being considered for late October. All other nights will be devoted to Bible study that will include "Money and Possessions", study of the Sermon on the Mount, study on "Biblical Guidance for Local Issues" (Scriptural guidance for Christian responses to unemployment, hunger, poverty, domestic violence, criminal justice, prejudice.)

A Men's Bible study group is being considered; however, a leader needs to be identified.

Genesis Sunday is August 23 and planning is going well.

A possible name change for Sunday school is being considered.

The next meeting will be September 21 at 5:00 in ED 3

**Communications Division – Ginny Bradford, Lead Elder; Don Stinchcomb, Elder**

Communications Ministry Team: Don Stinchcomb, Chair

The Communications MT met on August 5 for its regularly scheduled meeting. There was no meeting in July.

The church calendar for the next ninety days was reviewed. The leaders of the following will be reminded to consider publicity via *The Transylvania Time*: Sara Winston – Preschool; Ellie Mercer – Presbyterian Women; Martha Taylor – Genesis Sunday; and Cathy Gary – Mid-Week Manna.

Language of a motion to change the name and rules governing what has been known as "Congregational Meetings" was reviewed. It was agreed that the title and governing regulations in the Book of Order regarding such meetings was not what was intended when these periodic communication meetings were established. It was agreed that a motion, changing the name and therefore the governing rules for conduct of such meetings, should be changed to Church Family Communications Meetings and should be submitted to the Session for approval. This motion was approved.

Communications MT reviewed the many choices of art work for the mission statement including wheat and mountains. Julie Singdahlsen was thanked for her many hours on this project.

The next meeting will be September 2 at 10:00 am.

### **Standing Committee of the Session**

Nominating Committee: Tom Taylor, Chair; Steve Letterman and Glenn Winston, members-at-large  
This committee is working on the next class of elders.

### **Administration Division – Phillip Jerome, Lead Elder; Jim Ansley & Lew Sayre, Elders**

Personnel Ministry Team: Tom Crawford and Glenn Cutler, Co-Chairs  
Personnel will meet as needed.

Property Ministry Team: Wes Branning, Chair

The Property MT did not have a formal meeting in August.

The MT did gather with a team of volunteers on three occasions to remove the furniture from the classrooms in the Preschool so that the floors could be stripped and waxed, and then met again to return the furniture back into the classrooms.

The Property MT along with volunteers also removed three Bradford pear trees due to storm damage and as a safety hazard from the front parking lot median.

The grounds “Plot Care” program is working very well and the church grounds are looking very good.

Wes Branning and Larry Braisted continue to make improvements on the Preschool playground.

A problem has been presented to the Property MT and the church in that someone has made an agreement with the “United Way” to have the playground behind the old manse refurbished without informing the Property MT or the church staff. This is a problem because the church liability insurance does not cover the area for children to use, and there is a lead paint problem with the windows of the manse. The paint is flaking off onto the ground. Responsible parties at El Centro are being contacted.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair

This committee meets quarterly with the next meeting in September.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair

The below motion was approved.

To further modify the grant to Transylvania Christian Ministries (Sharing House) from the B-DRPC Endowment Funds income originally made June 17, 2008 and later modified on July 15, 2008 as follows:

Although TMC has been unable to fund the remainder of the cost of a case manager from other churches, that this condition of the original grant be waived for the 2009-2010 year.

That the B-DRPC grant due July 1, 2009, in the amount of \$5,000 from 2008 dividends be disbursed to TMC by August 31, 2009.

That further review of the situation at TMC with regards to the case manager activities be made prior to July 1, 2010 to determine the continued viability of the case manager work before the 2010 and 2011 pledged grants of \$5,000 each are made.

The Special Funds Management Committee will send a letter to TCM stating all the terms of the 2009 grant, including that TCM agrees to fund the case manager effort from \$18,000 in other church donations, \$5,000 from BDRPC and \$7,000 from its own reserves.

The below motion was approved.

To approve the recommendation of the Special Funds Management Committee to declare a 2009 Dividend from General Endowment Fund Income in the amount of \$12,000. This income will be available to fund local mission outreach projects. B-DRPC Ministry Teams may recommend projects to the SFMC beginning 8/31/09 on forms prescribed by the SFMC. Projects may not duplicate any efforts included in the B-DRPC operating budget. Preference will go to projects which meet critical local needs during the present economic downturn, such as food, medicine, emergency housing, emergency clothing, and transportation for medical needs. Projects approved prior to 12/31/09 will be paid from this dividend, and any money left from this dividend at 12/31/09 will be reinvested in General Endowment fund principal.

The below motion was approved.

To revise the wording in the General Endowment Trust and in the Mission Endowment Trust Funds relating to the classification of realized capital gains to reflect that realized capital gains, as well as unrealized capital gains, will be considered as permanent principal, not as income.

Note: This change will require approval by 80% of the Session, according to the Endowment Trust Agreements.

#### BACKGROUND:

In October, 2006, the Session approved the Endowment Trust Agreements. One provision of those agreements was that any changes to them would require an 80% vote of the full Session, so as to ensure the stability of the agreements. The voting provision for change in the agreements is still in force. In describing the elements of the income and principal portions of each Endowment Trust Fund (both the General and the Mission Funds), the wording suggests that unrealized capital gains (paper increases in investment value which are not supported by actual cash assets) be classified as part of the principal, while realized capital gains (gains actually obtained from the sale of assets at values higher than acquisition value) were to be classified as income. The SFMC recommends that the Endowment Trust agreements be modified to clarify that realized capital gains be classified as principal, a more conservative position. If the Session approves the change, the Endowment Trust Agreements will so modified.

Existing language: “**Fund Assets**: The accumulated income of this Fund shall consist of its undistributed earnings from sources such as interest, dividends, rents, royalties, and net realized capital gains. The remaining value of its assets, including any unrealized capital gains, is deemed to be its principal.”

Proposed language: “**Fund Assets**: The accumulated income of this Fund shall consist of its undistributed earnings from sources such as interest, dividends, rents, and royalties. The remaining value of its assets, including both realized and/or unrealized capital gains, is deemed to be its principal.”

#### **Weekday Children’s Ministry – Celia Ansley, Chair, Sara Winston, Lead Elder; Freddie Hart, Elder**

The Preschool Team met August 17 at 5:00 PM. Summer Playgroup was a success! It broke even. Sandy Matheny was the Director. Teachers were Jonnie Snyder, Chesnea Lance, Jude Kawa, Hope Raxter and Carol Martin. Assistants were Meredith Byrd, Sophia Russo, Kate Tracey, Jan Sellars and Allie Barnes.

The Preschool Director also reported on plans for Fall. The four-year-old classes have several vacancies. All other classes are full and have waiting lists. There are several changes in staff assignments. These will be presented to the Session in September.

Orientation for parents and children will be on August 27 and 28. Members of the committee will furnish the refreshments and assist as hostesses or in anyway needed. Classes will begin August 30 and 31. Teachers will have workdays on August 25 and 26.

A report on fundraisers was given. Anita reported that the sub-committee on the silent auction/craft had many difficulties and recommended that we table this for the time being due to the hard financial times. The Preschool wish-list and box

will be outside their hallway starting on Sunday. There will be a notice in the church bulletin and newsletter explaining this.

The Directors have many requests for aid from parents – many of whom have 2-3 children enrolled. These parents have been hit with pay cuts and are asking for partial help.

Our staff representative, Jill Swartz, has agreed to serve another year and has been a hard working asset to the committee.

**Mission Division – Ginny Bradford, Lead Elder; Don Stinchcomb, Elder**

Local Outreach Ministry Team: Luck Shepherd, Chair (includes information from July and August meetings)

Sharing House – Gail Blunt

Sharing House wants to start a one time men’s Softball Tournament in order to raise funds. They propose to have six teams paying \$200 each.

Ingles did not support the last food drive; however, they have a program where Ingles gives an amount equal to 5% of a customer’s bill to the customer’s favorite charity if the customer has an “Advantage” card, and the charity is registered with Ingles. We need to get this information out to our congregation.

