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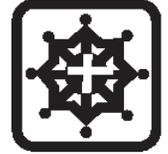
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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM
Morning Worship: 10:45 AM
Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

<u>8:45 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Gary Etter	Frank Taylor
Arlene Uldrich	Jerry Archer
Charlene Brown	



WORSHIP LEADER:
Bob Karl—Feb. 9
Dave Roalef—Feb. 16

GREETER:
Toni Bailey—Feb.

A PLEA FOR FISHING

In Matthew 4:12-17 Christ calls Peter and Andrew and tell them he will make them fishers of men. I came across this little devotional I thought I would share with you.

Now it came to pass that a group existed who called themselves fishermen. And lo, there were many fish in the waters all around. In fact, the whole area was surrounded by streams and lakes filled with fish. And the fish were hungry.

Week after week, month after month and year after year, these who called themselves fishermen met in meetings and talked about their call to fish, the abundance of fish, and how they might go about fishing. Year after year they carefully defined what fishing means, defended fishing as an occupation, and declared that fishing is always to be a primary task of fishermen.

Continually, they searched for new and better definitions of fishing. Further they said, 'The fishing industry exists by fishing, as fire exists by burning.' "They loved slogans such as 'Fishing is the task of every fisherman.'" They sponsored special meetings called "Fisherman's Campaigns" and "The Month for Fishermen to Fish." They sponsored costly nationwide and world-wide congresses to discuss fishing and to promote fishing and hear about all the ways of fishing such as the new fishing equipment, fish calls, and whether any new bait had been discovered.

These fishermen built large, beautiful buildings called "Fishing headquarters". The plea was that everyone should be a fisherman and every fisherman should fish. One thing they didn't do, however: **They didn't fish!**

In addition to meeting regularly, they organized a board to send out fishermen to other places where there were many fish. The board hired staffs and appointed committees and held many meetings to define fishing, then defend fishing, and to decide what new streams should be thought about. **But the staff and committee members did not fish!**

Large, elaborate, and expensive training centers were built whose original and primary purpose was to teach fishermen how to fish. Over the years courses were offered on the needs of fish, the nature of fish, where to find fish, the psychological reactions of fish, and how to approach and feed fish. Those who taught had doctorates in fishology. **But the teachers did not fish.** They only taught fishing. Year after year, after tedious training, many were graduated and were given fishing licenses. They were sent to do full-time fishing, some to distant waters which were filled with fish.

Many who felt the call to be fishermen responded. They were commissioned and sent to fish. But like the fishermen back home, they never fished. Like the fishermen back home, they engaged in all kinds of other occupations. They built power plants to pump water for fish and tractors to plow new waterways. They made all kinds of equipment to travel here and there to look at fish hatcheries. Some also said that they wanted to be part of the fishing party, but they felt called to furnish fishing equipment. Others felt their job was to relate to the fish in a good way so the fish would know the difference between good and bad fishermen. Others felt that simply letting the fish know they were nice, land-loving neighbors and how loving and kind they were was enough.



Attendance - Jan. 26 & Feb. 2, 2014

8:45 — 16, 15
10:45 — 55, 70
Sunday school — 15, 17

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)
Income rec'd +/- Amt.
Dec. '13 \$38,886 + 23,928

Frank Heath	Bill Hine
Don Keltner	Dustin Knowlton
Onu Kolossova	Rosaline Lam
Betty Lingg	Bayard Liesch
Kelly McRonney	Bob McCray
Marcella Miller	Hilda Mobley
Naysa Morgan	Karolina O'Donnell
John Parnell	Cindy Romano
Pat Reeger	Calire Riccos
Deb Richey	Tom Scheit
Beverly Smith	Diana Smith
Wayne Stolich	Strine family
Michelle Strom	Paul Stutz
Gloria Van Camp	Gina Van Camp
Evelyn Wheeler	Pat White
Mary Willett	Cathy Winn

As prayers are answered—please let the church office know.



