



The B-DRPC Session met for its stated meeting on November 20, 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.

Fellowship Relations Committee: Ellie Mercer, Chair

The Fellowship Relations Committee met in November.

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

Membership Ministry Team: Ann Hinze, Chair.

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

Finance Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The Finance Ministry Team met on November 12.

The October 2009 month-end financial statements show: a) total tithes and offerings in October of \$50,040.99 exceeded forecast by \$5,070.49; b) total tithes and offerings year-to-date of \$454,875.47 exceeded forecast by \$5,170.47; c) new pledges continue to fall short of forecast; d) October expenses of \$41,179.96 were \$4,182.27 less than forecast for the month; e) year-to-date expenses of \$424,158.78 were \$29,463.52 below forecast, with much of the savings attributable to an open Youth Director position for much of the year.

Budget requests have been made from each ministry team. Proposed 2010 budgets have been received from all but a few teams to date. A proposed budget will be developed by the FMT in December and the session will meet to make changes and approve a final budget that fits with the stated mission of B-DRPC.

A spreadsheet for generating a reader-friendly financial report for the congregation was reviewed and approved. The first use of the spreadsheet will be to report year-end 2009 financial results.

The issue of designated giving was briefly discussed. It was noted that the church typically honors the request by church members that specific gifts go to specific organizations, but that we are not required to do so. A concern exists that designated giving comes at the expense of the general fund, which could restrict the ability of the church to operate as needed, given our staffing needs, ministry team plans, and the large and aging physical plant.

The next meeting of the Finance MT is scheduled for Thursday, December 10 at 9:00 am in the Conference Room.

Stewardship Ministry Team: Tom Taylor, Chair

The 2009 Stewardship MT has completed its main effort for the year. Pledges for 2010 that have been received so far are running ahead of this time in 2008. Pledges are expected to continue to trickle in through January.

There are no plans for Stewardship MT meetings for the remainder of 2009.

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

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Johnson, Chair

Plans were finalized for the Hanging of the Greens that will take place during the 8:45 am and the 11:00 am worship services on Sunday, November 29.

Plans were finalized for the Moravian Love Feast that will be held on Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary. This will take the place of Midweek Manna.

Charlie Steele reported that the "Advent Word and Music" services will be held at noon on Friday, December 4; Friday, December 11; and Friday, December 18.

Charlie Steele announced that a music program entitled "The Glory of Christmas" will take place on Sunday, December 20 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

The next meeting of the Worship MT is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2010.

Christian Education Ministry Team: Martha Taylor, Chair

A new Sunday school class, "Parents and Friends of Young Children", is planned to start in January.

Growth Group concept was discussed. The wheat-type logo that Julie Singdahlsen helped to design will be used in various ways to promote groups in the church. Small cards will be placed in the pew racks listing the opportunities for growth along with times and places: Sunday school classes, Midweek Manna, Women on Wednesdays, Presbyterian Men, Circles, etc.

The next meeting will be Dec. 21, 2009, at 5:00 pm in ED3.

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

Communications Ministry Team: Don Stinchcomb, Acting Chair

The Communications MT met on November 4. Darlene Drake will become Chairman in January.

The Alternative Gift Bazaar will take place December 13 and 20 following each worship service. Julie Singdahlsen has agreed to design a Christmas card that could be given to members when they make a donation to an organization in honor of someone. They could fill the card out and give this to the honoree. These should be ready by the second Sunday in December.

It was felt that an Informational Meeting for the congregation could take place January 31 (a 5th Sunday) following the 11:00 worship service. It would be held in DRH and coffee and sweet rolls would be provided. 2009 highlights will include Preschool (Sara Winston), Finances (Tom Taylor), Attendance/Membership (Don Gentle), Services accomplished in the church and community and agencies that were able to use the church facility.

Standing Committee of the Session

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

The Nominating Committee has completed its task of presenting the slate of 5 candidates for Elder, Class of 2012 and 1 alternate for Class 2011 and 1 alternate for Class 2012 and At-large Members for the 2010 Nominating Committee. The nominees were approved at a Congregational Meeting on November 29.

Elders Class of 2012

Gene Baker, Gail Blunt, Pat Crawford, Judy Dasta and Sam McManus

Alternate Elders

Jinks Ramsey Class of 2011

Dave Betz Class of 2012

2010 At-large Members

Donna Parker

Luck Shepherd

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

Personnel Ministry Team: Tom Crawford and Glenn Cutler, Co-Chairs

Personnel MT will meet as needed.

Property Ministry Team: Wes Branning, Chair

The Property MT met on November 12.

The cracked window in the Preschool will be replaced as soon as weather permits. The Church Work Day has been scheduled for December 5th, weather permitting. With upcoming repairs to the facility, the maintenance budget will have to be increased for 2010.

Committee on Ministry: Ginny Bradford, Chair

This committee did not meet in November.