Luck outlined the meeting with Linda McCready and Dr. Marcia Harper, explaining Sharing House falling short in getting full funding for the counselor position from other churches and outside parties. The total amount needed to support this initiative is \$30,000. They also explained they had agreed to make up the \$7,000 shortfall from their Reserve Funds, hoping we would allow them to move forward with the plans and see what next year brings. Local Outreach MT voted to request our \$5,000 check for this year be given to Sharing House with the understanding they have to abide by the original rules again next year for us to continue. Local Outreach MT, Special Funds Management Committee and Session approved this funding in 2008 that would run for a three year period with \$5,000 each year as long as Sharing House followed the guidelines instituted by all parties. This was to start in July, 2009. Luck will contact John Rowe of Special Funds with this request, and then request approval from Session for this modification this year. (This was approved. See Special Funds report).

Relay For Life – Faye Paden

The “Purple Ball” was the last fundraiser this year. B-DRPC has contributed over \$4,300 this year.

Faye said the goal of \$80,000 countywide was surpassed by over \$1000. Next year a Country/Gospel Concert is being considered for raising more funds, and would probably be held at the Brevard High School.

Presbyterian and Grandfather Homes for Children – Charlie and Wilda Strigo

The idea of providing welcome baskets for a child’s first night at the homes was again discussed. Charlie and Wilda will get a list of items needed for the baskets and then make this information available to church members and Circles.

Volunteers in Medicine – No Report

Phone Cards for Soldier—Horty Menser

325 phone cards have been mailed to military personnel in Iraq to date totaling \$6517.50 with an account balance of \$1474.30. Donations including July donations total \$7991.80.

We have been unsuccessful so far in finding a contact man in Afghanistan.

House Calls – Luck Shepherd

Several new calls have come in. A recent case was a 26 year young father involved in a terrible auto wreck. This man is now permanently paralyzed and to be discharged from a therapy facility within weeks. His house was not Handicap Accessible, needing a ramp, small deck, doors widened and a roll-in shower. He had been a carpenter. The crew he had worked with wanted to help, but due to the recent economy had missed much work and did not have the funds to buy materials. House Calls sent a check for \$800 to Jennings and the ramp and deck were built last Saturday. Construction will continue on the other projects and be completed before he gets home.

It was reported that several large donations had been received during the past month. The House Calls fund now stands at \$6100. The Lord does provide!

#### Church Chicken for Charity – Luck Shepherd

A report from Nita Padgett indicated a profit of \$2,700 was made after all bills were paid. The group was told the Men’s Group decided Local Outreach MT should be the body to decide how to best use the funds. It was suggested that \$500 be held in reserve for start up for next year, and hold some money toward building a “grill”. After a discussion, the money will be divided as follows:

Presbyterian Home for Children	\$300
Grandfather Home for Children	\$200
Sharing House	\$500
Neighbors in Ministry	\$300
Habitat for Humanity	\$200
Volunteers in Medicine	\$300
Start up funds	\$500
Grill Construction	<u>\$400</u>
Total	\$2,700

#### Habitat for Humanity – Don Stinchcomb

Habitat is 99.9% finished with house number 48. House 49 is still under construction. Habitat wants to start house number 50 right away. Funds have been very slow coming in; however, stepped up communications have helped some. The last three houses cost approximately \$95,000 each. Peace and Justice MT approved the portion of the Peacemaking Offering used locally to go to Habitat for Humanity this year. During the last month, Habitat has lost its Construction Foreman and is looking for a replacement.

#### Koinonia - No Report

#### 5-cents A Meal – Faye Paden

Offering received in July was \$455.05 and August was \$445.95 with year-to-date total of \$3131.71.

#### Neighbors in Ministry – Beverly Cowan

A team of seven tutors is needed. Four have been recruited with three more needed. It was obvious from her report she has really enjoyed working with the young people and has been greatly rewarded from it herself.

#### Peace and Justice Ministry Team: Judith West, Chair

Did not meet in July or August.

#### Worldwide Ministries Ministry Team: Ginny Bradford, Acting Chair

Did not meet in July or August.

The Fellowship Relations Task Force made a motion that was approved: To establish the Fellowship Relations Committee with the following members – Active Elder, Larry Goodwin, 1 year; Sustaining Elder, Ellie Mercer, 2 years; Chair of Deacons, Marilyn Massey, 1 year; At Large, Bill Dashiell, 2 years; At Large, Julie Duval, 2 years.

The Moderator closed the meeting with a circle of prayer.

Ginny Bradford, Elder

## THE SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Keith Thompson, Moderator  
The Rev. Robert Singdahlsen, Parish Associate

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