



Sunrise C.O.B. March Newsletter '09

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Leadership Team Accepts Planning Report:

On Monday, February 23, the Leadership Team met with members of the Master Planning Team and John Neff, our Consultant. The following **priorities** were accepted for the next two years:

1. Plan and develop **small groups** for discipleship and fellowship. (This was assigned to the Fellowship and Hospitality Ministry Team.)
2. Launch a **mid-week program** to serve persons of all ages with a focus of reaching the community. (This was assigned to the Outreach, Fellowship/Hospitality and Worship/Education Ministry Teams.)
3. Plan and implement a **Gift and Talent Survey**. (This was assigned to the Gifts Discernment Team.)
4. Offer **Bible study** opportunities. (This was assigned to the Worship and Education Ministry Team.)
5. Plan and Organize a **Vacation Bible School**. (This was assigned to the Worship and Education Ministry Team and it was noted this planning is already underway for this coming summer.)

The Leadership Team also affirmed the efforts of the Master Planning Team to move forward to develop a **Facilities Assessment Study** with the intent to solicit Master Planning Design services over the next three months. Information from members of the congregation at the **March 8 Focus Groups** (see other article in this newsletter) will give valuable input in considering specific needs in making our church building more functional. These needs have been identified as the following:

1. a fellowship hall with kitchen,
2. expanded Sunday School and nursery rooms,
3. improved restrooms, including handicap accessibility,
4. an enlarged gathering space.

Pastor to Travel:

J. D. Glick will be leaving on March 3 to **travel to China**, and returning on March 23. The Deacons are available if there is need for pastoral services during the pastor's vacation. Call either Judy Buskirk (433-0143) or Darin Keith Bowman (828-4309). You can reach Becky Glick at their home (828-1844).

Please check the "Preaching Schedule" article in this newsletter for information about who will be preaching on the three Sundays the pastor is out of the country.

Contact Sunrise C.O.B. at • (540) 434-1773 • or email us at jdglick@verizon.net

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Leadership Team - Mini Minutes:

February, 2009:

- Approved the recommendation of the Organ Committee to purchase a Rodgers Trillium Masterpiece 788 organ at a cost of \$33,785.00. Becky Glick, Shelby May and George Donovan were thanked for exploring the options available regarding a new organ.
- Heard that the Stewardship Ministry Team is planning a Work Day at the church on Saturday, April 11.
- Heard that Sunrise will have the All Church Picnic on September 20 at Purcell Park.
- Heard that Vacation Bible School will be held June 21-26 (Sunday through Friday) in the evenings with a camping outdoor theme called Son Rock.
- Communion will be held March 1 and Love Feast April 9.
- Heard that a paper folder has been donated to the church and after being serviced is now in good working condition.
- Approved a recommendation to reduce the size and cost of our advertisement in the Saturday Daily News-Record.
- Were reminded of a special meeting of the Leadership Team with the Master Planning Team and John Neff (our consultant) on February 23 to discuss program emphases for our church.

The next Leadership Team meeting will be held March 9, 2009 at the Sunrise House.

Decision Regarding Organ Purchase:

The Leadership Team accepted the recommendation of the Organ Committee for Sunrise Church to purchase a **Rodgers Trillium Masterpiece 788 organ** for \$33,785. (The retail price of this instrument is \$50,985 and the committee feels this is a very good deal.)

In recent weeks you were asked to make a financial pledge toward this purchase. The Leadership Team made their decision based on the response of twenty-seven who pledged or gave \$15,725. An additional \$5,430 of memorial monies are available. This adds up to a total of \$21,155.

The organ has been ordered and will be installed within a few weeks. Work to prepare the sanctuary for the new organ and speakers began the last week of February. If you made a pledge or are intending to help with the purchase of the organ, **your donations are needed now.**

You note there is a \$12,630 difference between anticipated money and the purchase price. If you can give beyond what you pledged, your generosity is needed. While we encouraged persons to purchase a key (or keys) at \$200 each, donations of any size will be appreciated. You can also give weekly or monthly, if that best fits your financial situation.

Lenten Luncheons:

This year's **Lenten Luncheons** sponsored by the Interfaith Association will be held at the First Church of the Brethren, 315 S. Dogwood Drive, on **Wednesdays, March 4 through April 1, 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M.** The speakers will be:

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| March 4 | Phil Kniss, Pastor, Park View Mennonite Church |
| March 11 | Rev. Ann Held, Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church |
| March 18 | Rev. Ron Wyrick, Pastor, First Church of the Brethren |
| March 25 | Rev. Robert Alley, Pastor, Bridgewater Church of the Brethren |
| April 1 | Dan Longenecker & Jane Meiser – Gospel 'sayers' |

The cost of the meal is \$4.00 per person.

Pastor's Preaching Schedule:**March 2009**

March 1	COMMUNION SUNDAY AND FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT "Love that Gives Us Another Chance" · Matthew 21:33-44
March 8	Dan Longenecker preaching "Waking Up the Preacher" · Acts 10:1-11:18
March 15	Sam Funkhouser preaching "Counting the Cost" · Luke 14:25-33
March 22	Fred Swartz preaching "The Gift of Grace" · