



APRIL, 2009

The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on April 21, 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 two members. It is also provided for doctor's 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.

The MT has decided not to have car(s) available each Sunday at College Walk. We will continue to provide transportation to worship services for those who contact Pam Dashiell.

The prayer chain was discussed. Presently, the prayer chain is handled by email. Those who do not have email are not included. It was decided that on weekends when Denise is not available to send emails, Carolyn Turner will email the MT and those on the email prayer chain. If there is anyone who does not use email and would like to be called when a prayer request is received, please contact Carolyn Turner.

The MT welcomes suggestions on how to best serve our members in need.

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

Membership Ministry Team: Edna Bell, Chair.

Bread Delivery and Baking: Corinne reported that two loaves of bread were given out in March. Bread cart workers are signed up for April and May.

Calling Visitors: Personal phone contacts are being made with visitors and prospective new member.

Inquirer's Class: A May Inquirer's Class is being considered.

History: In 1956, the first woman was ordained as a minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church, USA. She was Margaret Towner who was serving as a Christian Educator in a church in Maryland. A graduate of Union Seminary in New York, her presbytery encouraged her to seek ordination, which she did. She chose to avoid the limelight and returned to her work in Maryland. But when the General Assembly confirmed that she was the first female ordained, the media became interested. Her photo was featured in Life Magazine and other publications. Margaret Towner is now retired and living in Florida. Nine years later, in 1965, the Reverend Rachel Henderlite was ordained by the southern stream of the Presbyterian Church.

Photo-Taking of New Members: We are up to date.

Dinners/Lunches: June 14, 2009 has been set as the date of the bread cart recognition/informational reception. It will be in the multipurpose room between services. The invitation will be issued in the Sunday bulletin during May and in the May Communicator. We will serve coffee, tea, punch, muffins and ham biscuits. Corinne will bring a sign-up sheet in May for baking and will attend to further details at the May meeting.

Pictorial Directory/Updates: Several members are willing to help Don prepare the pages for the congregation.

Corinne will head the committee for the appreciation reception on June 14, 2009. We discussed having Marilyn Massey ask the assigned deacon to attend any dinners/lunches with new members having MMT members filling in if needed. The Sunday school open house will be Pentecost Sunday. It was suggested we offer the old camera to the Sunday school.

A suggestion was made to get names and phone numbers from guests at special events like the Easter Egg Hunt with a possible raffle incentive for signing in. With the address, a thank-you for attending the event could be sent.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2009 at 4:00 pm in the Lounge.

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

Finance Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The Finance Ministry Team met on Thursday, April 9, 2009.

The March 2009 month-end financial statements were reviewed. Since only three months of data is available, analysis of trends is not particularly meaningful. However, important observations include: a) total revenues in March of \$52,871.99 exceeded the forecast of \$44,970.50 by \$7,901.49; b) total revenues in the first quarter of \$141,191.24 exceeded the forecast of \$136,111.50; c) total expenses in March of \$43,968.27 were \$1,393.96 below forecast; d) total expenses in the first quarter of \$136,642.25

were in line with a forecast of \$136,086.69; e) first quarter pledge receipts (current and allocated prepaid pledges) were strong at \$122,268.95 compared to a forecast of \$116,925.51.

In an effort to reduce unused restricted accounts, the following transfers were approved: a) \$1,582.70 from the Disaster Relief Team fund to House Calls; b) \$127.84 from the Spiritual Gifts fund to the CE Ministry Team. Designated/restricted giving was discussed with no conclusion being reached. The matter will be addressed at future meetings.

The resignation of Kristen Clanton as Youth Director will have an unknown impact on 2009 expenses, since costs associated with locating and employing a new Youth Director are not yet known. As a result, no estimate of sustainable savings can be made. Any sustainable savings that might be realized will be applied according to the allocation approved by the Session in January: 50% applied toward reducing the General Fund Deficit, 40% accrued toward possible salary adjustments for staff, and 10% allocated for additional support of ministries.

The next meeting of the Finance Ministry Team is scheduled for Thursday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Stewardship Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair  
The 2009 Stewardship Ministry Team has not yet met.

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

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Johnson, Chair

The worship services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter were finalized.

As a way to extend the church's outreach, JoAnne Chase, Fowler Dugger, and Helen Russell have agreed to deliver tapes of the 11:00 a.m. worship services to the people who are unable to attend church.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 5:15 p.m. in ED Room 5.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Martha Taylor, Chair

Sunday school: Martha is continuing to look for another team of teachers for the middle school SS class.

Martha reported that she had met with Circles 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 to gather ideas for Sunday school classes, topics, and other C.E. opportunities. The ideas were shared with the team. Placing a short survey in the bulletin asking members which, if any, of the ideas they would be interested in, and whether they would be interested in leading any of the classes was discussed.

It was noted that a “Faith in Action” type of class is not needed, as there are plenty of opportunities for outreach and local mission activities for existing classes. Those who are physically unable to participate in activities such as “House Calls” could visit homebound members or others in nursing homes or hospitals.

Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting: The 3/3/09 meeting of all the Sunday school teachers led to a decision to kick off the Sunday school open house on Pentecost Sunday, May 31.

A Sunday school open house will be started May 31 and will continue through June. All members will be invited to visit one or more Sunday school classes during this time. Parents will be welcome to either attend an adult class or visit their child(ren)'s class(es). Publicity will involve posters (Tammy), phone calls to parents of children who don't currently attend (Sue), notices in *The Communicator* and the bulletin, and signs for all classrooms. After the 8:45 service, all cookies will be served in the Sunday school rooms instead of Davidson River Hall on May 31.

Midweek Manna Report: Midweek Manna will finish up for the year on May 27. The May MWM worship service will be on Wednesday, May 27 instead of on Wednesday, May 6. After the service on May 27, there will be an ice cream social to finish the year.

Vacation Bible School will be June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children ages 3- eighth grade. The curriculum will be "Kingdom of the Son", a safari-themed program about the Lord's Prayer. Helpers are needed. Tammy will help with publicity.

Sunday school "Class of the Month": The team expressed interest in highlighting one Sunday school class each month with pictures and a class description on a poster at the communication kiosk. Marie will talk to Danny Bennett about taking pictures of each class and will ask each teacher to write up a short description of his/her respective class.

The Budget vs. Actual spending to date shows C.E. to be on target. There may be budget money left over after VBS, and if so, that budgeted amount will be used to purchase books and other resources for the Resource Center.

New Adult Sunday School Class: One suggestion from the Circle discussions was to have a class for "parents and friends" of young children. Danny and Mary Jane Bennett agreed to lead the class, and some materials from Serendipity House were identified for starting the class. The CEMT decided it might be best to wait until the fall to start the class (because of many families traveling during the summer months), but to begin advertising it soon.

It was noted that this team has a lot of ideas for things to do, but not enough staffing to get them all done.

Meeting time: The meetings will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 5:00 in ED Room 3. The next meeting will be May 18 at 5:00.

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

Communications Ministry Team: Don Stinchcomb, Chair

The Communications MT met on April 1, 2009.

The church calendar was reviewed for possible *Transylvania Times* church announcements, and it was determined that everything was up-to-date.

After meeting with Finance MT, an article may be considered explaining designated giving and the total designated giving for 2008.

A tentative new church mission statement was announced – “Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others”.

An article concerning the Fellowship Relations Committee formation was discussed. It was felt that an article be written informing the congregation of this committee with a brief history, that it falls under Congregational Care MT and that members are being considered to serve on this committee. Don Stinchcomb will write the article.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 am in the Conference Room.

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

Nominating Committee: Tom Taylor, Chair; Steve Letterman and Glenn Winston, members-at-large

A Congregational Meeting will take place on April 26 following the 11:00 am worship service for the purpose of electing officers to fill two vacancies. Roy Cowan, Elder, Class of 2009, and Kathy Kelley, Deacon have been nominated.

### **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 use of the church by outside groups was again discussed and a review of the latest draft was done. It was approved to present a motion to the Session. Jim Ansley was asked to get a list from the Local Outreach MT on groups that use the church. These local outreach groups must have a church member sponsor – someone who will take responsibility for clean up and the securing of church property.

Excerpts from this motion that was approved are:

The Property MT proposed that selected agencies be granted preferred status and subject to reduced or no fees if they meet two conditions.

1. The group’s use of facilities must be clearly identified by the Local Outreach MT as part of our local mission.
2. The group must have an organizational sponsor. The sponsor can be any group recognized by the church, such as a regular or ad hoc committee, a church circle, or a Sunday school class. An individual church member could also serve as a sponsor.

Otherwise, a specific fee will be charged for the use of certain areas of the church by outside groups.

The cleaning and resealing of the Sunday school hall will take place the week of April 13-17 2009. Wes Branning and Lou Sayer will assist Steve Sales on this project.

The spring work day took place on April 18, 2009 at 9:00 am. Activities to be included are window washing, repairing rotten window and door sills, painting the repaired surfaces and as always removing leaves from the shrubbery.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair  
This committee did not meet in April.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair  
This committee did not meet in April.

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

Items for a yard sale on Saturday, May 9, are being collected. Proceeds from this yard sale will go toward the preschool budget.

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

Local Outreach Ministry Team:

Phone Cards for Military: Horthy Menser reported that the people involved with the phone cards have been active a little over a year. Fifty phone cards were sent March 17<sup>th</sup> making the total number sent at 275. Enough money is available to send 25 more making the big 300. We are grateful to the church family for this success. Many thank you notes from the soldiers have been received, and they keep saying "we are not forgotten".

Sharing House Food Collection: Ruth Waugaman will now start asking the people transporting the supplies to Sharing House each week to wait until the end of the month, and report the total pounds for the month directly to Julie Singdahlsen who adds another “grocery bag with total pounds” to the Sharing House display.

Sharing House Representative: Gail Blunt stated that she will attend a communications meeting at Sharing House on April 24. Gail Blunt and Bob Singdahlsen are the General Assembly representatives for B-DRPC.

