

December 1, 2009

Sunday worship schedule: 8:30 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.



From the Minister's desk

I wish that everyone who is a part of our church could have been present for the 10:40 worship service on Sunday, November 29. Except for the pastoral prayer and sermon, our young people handled most of the rest of the worship service. They did a truly outstanding job! My thanks to Margaret and Lisa for the work they did with our young ones and to the parents who moved quietly along the aisles providing direction when it was needed. As I observed communion from the front of the church, it was a deeply moving moment as so many young people moved through the congregation under the watchful, loving, delighted eyes of parents.

This is a great time in the life of our church. Not only is the new building progressing, but we have so many wonderful families and young people involved here. This is truly a great thing to see! As we move toward Christmas, we have much to celebrate and much for which to give thanks!
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Elders' Prayer

Please join the Elders in prayer during our time of transition, offering this prayer each day: *Lord, help us continue to listen, that we might be obedient to your guidance, building in one accord, serving you and glorifying your name.*

Financial Report	October
Pledges & Receipts	10,905.52
Budget Requirements	14,450.08
(Under Budget)	(3,581.44)

Year To Date Report

Received: 129,590.71

Budgeted: 144,500.80

Please remember our general fund and our building fund.

Please remember that good stewardship is important.

Please pray for ...

Ernie Murray
Vickie Simmons
Steve Taulbee
Laura Crawford
Peggy Kelly
James VanWinkle
George Harrison
Pat Hensley
Ernestine West
Christine Cope
Father of Sherry Duerson

Building Committee Update:

The committee meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. This update

encompasses the October 27th, November 10th November 24th meetings.

Lighting for the new building was discussed and planned. Hot water in the new building will be available through instant, "on-demand" units. This way, we will not need hot water tanks to be active when the building is not in use and it will not be necessary to run water until hot water from the tank reaches the spigot. The net result will be a decrease in energy use and cost.

Dimensional asphalt shingles and metal roofing were discussed. When all the bids were considered, metal roofing from RamCo in Richmond emerged as the best value. New shingles for our existing building and the new building and a 30 year warranty came in at over \$47,000, while a metal roof with a far better warranty came in at just over \$52,000.

A sacred space consultant, available through Church Extension, indicated that we were operating with a good plan and made some suggestions about lighting and flooring.

Ken Perman is checking into a sound system for the new sanctuary.

The bell is up. Dennis Blackburn has placed a video of the bell placement on our website.

The committee had considered the benefit of soundproof "crying rooms" for infants and parents in the back of the sanctuary. Additional investigations suggested that rooms like these were rarely used, as parents preferred to leave the sanctuary and walk with the infants. A decision was made to abandon the crying room idea and to wire for closed circuit television in the narthex, nursery and downstairs, thereby enabling parents to move around but be in touch with the worship service.

Stained glass from the previous sanctuary will be used later on as decoration or be attached inside to selected windows. The overall condition of the stained glass windows would require several thousands of dollars of work if they were to be used at this time.

The choir area in the sanctuary will rely on moveable risers. Sanctuary seating will be made up of our existing pews and chairs.

Notes From the Trustees:

As you watch the new building take shape, please remember your pledges. We have received over 160,000 in pledges Nov. '08 thru Oct. '09. Our 3 year goal is 371,000. The trustees have taken out a construction loan at Peoples Bank in order to continue with construction of the new building.

Note From the Treasurer

Please remember to note on your checks where you would like your offering to go (Building Fund, General Fund, Capital Campaign).

Fund Raisers

The Cake & Pie Auction raised \$1,503 for Outreach The "Spare change jar" has raised \$691.78 for classroom computers.

December Birthdays

Kelli Hicks

December 1

Joseph Workman	December 4
Margie Morgan	December 4
Marissa Workman	December 6
David Carpenter	December 6
Debbie Carpenter	December 7
Gary Halstead	December 8
Laura Santoroski	December 9
Richard Barnes	December 10
Kirstie Couch	December 11
Amanda Coyle	December 12
Alicia Coyle Kelley	December 12
Marilyn Adams	December 14
Pam Hogge	December 16
Jim Bowman	December 18
Jackie Burnside	December 18
Denise Borders	December 19
Dick Howser	December 19
Mary Barnes	December 19
Paul Weston	December 19
Haley Robinson	December 20
Lisa Caudill	December 23
Carl McCray	December 23
Lenore Murray	December 25
Rob Perman	December 25
Patty Davis	December 26
Maureen Stoy	December 27
Jim Scully	December 27
Madison Kelley	December 29
Mary Louise Britton	December 29
Cathy Barnett	December 30

Wednesday Night Meals

The first Wednesday evening meal of each month will be a "Pot Luck" meal. Please remember on Dec. 2nd to bring your favorite dish to share with us.

Youth Choir Activities

Rehearsal for the very fun "Camel Lot" is held every Wednesday at 6:15. Sneak a peak & check out the fun.

Mark your calendars for **Dec. 13th @ 6:30 pm** for the performance of "Camel Lot".

Here is a break down of Dec. 13th Choir activities for Dec. 13th:

- Dec 13th will be a crazy day. . . here is the plan
- Practice during Sunday School 10-10:25
- Practice during Children's church 11:10-11:40 ?
- Lunch 11:45-12:15 (Hot Dogs, chips, etc)
- 12:15-??? Run through program
- 5:00 - Cast call for actors who need makeup—see following list—is there a parent or two who would be willing to help?!? If so, we can make this 5:30
 - Hayden
 - Ethan
 - Clay
 - Brent
 - Ty
 - Jonah
 - Sarah
- 6:00 cast call for all—we will report downstairs and pray for no rain or snow so we can enter the upstairs through the back door by the kitchen.
- 6:30 SHOWTIME
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Youth Activities

Thanks to all who had a hand in the Youth Sunday service.

Sat. Dec. 5th – Fund Raiser @ Blue Tail Fly. They have offered to donate a percentage of the day's sales to the Youth Group. Be sure to stop by and check it out.

Also, on the 5th – We will be selling the hot chocolate for the parade. All who can help in this, please let Miss Margaret know.

Stay tuned for other activities for the individual groups.

New Women's Group

The New Women's Group will meet on Dec. 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Drop A Letter or Card

Below is a list of people that are not able to get out & about. Drop them a letter or card.

The Terrace

Haley Robinson

Jean Engle

Martha Shemwell

Berea Health Care

Eva Anderson

At Home

Doris Rominger

Peggy Kelly

Virginia Combs

Mary Louise Britton

CWM Chili/Soup Lunch

The CWM - Rebecca Circle & New Women's Group will host a Chili/Soup Lunch on Dec. 6th at the church following the 10:40 am Worship Service. The proceeds will go to help with the Hope's Wings Fund Raiser. There will also be a Silent Auction. Please bring in auction items by Dec. 2nd.

Christmas Breakfast

Dec. 20th is the date for the annual Christmas Breakfast. Breakfast will be served at 9:00am. There will only be ONE worship service on this day at 10:40am.

Christmas Eve Service

The Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:00pm.

Bundles of Joy

We welcome sweet bundles of joy:

Cami Ann Duerson – 9/24/09; Emma Mae Kelley – 11/16/09; Cash Walker Tate – 11/27/09

Announcements for Newsletters & Bulletin

Please be aware of the time deadline for announcements to the weekly bulletin and newsletter:

Weekly Bulletin:

Wednesday by 12:00

Monthly Newsletter:

12:00 on the 20th of Each Month

It would also be most helpful if the individual Committee Chairpersons would pass on any Committee announcements to the office. Thank you for your help in these matters.