



The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on June 16, 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 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.

Pentecost was celebrated on May 31 in Davidson River Hall following the 11:00 worship service. People wore red and brought their favorite covered dishes to enjoy. A big cake was provided for all to enjoy symbolizing the birthday of the church.

The Membership MT honored all those who have baked bread for or attended the Bread Cart on Sundays, with an appreciation brunch on Sunday, June 14 between the early and late services. Also, if you would like to learn more about how you can serve on this team, please call Corinne Hachbold who is the Bread Cart Coordinator.

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

Finance Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The Finance Ministry Team met on June 11, 2009. Members in attendance: Nita Padgett, Betsy Smith, Rick Mills, John Hachbold, John Rowe, Tom Taylor. Members absent: Phillip Jerome. Guests: Dean McGaha, CPA.

The May 2009 month-end financial statements show: a) total tithes and offerings in May of \$46,812 exceeded forecast for the month by \$1,842; b) total tithes and offerings year-to-date of \$229,484 exceeded forecast by \$4,632; c) new pledges of \$1,800 year-to-date fell \$2,367 short of forecast; d) May expenses of \$36,765 were \$8,597 less than forecast for the month; e) year-to-date expenses of \$222,326 were \$4,485 below forecast. The difference between monthly and year-to-date actuals and their respective forecasts appear to relate to timing issues in both the revenue and expense categories. Budgeted revenues and expenses appeared to track well through May. No discernable trends toward sustainable additional revenues for the year were apparent.

Dean McGaha reported on his review of disbursements and bank reconciliation through May 2009. Nothing out of the ordinary was discovered. Dean recommended that the chair of the Finance MT maintain a log reflecting a monthly review/approval of disbursements to individuals.

A letter received from the Preschool was reviewed. Enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year is strong, with full classes. The Preschool leaders and the Weekday Children's Ministry MT have worked hard to devise measures to better match revenues, including a significantly reduced benevolence from B-DRPC, with expenses. Starting in the fall, teachers' hours have been reduced by ½ hour per day, resulting in a 10% reduction in pay. An increase in tuition was not approved by the WCMMT. The Preschool shortfall for the year is expected to be \$10,000. Fundraisers are being employed to reduce the size of the shortfall, but we will need to monitor this situation closely for the remainder of 2009.

The possibility of salary increases for The Rev. Dr. Keith Thompson and the staff was discussed. As reported above, there are no discernable trends reflecting a sustainable increase in revenues in the year-to-date financial statements. A review of giving vs. pledges also revealed no discernable trend that would suggest pledged giving exceeding forecast for the year, based on giving through early June. A key source of sustainable increases would be new pledges, which are tracking below forecast. Therefore, the Finance MT agreed to recommend to the Session that no salary actions be made at this time.

The next meeting of the Finance MT is scheduled for Thursday, July 9 at 9:00 am 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

After Session approval, Shelley Robbins joined the church nursery staff on June 7. Sophie Russo continues and will serve as Head of the nursery staff. Meredith Byrd left the nursery staff on June 7 to pursue other things this summer and then will attend Appalachian State this fall.

A Welcoming Children to the Lord's Table class is being offered to the children (third grade and older). Keith Thompson and Bob Singdahlsen will lead the class which will meet in Davidson River Hall at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2009. The children will make the bread that will be used on World Communion Sunday which is October 4.

Keith Thompson thanked Larry Goodwin and others who helped with the Memorial Day service.

Charlie Steele announced that the annual Montreat Conference on Worship and Music will be held June 21 – 26 and June 28 – July 3. Charlie suggested taking a field trip to Montreat to attend one of the morning worship services held at 11:00 am in Anderson Auditorium.

Charlie Steele announced that the Allegro Handbell Ensemble of the Union Church of Hinsdale, located in Hinsdale, Illinois, will be performing at B-DPRC at 7:00 pm on Sunday, June 28.

Charlie Steele informed the MT that he will attend the annual conference of the Hymn Society of the

United States and Canada held July 12 – 17 at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Charlie will make a presentation at the conference which will be based on his dissertation.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Martha Taylor, Chair

Christian Education MT met on June 15. A recap of the Sunday school open house on Pentecost Sunday revealed a few visitors. Many regular attendees were out of town. It was decided that if this is done next year that it would be better to schedule on a Sunday when not so many other things are going on.

Surveys were distributed to classes. Some of the results were: What kind of adult Sunday school format do you prefer? Some lecture, some discussion. What are some topics you would like to see offered in adult Sunday school? “The Present Word (Bible based lessons); History; Christian Growth; Bible study; Occasional book discussions of belief system, spiritual in nature; Forgiveness; Apply recent understandings of the historical Jesus in his time to our time; enjoying very much James Gailey’s ‘walk’ through the Old Testament; any study of scripture or scripture implications on any subject; Why come to Sunday school? Enjoy Bible study; Learning is life-long; For the stimulus of Christian minds interacting on interesting subjects; Growth in faith and understanding. It’s Sunday morning.

Sunday school “Class of the Month” will consist of pictures and a short description and will be posted on the kiosk. The first class to participate will be the Journey of Faith class in July.

It was suggested that perhaps having a different name for Sunday school would entice more people to come. Possible names included Church School, Christian Ed, Connect Groups, and Covenant Groups.

Other Christian Education opportunities discussed were movie night for adults and kids and men only Bible study group.

Midweek Manna finished up for the year on May 27 and the team will meet in July to begin planning for the next year.

Vacation Bible School will be June 22 – 26 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm A good team of leaders and helpers is in place. Only a few children have signed up so far. Available middle school students have been asked to help.

The Search Committee for the new Director of Youth and Children’s Ministries is now preparing a job description for this position.

The next meeting will be July 20 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 June 3.

Publicity: The church calendar was reviewed for possible *Transylvania Times* church announcements. Vacation Bible School publicity is under way. No other announcements were noted. The Ritual of Friendship book has been updated for the summer taking Midweek Manna out. The Chair announced that he and Ginny Bradford met with Finance MT on May 14 to further discuss

designated giving. A preliminary article was distributed to each member concerning the 2008 designated giving, and each was asked to take home and review prior to putting something in the newsletter. This article was also given to members of the Finance MT for review and feedback.

The June 28 Congregational Meeting was discussed. The purpose should be to Denise by June 16 if not sooner. The location will be in the sanctuary following the 11:00 am worship service.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5, at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. No meeting in July.

Standing Committee of the Session

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

This committee has begun to work 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 need for the trimming of the hedge on the west side of the sanctuary was discussed. Larry and Connie will take care of this.

Preschool needs and repairs were reviewed with input from Beth McLeod.

A walk was completed to examine what needs to be done. There will be more discussion at a later time to schedule a time for the work.

The Session approved a motion to hire Greg Hall who will replace Ron Smith as a part-time assistant for Steve Sales.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair

The second meeting of the Committee on Ministry was held Thursday, May 28.

After the meeting was opened with prayer and a date was set for the next meeting, conversations were held separately with each pastor.

Next meeting will be September 24 at 1:00 pm.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair

This committee did not meet in June.

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

Preschool MT met May 26 at 5:00 pm.

Preschool enrollment for fall is complete. The request for scholarship assists continues to grow as parents' work hours are cut. We have a \$10,000 goal to be able to help all who need help. "Our chairs are filled." Now our work as a mission outreach begins.

The staff has been informed that effective this fall they will have a reduction in hours (1/2 hour/day) which is a 10% cut in pay. Teachers will also receive less scholarship help for a child in the program.

The MT approved the Nursery School Staff for the Summer Play School.

Four-year-old graduation will be Friday, May 29.

Thirteen teachers attended Workshop Training Day at AB Tech. All felt they benefited from the work shop.

Time was spent giving staff evaluation reports. The Staff looks good; their planning and daily work shows. We do need to work on communications with parents and the church. Additional newsletters, another bulletin board, use of the *Communicator* and Sunday bulletin can be used to good advantage.

The Preschool is in need of more regular volunteers. To reach the goals for the Preschool and budget, we must all work harder and spread the word of our mission.

Plans are being completed for the Craft Event in October.

A list of needed supplies that church members can contribute to our School Box will be posted in July or August.

"Buy a student a day at Preschool" will be ready for donations in September. We will ask for donations of \$10 per child once a month for each of the ten school months. We'll pass a school bag one Sunday a month.

The next meeting will be August 17.

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

Mission Division met for its quarterly meeting on June 1, at 11:00 am. Local Outreach MT, Peace and Justice MT and Worldwide Ministries MT were all present.

Transylvania County Volunteers in Medicine: Corinne Hachbold introduced the guest speaker, Gary Kendrick, Executive Director of The Free Clinic of Transylvania County organized in 2001. In 2009 over 1700 patient visits will be managed by TCVIM, at no cost to the patient. The Clinic provides free medical care and prescription drugs to those residents of Transylvania County who earn less than 200% of the Federal poverty level guidelines and have no access to health insurance. Approximately one fifth of the entire adult population of Transylvania County qualifies. Since the Clinic has opened, over

\$1,000,000 worth of free medications has been dispensed. Over 10,000 prescriptions will be required to fill the need in 2009. TCVIM is not a city, county, state, or federal agency. It relies solely on the generosity of its supporters to continue services. They are currently running a deficit for operating expenses (rent, medical supplies, utilities, etc.) for this fiscal year. A grant has been applied for but a shortfall will still exist. Volunteers and contributions are needed. You may contact Gary at Execdir@tcvim.org. John Folger, M.D. is Medical Director.

Local Outreach Ministry Team: Luck Shepherd, Chair.

Sharing House Food Collection: Ruth Waugaman reported that Dick and Joan Doyle will deliver food in June and John and Hilda Folger will deliver in July.

Sharing House Representative: Gail Blunt reported that Sharing House will have two food drives this year – the first being June 27. B-DRPC will collect food at BiLo. A team of four will be needed each hour (9:00-3:00). Advertising for volunteers will begin on Sunday, June 7. Prior to the food drive, we will be maintaining our regular collections. Our collection goals for June are for staples such as flour, sugar, shortening, coffee and tea. Beans of all sorts except green beans are also needed. Thanks to the 3rd to 5th grade Sunday school class for decorating the Sharing House announcement posters with shamrocks, umbrellas, etc.

Phone Cards for Military: Horty Menser reported that 275 cards have been sent. Money is coming in very slowly. Many soldiers are suffering from depression and suicides have increased. We trust the phone cards are a help when talking with their families. We also pray for them and for peace.

Rise & Shine: The B-DRPC team will be headed by Beverly Cowan for the next school year. Without the parents help with fundraisers, the Summer Program would have been cancelled. If you are interested in learning more about Rise & Shine and how you can help tutor, please call Beverly at 884-7169.

Relay for Life: Faye Paden reported that \$3000 has been received so far and the Relay for Life walk will take place June 5.

Five-cents-a-meal Offering: May's offering totaled \$465.42, ytd is \$2142.23.

Grandfather Home for Children: Charlie and Wilda Strigo have received information on ways for B-DRPC to get more involved. These include: pray for their ministry; have a special offering (ex Father's Day); bring folks for lunch and tour (any time); bring a group to the annual Down Home Dinner on July 25 for a fun evening of bluegrass, barbeque and tours of the campus; request a speaker to do Minute for Missions or the whole service one Sunday or Wednesday; collect needed items especially emergency kits for foster care children who come in the middle of the night, library books, baby items, gift cards for birthday presents; and sponsor children at Christmas. There was interest in preparing the emergency kits. This will be past on to Local Outreach MT, Christian Ed MT and Midweek Manna.

Presbyterian Home for Children: Charles and Wilda Strigo met with Tom Campbell, President, and Sara Thomas, Coordinator, and also toured the campus. Mr. Campbell gave the Strigo's a list of 30 ways to get involved at the Home. Some of these include: Their #1 request was also prayers. Retired teachers; help with maintenance such as carpentry, plumbing; invite speaker for Minute for Missions; teach a child how to maintain his bike; donate a welcome basket for a child's first night by filling a laundry basket

with twin sheets, towel and washcloth, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrush, hairbrush, Bible and age-appropriate toy or journal; outdoor furniture. Donate used inkjet/laser cartridges, cell phones, PDA's, digital cameras and laptop computers for recycling. The home gets 60% of the funds from recycling. We will start sending the used items collected in the box by the back door for this purpose.

House Calls: Luck reported House Calls received three new referrals this past week. A squirrel ate a hole in a window screen. A roof is leaking around a chimney, bathroom receptacle won't work and the commode in the house is about to fall over – rotten floor around it. The owner is a single female working two jobs now, but has worked three trying to save up to get these things taken care of. Unexpected expenses have taken her savings. A church member called. This is still pending. Hopefully, the on-going project west of town can be completed in the next month. She has saved enough money to purchase the flooring. We will remove the old carpet and put the flooring down for her. Three weeks ago we had a call about needing help getting a new meter base. This was successfully resolved through phone calls and advice from electricians. Another request was made by the same homeowner concerning help with her garbage. They have a 2½ year collection of bagged garbage in the front yard of their very old dilapidated 25' RV home. A church member will volunteer his dump truck to haul the mess to the landfill.

Church Chicken for Charity: This fundraiser was held on Saturday, May 23, on the front lawn of the church during the White Squirrel Festival. Total raised was \$3311.02. After expenses deducted to date, the total is \$2363.54. There was a balance forward from last year of \$373.44. This amount was not added into the total raised this year as this money will probably stay as start up money for next year. House Calls and Sharing House have been discussed as recipients of this money. LO will decide the percentage allocation at its next meeting.

Habitat for Humanity: Don Stinchcomb reported that most recent calculations of cost of Habitat homes indicates that homes 43, 44, and 45 cost an average of \$95,800 out of pocket dollars. Homes 46 and 47, on McLean Road, were completed in March and are now occupied. Homes 48 and 49 are under construction and will be completed before year end. Because a cash flow analysis indicates Habitat will run out of money before number 50 could be completed, the Habitat Board has voted to delay the start of this home pending a better financial position. Habitat has started an ad campaign with both print and radio announcements aimed at increasing contribution of cash and Thrift store donations.

Worldwide Ministries Ministry Team: Ginny Bradford, Acting Chair

Judy Nebrig reported on the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth that will be held in Guatemala during a gathering of pastors from all over the US and Guatemala. Amanda Craft will replace Ellen Dozier working with women in Guatemala. One Great Hour of Sharing totaled \$2619.73. Louise Morgan reported on the status of the missionaries B-DRPC supports – Dan and Carol Adams (will retire at the end of 2009), Del and Debbie Braaksma, Douglas Tilton, and Barbara Nagy. Brett McMichael, a former missionary now home on disability leave, has received a kidney transplant.

Peace and Justice Ministry Team: Judith West, Chair.

The third annual Memorial Day Service was held on Monday, May 25 at 12:00 noon. The service was attended by about 45 members and veterans were recognized. Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate continues to be sold. A Midweek Manna Bible study on local issues of poverty from a biblical standpoint is pending at this time. The Peacemaking Offering will be discussed at the next P&J meeting.

Other Business: It was recommended that at the October Congregational meeting that Mission projects and Mission budget supported items be discussed so that the congregation can be fully informed of Mission's work and why their financial support through pledges is important.

The next meeting will be the Mission Division Quarterly Meeting September 14, 11:00 am in the Church Lounge.

New Business:

A recommendation was approved to extend The Rev. Bob Singdahlsen's Parrish Associate position for another year.

Carolyn Turner was approved to be the Assistant Clerk for the summer months.

Pastor's Comments:

The pastor recommended and it was approved to add two additional parent members to the Search Committee for the new Director of Youth and Children's Ministries.

The pastor reminder everyone of the Congregational Meeting that will be held on June 28 following the 11:00 am worship service.

It was recommended and approved to have no Session meeting in July.

The pastor recommended and it was approved to donate \$50 to purchase a dogwood tree and a permanent plaque from B-DRPC for "A Walk of History" at Silvermont.

The Moderator closed the meeting with a circle of prayer.

Ginny Bradford, Elder

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