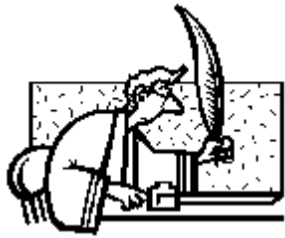


February 1, 2010

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



From the Minister's desk

I spent a good portion of Thursday afternoon in the new building going over electrical, lighting, audio and video matters. Periodically, I have an insight to offer when I'm asked a question, but find it best to leave most matters to others who know more about building than I know.

In his Epistles, Paul writes about the different gifts and abilities that people have and the importance of integrating them into a larger purpose. Paul, of course, is writing about the body of Christ. As I walk through our new building observing people doing their work, I see a picture of what it means for people with different gifts to be working for the larger purpose. One thing that struck me quite some time ago: we are most fortunate to have the Simmons brothers overseeing this project. If you spend any time at all observing them, you realize that they not only have considerable experience, but a real gift for doing what they do.

Years ago a minister told me that he had taken a walk in a city and came to a construction site. He started asking some of the workers what they were doing. One matter-of-factly said he was laying bricks. In about the same spirit, another said that he was overseeing the pouring of concrete. The same responses continued for a while until the minister came onto a fellow who enthusiastically replied, "I'm building a cathedral!" He was one out of many and the only one to see the bigger picture.

Thankfully, our overseers see the bigger picture!
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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.*

Thanks to your efforts, we ended 2009 with \$10,906.74 in the General Fund. As we move through 2010, please remember that we increased our budget by 5%.

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
Gwynne Griffith
David Abney
Ozella Gilbert
Blake Pennington

In recent weeks we have had members who have lost loved ones. Please remember these members and families in your thoughts and prayers:

Family of Lloyd Bucher (father of Sherry Duerson)

Building Committee Update:

The Building Committee and its Aesthetic Quality sub-committee have been reviewing colors combinations for the sanctuary and rest of the new building. Lights appropriate for the sanctuary have been selected. The sanctuary ceiling has come up for discussion again. Initially, the building committee liked the idea of a wood ceiling, similar to the one in the Education Building, since that type of ceiling reduces maintenance issues. A wooden ceiling, however, is more expensive than drywall and may lend a "rustic" flavor to the sanctuary, which some committee members would prefer to avoid. The nature of the ceiling is under review.

Committee members are working with sound and video system professionals and lighting professionals in order to make sure that we have effective systems in those areas. Wiring and plumbing are nearing completion.

Work on the roofs of our buildings is nearly complete. The contractors are struggling to get the building "buttoned up" so that work can continue on the inside without rain and snow pouring in. When the brickwork moves ahead, it will be necessary to remove a few roof panels nearest the belltower in order to complete the brickwork on the tower. The Building Committee meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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).

Haiti Help

We have received over \$1400.00 to assist with the disaster in Haiti. This is a wonderful response!

February Birthdays

Allison Barnard	February 2
Jane Davidson	February 3
Emily Heiser	February 4
Glennis Weston	February 4
Gwynne Griffith	February 6
Hayden Halstead	February 6
James Moore	February 6
Judy Musick	February 6
Joan McGlone	February 7

Chris Pennington	February 8
Logan Boggs	February 10
Jean Clark Engle	February 12
Billy Wagers	February 12
Ozella Gilbert	February 14
Todd Holbrook	February 16
Jason McGill	February 16
Sally Pennington	February 17
Patrick Greene	February 24
Anita Barker	February 25
Catherine Grandgeorge	February 25
Taylor Greene	February 25
Susan Cintra	February 27
Ethan Gordon	February 27
John Pennington	February 27
Bettye Fraley	February 28
David Grandgeorge	February 29

Wednesday Night Meals

The first Wednesday evening meal of each month will be a "Pot Luck" meal. Please remember on Feb. 3rd to bring your favorite dish to share with us.

Youth Choir Activities

NO Youth Chimes Ensemble practice on Feb. 3rd & 10th. Practice will resume on Feb. 17th

Youth Activities

tubing event rescheduled for Feb. 28th.

We are in the planning stages of a "Game-A-Thon" fund raiser for Week of Compassion (Feb. 27). We will need Wii game systems (at least 4), 4 controllers per system & the Wii fit games with the bowling, tennis, ping pong etc. The Youth will take pledges for how long they play, the max. being 2 hours. We will also need refreshments for these hard playing Youth. Please let Miss Margaret know where you can step in. The times for this event to be announced.

New Women's Group

The New Women's Group has a name, the official name is "Dorothy Wagers' Sisters of Spirit" (DWSOS). They will meet on Feb. 18th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



CWM Rebecca Circle

CWM Rebecca Circle will hold their meetings on the first Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be before the Wednesday Evening Meals. All women of the church are invited to attend. We hope to see you on Feb. 3rd at 3:30 pm. This month the group will visit the Terrace.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who remembered us during Mother's illness and death. The planter from the church and bouquet from the choir were both beautiful. It is comforting to have good friends like all of you.

Janie & Steve Taulbee and Family

Helping Hands Ministry

Mary Ann Foster is heading up our "Helping Hands Ministry". The intention behind the "Helping Hands" is to assist primarily our senior members in getting things done that they can no longer easily do without putting themselves in some jeopardy. This ministry is not designed to be a comprehensive home repair service, but might involve such things as changing the washer in a dripping faucet or a light bulb that's hard to reach.

If you want to volunteer to be one of the "helping hands" or if you are in need of a helping hand, please contact Mary Ann at 986-3557 or her cell at 302-3026.

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.