Happy Birthday

R C Walker—Feb. 8
Austin Marcum—Feb. 9
Stoney Brooks—Feb. 10
Jessica Donovan—Feb. 12
Joe Hager—Feb. 13
Gavin Rayney—Feb. 13
Lisa LaBlanc—Feb. 13
Kyle Barnett—Feb. 18
Brian Donovan—Feb. 19
Roger Fulmer—Feb. 19
Ellen Farra—Feb. 19



In Our Prayers

Liz Ancil	Kevin Bader
Parker Lee Balsan	Cheryl Barnett
Russell Berk	Glenda Boddie
Ginny Breckler	Charlene Brown
Jim Coleman	Michelle Conn
Ceci (Cobb) Cole	Michelle Earwood
Terry Furnas	John George
Jamie Geswein	Ken Hambrick

Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
Doris Greenwood—Grand Court
Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
Vern Hine—St. Leonard Center
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington Tnsp

Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)
Kirby Brooks— USA (A Brooks son)
Scott Certain—Afghanistan (Jay's son-in-law)
Adam Reeves -S Korea (Edna's grandson)
Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger's son)
Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)

Just what does the Christian Education Committee do?

Here is a view of the important work of this committee.

In January we discuss and vision goals for the coming year.

In February we establish the weeks that each program will be scheduled.

In March we will work on Easter activities, that will be in April this year. The volunteers will be gathered and donations requested.

In April the Easter programs will be observed & the outdoor plan finalized.

In May we begin to concentrate on the Vacation Bible School program.

In June we have a very busy month. Vacation Bible School, Youth work camp, Teacher Appreciation, and all Graduations are recognized.

In July we review VBS and decide if we should have done something differently.

In August we start to gather Teachers for the Sunday School programs and plan for Teacher dedication.

In September we ask for blessings on those teachers. Youth group activities begin for the fall season.

In October we prepare for the pumpkin patch and Christmas program.

In November we finalize the Christmas program activities.

In December the Christmas program is offered.

This is a look at Christian Education, if you would like to be a part of this important ministry, join us at our next meeting, Feb. 13 @ 7 PM.

- Barbara Richards



If you like to smile, shake hands, be one of the first people to meet our guests and introduce our guests to us, then you ought to consider being a Greeter. Greeters usually greet for one month, 10:30 to 10:45, before worship.

This is an important job. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the office. Please sign up. thank you.—Membership/Fellowship Committee

LET THE WORDS OF
MY MOUTH
— AND THE —
MEDITATION OF
MY HEART
BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU,
O LORD,
MY ROCK
— AND —
MY REDEEMER.
PSALM 19:14, NRSV

After one stirring meeting on “The Necessity for Fishing.” One young fellow left the meeting and went fishing. The next day he reported that he had caught two outstanding fish. He was honored for his excellent catch and scheduled to visit all the big meetings possible to tell how he did it. So he quit his fishing in order to have time to tell about the experience to the other fishermen. He was also placed on the Fishermen’s Board as a person having considerable experience.

Now it’s true that many of the fishermen sacrificed and put up with all kinds of difficulties. Some lived near the water and bore the smell of dead fish every day. They received the ridicule of some who made fun of their fishermen’s club and the fact that they claimed to be fishermen yet never fished. They wondered about those who felt it was of little use to attend the weekly meetings to talk about fishing. After all, were they not following the Master who said, “Follow me, And I will make you fishers of men?”

Imagine how hurt some were when one day a person suggested that those who don’t catch fish were really not fishermen, no matter how much they claimed to be. Yet it did sound correct, is a person a fishermen if, year after year, he/she never catches a fish? Is one following if he/she isn’t fishing?

Christ said “Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men”.
From Darrell W. Robinson, People Sharing Jesus, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishing, 1995) pp. 21-23.

Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Robert D. Smitley
Interim Pastor



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Greetings from the Search committee! With the start of the New year we have been busy. We continue to meet at least once a week and more than that if the situation should arise. Since the start of 2014, we have received 14 new candidate profiles that we have reviewed. That brings the total up to 97 since the entire search process began and averaging 19-22 pages each definitely makes for a lot of reading! Out of the most recent batch of profiles we have identified 7 more candidates that fit our church’s profile. For those of you who have not seen the profile and would like to, there are copies in the rear of the sanctuary or there is a copy in the office.

We have interviewed one of those 7 candidates, another one is scheduled, 2 additional pending and 3 more candidates that we have sent our profile to. We are optimistic that we are getting close to having a correct candidate to lead our church into the future. For any updates, you can always check out the bulletin board outside the pastor’s office. We will continue to make monthly announcements at both services, have Chimes articles and try to make ourselves available for any questions you might have! If you would like to ask a question you can always put it in the offering plate and it will be forwarded to us.