Special Funds Management Committee: John Rowe, Chair

“To approve and confirm the vote of the Special Funds Management Committee taken on 11/12/09 recommending that the following grants to be made from the 2009 General Endowment Income Dividend:

1. Angel Tree Christmas Fund for shoes for needy children in Transylvania County.
(Amount = \$600, which will buy shoes for 30 children)
2. Presbyterian Home (Black Mountain, NC) to provide 12 welcome baskets (containing sheets, towels, toiletries, a Bible, etc.) for new children entering the home (Amount = \$500)
3. Neighbors In Ministry’s Rise And Shine Program for a camcorder to assist in self-development, presentation skills and fundraising (Amount = up to \$600, with award to be made in actual amount when receipt is presented)”

These were approved by Session.

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

Weekday Children’s Ministry met November 10.

There are several openings in the 4 year old group. Advertising has brought no response. The budget will be extremely tight but should be okay if the congregation responds to scholarship requests.

The scholarship letters are ready to be printed, and the brochures and request envelopes are also ready. These will be mailed on November 18. WCM will participate in the Alternative Gift Bazaar. Carolyn Winchester will do a Ministry Update at both services on November 22.

A Staff Christmas/Appreciation lunch will be planned for December 8.

Next meeting will be December 8th.

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

Local Outreach Ministry Team: Luck Shepherd, Chair

Local Outreach MT met November 2, at 10:00 am in the Church Lounge.

TCM/Sharing House (Gail Blunt, Ruth Waugaman): Client visits through September 2009 were 3356 and 2008 were 2580. There have been 191 new clients this year; 137 in 2008. The semi-annual Food Drive will be held on November 21 at several local grocery stores. B-DRPC will have volunteers at Bi-Lo Grocery Store who will hand out information sheets as the people enter the store and collect food as they leave. A sign-up sheet will be on the kiosk and in DRH. The Adopt-a-Family program is also underway. Volunteers are urgently needed. Consider tutoring someone to help them pass the GED test.

Donate new and/or gently used blankets.

Neighbors in Ministry– Rise & Shine (Beverly Cowan): Sue Barrett reported for Beverly. She stated that an open house will be held in December and will be in the newsletter.

Grandfather & Presbyterian Homes for Children (Charlie and Wilda Strigo): The 100th Thanksgiving Offering will be received on November 22 at both worship services for the Presbyterian Home for Children.

Volunteers in Medicine/The Free Clinic (Corinne Hachbold): A booklet has been published telling the history of The Free Clinic of Transylvania County, primary care clinics, such as the metabolic clinic, smoking cessation clinic, community pharmacy, and medication assistance program. This booklet will be on the kiosk and in the office so that interested members can have access to it.

Phone Cards for Soldiers (Horty Menser): 400 cards have been sent to Iraq and the last 50 were mailed in October. It takes three weeks to get these cards in the hands of soldiers. It is hoped that 75 cards can be sent by the first week of December. People have been very generous in contributing to this cause.

House Calls (Luck Shepherd): Seven active projects are underway and calls continue to come in from Western Carolina Community Action, churches, Home Health nurses, etc.

Habitat for Humanity (Don Stinchcomb): On Saturday, October 24, a ground breaking ceremony took place for the 50th Habitat Home located on Old Toxaway Road. Don is Director for Community Relations for Habitat. Keith Thompson was present to present the \$10,000 check from the General Endowment funds. This had been presented to and approved by the Special Funds Management Committee with a recommendation from them for Session approval and the Session approved this. The Thrift Store has picked up.

Koinonia (Ginny Bradford): The Koinonia Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Phillip's on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm. The Annual Christmas Day Dinner at Sacred Heart may serve as many as 800 free meals for the community from 12 noon to 4:00 pm.

5-Cents-a-Meal (Faye Paden): October offering was \$552.

Relay for Life (Faye Paden): January is kick-off month.

New Business:

There is \$2000 remaining from the declared dividend from the General Endowment Fund. Several projects have been discussed and two have been approved by email. They are:

Camcorder for Neighbors in Ministry and Rise and Shine	\$600
Brochure/pamphlet bookcase for The Brevard Women's Center	\$300

Two more were discussed and approved:

Approximately 30 pairs of shoes for school children	\$600
12 Welcome Baskets Presbyterian Home	\$500

Application forms will be completed for each of the above and will be presented at the next Special

Funds meeting on November 12. Three of the above were approved by Special Funds. The application for the bookcase was not acted on as more information is needed.

Peace and Justice Ministry Team: Judith West, Chair
Peace and Justice MT did not meet in November.

Worldwide Ministries Ministry Team: Ginny Bradford, Acting Chair
Worldwide Ministries MT did not meet in November.

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

CLASS OF 2009

Jim Ansley
Dan Bennett, Clerk of Session
Don Gentle
Roy Cowan
Tom Taylor

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Phillip Jerome
Don Stinchcomb
Carolyn Turner
Sara Winston

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Freddie Hart

Tammy Nye

Lew Sayre

Paula Jackson, Alternate