Rise & Shine: The B-DRPC team of seven is headed by Sharyn Tuers and includes Beverly Cowan, Elaine Roehrich and Kim Spencer from the congregation and Linda Mashburn, Debra Davis and Edie Gabcik, friends of Sharyn. In addition, Ellie Mercer and Sue Barrett work with older children on a community team. A team for next year is being considered. Both Sharyn and Kim will be unable to continue. The team leader attends meetings with other team leaders quarterly. Each person works M-Th with two scholars, individually for about 50 minutes, 3:15 – 5:20pm, once every 5 weeks. If a particular date does not work for the tutor, it is usually easy to trade dates with one of the other four people who work with the same scholars. If interested in being on this team, please contact Sharyn Tuers 877-5572.

A motion was made and approved that the 40% of the Pentecost offering (May 31), that is to be used locally, be given to Rise and Shine. The offering is intended to be used for outreach programs with children and youth. It is important that we continue to support this Christian based ministry to some of the at risk youth of our community.

Relay for Life: Faye Paden reported that \$1400 has been collected so far and that a Talent Show was held April 17 and raised \$145.

Five-cents-a-meal Offering: March's offering totaled \$414.61, ytd is \$1246.52.

Grandfather Home for Children and Presbyterian Home for Children: Charlie and Wilda Strigo were introduced as new members and will report on the two Homes.

Volunteers in Medicine: The new name is "Free Clinic". Individuals with no insurance are eligible to be seen and must fall in the 200 percentile income bracket. Patients seen in 2008 totaled 580 with 1712 doctor appointments, and prescription drugs totaling \$470,000. A Smoking Cessation Clinic and Diabetic Clinic are included. All the staff is volunteers. It was decided to invite Gary Kendrick to speak at the next Mission Quarterly meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

House Calls: Luck reported that he had received a call from Marge, the first person House Calls worked for. She asked for a 50" x 80" storm window to be placed over her picture window to conserve heat in the winter and aid the A/C during the summer. Last winter it was 34 degrees inside that window. She was referred to WCCA and their Winterization Program. She completed an application and now House Calls is waiting to see if she qualifies for help. She has a "small check" from her son to help pay for the window.

Another call was received from Sue, the ongoing case for several months. She requested repair of the floor covering so she could get the bedroom cleaned. She wanted ceramic tile, however, there is not enough space under the door to add the tile/backer board height. The old carpet was tacked down temporarily so she could do her cleaning. Adhesive backed tile will be put down soon. One outside door remains to be installed. She has also requested House Calls help her with removal of the old carpet in the room she stays in.

No other requests have come in. Several donations have come in and are appreciated.

Church Chicken for Charity: The Men's Group is in charge of this fundraiser. A help wanted list has been posted. This will take place during the White Squirrel Festival on Saturday. A motion was approved to have a booth purchased from Heart of Brevard for individuals to buy tickets for chicken plates. Funds for the space have been donated.

Habitat for Humanity: The 49<sup>th</sup> house has been completed and is located on Colewell Street. Another house, the 50<sup>th</sup> on Cathy's Creek Road will be started in the future. The bad economy has affected Habitat's home building and Thrift Store. Everyone was encouraged to contribute household items and furniture.

An invitation and request for volunteers from El Centro Comunitario to help with the intercultural event at the church on May 2 from Judy Nebrig was read. She is the Chair of the Board of Directors,

CCHA. Needed are decoration-makers (week of April 20), people to help set up and clean up, child care on that day, servers, food, truck for transporting materials. Please contact Judy Nebrig if interested in helping with this event 883-2900.

The 2009 Souper Bowl of Caring Offering totaled \$1221.62 and Nickel-a-Meal Supersize from the Presbytery matched 50% that totaled \$610.81 making the total offering \$1832.43. The youth approved the funds to go to Sharing House.

Worldwide Ministries Ministry Team: Ginny Bradford, Acting Chair

One Great Hour of Sharing offering was received on Easter Sunday and totaled \$2619. Worldwide Ministries MT did not meet in April.

Peace and Justice Ministry Team: Judith West, Chair

Peace and Justice MT did not meet in April.

Other Business: A motion was approved to form a committee to evaluate the opening for Youth and Children's Ministry. The job description will be reviewed and updated if needed. Committee members include Keith Thompson, Dan Bennett, Don Gentle, someone to be considered from Personnel MT and Christian Education MT.

Pastor's Comments: Keith discussed the draft mission statement – Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others. The congregation will be asked for input on how to implement this. Keith stated that the youth programs are continuing and are strong. These include JAM, Youth and PYC. Leaders include Mandy Horton, Breanne Kelley and parent volunteers. A confirmation class will be offered to the youth (sixth grade and older). The participants will be examined by the Session on Tuesday, May 26, and confirmed during the 11:00 am worship service on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. The next Presbytery Meeting will be April 28 in Montreat.

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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***Jim Ansley***

***Dan Bennett, Clerk of Session***

***Don Gentle***

***Roy Cowan***

***Tom Taylor***

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