Thank you again for your patience and prayers as we continue to try and complete this very important task.—Search Comm.

Fall Sunday School Schedule

The Fall schedule :

- 9:30 AM—High School/College
lead by Bob Colvin/Meg Roalef
- 9:30 AM—Adult Bible class
- lead by Frank Taylor
- 9:30 AM—Adult Contemporary
- lead by Laura Von Holle
- 10:45 AM—Bible Adventure
(during worship - continues for
all 4yr. Olds to 5th graders)
- 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)

Youth Programs

- Jr & Sr High Youth** - meet every SAT. 8 to 11PM (7th to 12th grade)
- Crusaders/ Footprints** (K to 6th grade) - meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays following worship.
- Girls of Grace** (Jr & Sr High girls)
- meet 1st & 3rd Sundays at 6 pm

3T's - February 18, 2014

We will be having a guest speaker, Roger Schalnot. Roger is our Financial Consultant for the Endowment Committee. He is going to tell us the "Ins and Outs of the Endowment Fund." He will tell us how the Endowment Fund has helped us do things when there were no funds for a speaker, offer scholarships, and other financial ways the Endowment Fund has helped out. He will also tell us, if we are interested, ways we can contribute to the Endowment Fund. If there is something specific you would like Roger to address, please let me know and I will let Roger know. I am hoping the weather will be better so we can have a big group. Thank you. Cheryl Barnett, 3T's President.

**EXCITING WINGS
EVENTS COMING**



Mark your calendars:

Feb. 14 @ 6 PM

—**Potluck Dinner & Movie Night** , all are invited to join us for a meal followed by the movie, Narnia.

March 16, following worship services

Bean & Cornbread meal, please bring either a salad or a dessert to share. The rest of the meal is provided by the WINGS.

March 30 to April 26

a **Spring Secret Sister program**, to culminate with the reveal at a Saturday, Apr. 26, brunch.



Nutrition class -

Feb. 11 @ 7 PM

Join us for a nutrition class to start off our Healthier Life style support group. We have a core group interested in the issues of healthier living, both men and women are welcome to join us. We plan to offer each other support and information to help us succeed in making changes for the better in our lives.

Chimes Article Deadlines are:

Feb 17 & Mar. 3

A Report from the Chairperson

A strategic plan really has one goal, to help an organization do a better job. It can help a group focus their resources, time, and energy on the same goals and make sure that the organization's direction is being adjusted due to a changing environment. (Adapted from John M. Bryson, *Strategic Planning in Public and Nonprofit organizations*) Our church has not gone through the strategic planning process since approximately 2006. Having and utilizing a strategic plan is a good operating practice and also a requirement spelled out in our constitution.

On Saturday, January 18th, a group of 24 people from our congregation met with Jim Oates from SONKA to start the Strategic Planning Process for our Church. This was just the first step in what will be a multi-step process.

We spent an interactive morning reviewing our Church's history: how our church came to be through the efforts of two neighborhoods, Greenmont Village and Oak Park, to help address the spiritual and service needs they saw in their community. During our almost 60 year history, we've only had 4 seated Pastors which is rather unusual.

We also familiarized ourselves with the "Lifecycle of a Church". In this

model, the Church's life mirrors the human life: birth, infancy, adolescence, empty nest, etc. Each stage of the lifecycle has varying degrees of four components: Vision (Where should we go?), Relationship (Whom should we bring?), Program (How will we get there?), and Management (What should we avoid?). By analyzing where we are in the lifecycle, we can begin to determine our plan and goals.

The first homework we have is to make a list of things that "you" do in the life of the church? How do you feel about it? Everyone has been asked to think about this for themselves and start to dialogue about it. We'll facilitate these discussions in some Sunday School classes and at some of our Committee and Board meetings. After we have had an opportunity to dialogue around this question, we'll be setting up another meeting to continue our process.

We look forward to your input as we engage in this process over the coming months. We are very excited about the possibilities and are very grateful to have the expertise of Jim Oates. He has brought many churches out of "old age and retirement" back into "adolescence" —youthful exuberance. Thank you! -Suzanne Dull,

Official Board Chairperson

