

Northside News



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From the Pastor

On Saturday, January 14 Northside has reserved room at Camp Garraway for a full day meeting in which we will pray, read scripture, eat together, and begin to examine the results of our Missional Readiness Survey. We will be there from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and I hope you will make plans to be with us.

Sixty-two people took the survey, which was a great response, but we hope more than sixty-two people will come to this gathering. We hope young people and old people and everyone in between will come be part of this conversation.

After our conversation in January, we will form small listening groups who will agree to meet together four times and look even closer at some of the answers on our survey. Those listening groups will each write reports on their conversations which will be used by our deacons and other leaders to help us identify opportunities and challenges for us as we seek to be the unique church we are called to be in our community.

May you enjoy the blessings of Advent in the days ahead, and may we all be ready for what the Spirit will lead us to try in the coming months.

Grace and Peace,
Stan

After School Program during the Holidays Can you make lunch?

The After School program will continue to provide care for the children during the holidays, but with additional hours. They will meet December 19, 20, 21, and 22, as well as December 27, 28, and 29. The workers will be there from 7 am until 6 pm. We would love for any group or SS class or individual to prepare a hot meal for the children and workers, about twelve in all. Please call the office if you can help with lunch or can give a few hours to be with the children.

Special thanks to the folks who covered for Margaret during the week after her mother died: Mary Lea Nations, Phil and Hazel McCarty, Jo Ann Pope, and Beverly Hughey

Senior Adult Luncheon

Our Christmas Luncheon is Tuesday, December 13, at 11:00 a.m. We will have a wonderful time of fellowship, pot luck lunch, singing carols, and maybe, just maybe, Santa will appear! Please make plans to join us and don't forget to bring a warm dish!

Report from the Business Meeting

We voted at the November business meeting to keep our Christmas Eve service at 11:00 p.m. We also decided to cancel Sunday School on Christmas morning. We will have a Christmas Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, December 25.

We Call Out to God Advent 2011

December 11

Advent 3: Redeem Our Tears, O Spirit of Life
The Moravian Love Feast with a Pageant of Children's Art at 6:30 p.m.

December 18

Advent 4: Restore Us, O Lord of Faithfulness
The Chancel Choir will lead the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

December 24

Christmas Eve: Let Your Face Shine, O God of Our Salvation
Communion Service at 11:00 p.m.

Other Advent Events

Caroling on Wednesday, December 21. We visit and sing with Northside members and friends in their homes. 5:30 p.m. Sandwich and Soup following at 6:30 p.m.

Deacons Elected

Deacon elections were held on November 20, and five new deacons were elected. Those who will serve full terms were: Kitty Brogan, Judy Gearhart, Jason Parham, and Jackie Wright. Buddy Wagner will serve a one year term, to fill an unexpired position.

Chair and Church Moderator: Aaron Bond

Vice Chair: Jeff Wright

Secretary: Emily Fokeladeh

Financial Notes Through November 30

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| Receipts | 229,428.39 |
| Disbursements | <u>236,249.28</u> |
| Deficit | - 6,822.89 |

**Contributions need to be turned in to the office by December 29 to be counted for 2011.*

A Note of Thanks

In the aftermath of my mother's death, I was reminded of how blessed I am to belong to this church! I am so thankful for your expressions of love which enveloped my family and me during this difficult time. Truly God used all of you to bring comfort. Thank you for the food, the cards, your presence at the funeral home and the funeral and all the hugs.

Margaret Drummond

Missions Committee Recommendations for Additional Giving

The Missions Committee asks that we all give generously to the Advent Mission Offering. However, some may wish to make contributions to other non-profit organizations in addition to what is given to the Advent offering. We recommend that you consider the following:

The Mustard Seed seeks to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of adults with developmental disabilities by providing a loving and protected Christian community and meaningful activities that allow the participants to fulfill the potential that God has created within them. To learn more go to www.mustardseedinc.org.

Ronald McDonald House of Jackson supports families who have a child in a local medical facility experiencing serious illness by providing caring, home-like lodging and funds grants for programs which comfort and assist children. Their website is www.ronaldmcdonaldhousems.com.

World Vision For Every Child Campaign: Goal is to reverse the plight of 10 million children over five years and 100 million over a generation. Special projects include 1) water, sanitation, and hygiene, 2) economic development, 3) Christian witness, 4) child protection from exploitation, 5) malaria prevention with nets. Gift catalog available. You can sponsor a child or purchase animals to help provide income for a family. www.worldvisiongifts.org

Food for the Hungry. You can sponsor a child or purchase animals to help provide income for a family. www.fh.org/catalog.

Engineering Ministries International mobilizes design professionals to meet needs around the globe utilizing local construction and materials. www.emiworld.org.

Edwin L. Hodges Ministries is a Christian literature ministry, mailing free materials to schools, churches, missionaries and individuals worldwide. They recycle by shipping used Christian literature, CDs, tapes, music, etc. ehodges169@aol.com.

New Members: Lee Peake

We are pleased to welcome Lee Peake into the membership of Northside. Lee has been attending for several months with Sue Popper. She moved to Clinton from Long Beach, Mississippi with her mother about a year after Hurricane Katrina. Her mother now lives in the Chadwick Nursing Home in Jackson. Lee has three grown children, Michael, Deborah, and Brenda. Her address is 104 King Arthur Lane, Clinton, 39056. Welcome, Lee!

Jim and Joan Barrentine

We also gladly welcome Jim and Joan Barrentine into our church family. Jim is the retired Executive Director of the Iowa Baptist Convention at which Joan was the Partnership Coordinator for the last few years. The parents of fellow member Jennifer Barrentine, they also have a son Danny who lives in Frisco, Texas with his wife and their children Cody and Zach. Joan is originally from Crystal Springs, Mississippi and Jim from Pascagoula, but they both graduated from Crystal Springs High. Their address is 504 Biscayne Cv W, Clinton, 39056. Welcome, Jim and Joan!

Congregational Gathering Saturday, January 8

Please go ahead and mark January 8, 9am – 3pm on your calendar. We will gather together at Camp Garaywa. We are hoping for a big turnout of members of all ages as we begin to explore the results of our Missional Readiness Survey.

The Survey was designed to begin a conversation among us, not to make recommendations for us. So, we need as many people to come as possible. Lunch will be served, and the cost per person is \$8.00.

2012 Planning Summit December 12-16, 2011

During the week of December 12-16 the church staff is going to be hosting a "Planning Summit." All during that week we will be constructing a calendar for you to put all the activities and ministries our church will attempt in 2012. We will invite all committee chairs and other leaders to come by and think with us about your plans and visions for the coming year.

What can you do? Between now and December 12 you can dream of an event or a ministry ... or just an idea for something Northside ought to do. If you've ever thought, "we ought to try _____," then now's your chance to come and see if it actually fits into the calendar. If you are a committee chair or the leader of a class or any other ministry, make plans to come by and see us that week. After the calendar is constructed we're going to allow you to fill in the lead organizers and volunteers for each event.

Prayer Requests

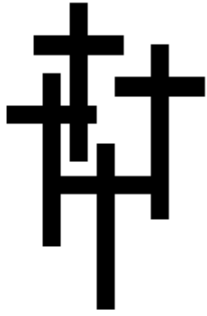
Don Ainsworth, charter member, cancer
Jean Bond, Babs Stewarts' mother, cancer
Geri Bowie, Thelma Basley's sister
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks
Jether W. Brown, Alzheimer's, friend of Randman's
Shirley Campbell, Jo Ann Pope's sister
Johnny Cockrell, deployed to Afghanistan
Howard Cohen at home, dialysis
Callie Cole, neurologic rehab therapy
Tyler Cole, recovering from car accident
Mattie Cooper, home
Jack DeYoung, the Stambaugh's nephew
Charles Gearhart, Greg Gearhart's father
Marjorie Gore
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy
Paul Jacobs Jr.
Mrs. Abby Jones, at The Orchard
Lake Jones, Petal, Ms
Max Jones, Carri Chester's brother, cancer
Patrick Jordan
Ann Marquez
Robert McDaniel, family friend of Beth Campbell's
Emily Michael, family friend of Chisolms'
Jim Newton, Baptist Hospital, leukemia
Dee Newingham, Mark McComb's sister
Donna Nicholson, Lida Stark's cousin
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook
Quentin Peterson, friend of the Brogans
Teina Purser, friend of Michael Williamson
Bernice Rook, charter member
John Sherrod, Michael Williamson's uncle
Lola Shields, Susan Meadors sister, surgery
Carolyn Snell, Linda McComb's mother
Kim Thompkins, Ellen Brewer's friend, cancer
Ed Trott, Manhattan Rehabilitation Center
Freddie Weeks, friend of Graham Carner
Johney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks

Thanksgiving

Chris Bush, adjustment to deployment to Kuwait
Nancy Hancock, remission
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw, remission
Grant Shields, Meadors' nephew, Portugal
Sue Thayer, progress in pain relief
Kalina Willems, Age 13, Galesburg, IL, remission

Members at Home

Wilbur Carpenter – 501 E. Northside Drive #233
Wilma Cooper – 214 Twin Lakes South
Clyde Hemphill – 1103 Laurelwood Drive
Margaret Hensley – 130 Caribbean Cove
Dorothy Palmer – 1206 Manchester
Chrys Ray – 1405 Tanglewood
Jim Street – 120 Trace Wood Cove



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Church Staff

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| Frances Chisolm | Secretary |
| Jamie Meaders | Minister of Music |
| Susan Meadors | Associate Pastor |
| Mack Murriel | Custodian and Chef |
| Troy Murriel | Custodian |
| Jo Ann Pope | Organist |
| Dottie Serio | Pianist |
| Stan Wilson | Pastor |

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