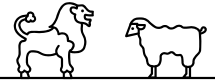


March 2010

BETHEL MESSENGER



MARCH

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From the Pastor

Betty and I are mostly moved in. The living room, bedrooms, and kitchen are set up and even a downstairs game and reading area is in respectable shape. We still have about two dozen boxes from Pittsburgh that are still packed but we are in no hurry for those.

You folks certainly know how to make a pastor feel right at home. On our first morning in our new home, we heard a snow-blower outside. We looked out, expecting to see our landlord and there was Karen R. clearing our driveway, Carol E. was supervising from the car. A week later we had four members from the congregation in our basement putting in our clothes washer and dryer. Thanks to Jeff R., Jim R., Dan H., and Alfred R. for all their combined work. Everyone has been gracious and welcoming and we thank you.

With the bulletin on March 14 will be an envelope for the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Bethel Church is a 5 for 5 Church, which means we support all of the special offerings of the UCC. But One Great Hour of Sharing is one of my favorites.

Part of our **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering is set aside for emergencies. This means that, when the earthquake hit Haiti this year, the UCC was among the first to respond with aid. This was also true a few years ago, when hurricane Katrina hit several of the southern States. The **One Great Hour of Sharing** also supports many ongoing programs both nationally and internationally.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to come to the Wednesday evening Lenten talks. Soup suppers begin at 6:30. At 7:00, we have some special guest speakers such as Pontius Pilate, Mary Magdalene, doubting Thomas, and others.

During Lent we are continuing to look at passages from John's gospel. Sermon subjects include promises, prayers, and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Sermon titles and scriptures for March include:

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| Mar 7 | "Resting Places"
I Thessalonians 4:13-18;
John 14:1-6 |
| Mar 14 | "The Lord's (Other) Prayer"
Philippians 1:2-11;
John 17:1-19 |
| Mar 21 | "Jesus Prayer for Us"
Philippians 3:1-15;
John 17:20-26 |
| Mar 28 | Palm Sunday
Psalm 118:19-29;
John 12:12-33 |

In looking ahead to next month, remember that Easter is on April 4. That means that Maundy Thursday and Good Friday observances are also celebrated in the first week of April.

Consistory Meeting
Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7:00PM

Opening Prayer – led by Jim Raquet

Members Present – Ken Matzdorf, Jim Raquet, Eric Raquet, Faye Spindler, Judy Zimmermann, and Chuck Grubisic.



Secretary Minutes – were reviewed by Ken.

Chuck made a motion to approve the December minutes. Eric seconded it. The motion was approved.

Report of Receipts - Judy e-mailed her report of Income.

Overview: Final 2009 income was a 2.3% decrease compared to 2008.

Faye made a motion to approve the receipts. Eric seconded. The motion was approved.

Report of Expenses – Faye e-mailed her report.

Overview: Major expenses were salaries, insurance, WI Conference of UCC and Web Pro (gas).

Ken made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Judy seconded. The motion was approved.

Memorial Fund Treasurer - Eric e-mailed us his report.

Discussion:

Judy made a motion to approve the Memorial Fund reports. Faye seconded. The motion was approved.

Building Fund Treasurer – Chuck reviewed to his report.

Ken made a motion to approve the Memorial Fund reports. Faye seconded. The motion was approved.

Correspondence - Jim reviewed mail he has received to share with consistory.

1. Conference letter on OCWM – give to Faye
2. Handbook for Church historian – give to Audrey

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Old Items

1. Review 2010 Budget – final adjustments were made and approved. The Annual Report – agenda discussed and approved; the entire report was reviewed and is ready for printing and will be available on Sunday, January 10th. Statistical data was off in 2008 and has been corrected in 2009 Annual Report. Motion was made by Eric and seconded by Judy to approve the 2009 annual report. Motion carried. It was suggested that we audit every 6 months. i.e. all accounts
2. January worship schedule –
 - a. 1-10-10 Bonnie Ziegler
 - b. 1-17-10 Cary Knier
 - c. 1-24-10 John Anderson
 - d. 1-31-10 Dana Raquet
3. Sound system update – Chuck reported that final prices are coming soon.
4. Stewardship team direction – Jim reported that it will be done after the annual meeting.

- Investment for Checking Account excesses (if applicable)

It was decided to wait until second quarter to see where we are at before we decide to spend any money on any specific items.

New Items

- Pastor's Responsibilities – Jim to check his binder on this and meet with PRC and Worship and Search Committee to discuss a list of expectations with job description to give to Pastor Jim.
- 2010 OCWM – Faye reported that we can keep it at last years amount.

Tabled Items

Computer software update

Eric made a motion to adjourn and Faye seconded. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting scheduled: February 2, 2010

Church Database E-mail List

If you did not receive an e-mail last week reminding you of Pastor Jim's first worship service as our

full time pastor, your email address is either incorrect or missing from our church database. In order to receive future information from Bethel, you will need to send Ken Matzdorf your current email address. And if you ever change that address in the future, please send Ken the change, so he can keep the database current. Ken's email is: matzy@peoplepc.com



Volunteer Teams and Church

Committees

Bethel Consistory would like to thank all the volunteers would give of their time and talents to Bethel Church. You keep our church strong and active in our community.

Following is the 2010 schedule when your team and or committee are to meet with or send a written report to the consistory in the months to come. We will send out a reminder a week before our meeting but be prepared to send a letter for written reports and a representative with your report to our meeting which is on the first Tuesday of each month. Please come at 7:30 p.m.

Volunteer Group

Month to meet with Consistory

Sunshine Team -

written report for Annual Report – Dec.

Worship Team -

written report in September

Music Team -

written report in

September

Building and Property Committee –

March and September

Stewardship Team -

May and October

Mission Team -

June

Pastoral Relations Committee – November

Nominating Committee - November

[We are currently looking for volunteers to continue the work of the welcoming team and the evangelism team; if you feel called to assist on either of these teams, please contact a member of the consistory or Pastor Jim]

Contacting Pastor Jim

Jim and Betty's phone number is: (920) 565-3149 and their e-mail address is jmlbjl@yahoo.com.



Pastor's
Office Hours

Pastor Jim's Office Hours

Jim will have office hours on Monday afternoon, 2 to 4 p.m., and Wednesday evenings 6 to 8 p.m. These hours might change after Betty gets a job but are good until further notice. Of course, other arrangements to see Jim can be made by calling him at (920) 565-3149.

Jim and Betty Invite You...

On March 7, after church, Jim and Betty would like to invite everyone over to their house (722 Goldfinch Lane, Howards Grove) for an open house, with light refreshments.

Future Worship Team Member?

Ever thought of being on the **Worship Team**? It's your lucky day! We are looking for some new members. If you feel called to be part of our team, we would be happy to welcome you aboard. If you would like to know more about what we do before joining our team, please speak with Bonnie Ziegler, Carol Matzdorf, Dana Raquet or Carol Eckardt. We appreciate your consideration. Thanks!



Lenten Schedule

We have entered the Lenten season! All of our Wednesday night services will be held in the Fellowship Hall following a 6:30 soup supper. The worship service will start at 7:00 p.m. The dates of the Wednesday services are: February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.

Other Worship Services

March 28th - Palm Sunday – 10:00 a.m. worship service

April 1st - Maundy Thursday worship service – 7:00 p.m.

April 2nd - Good Friday Ecumenical Service at First Presbyterian Church in Kiel at 6:30 p.m.

April 4th - Easter Sunday Schedule

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service – 10:00 a.m.

April 11th - Holy Humor Sunday



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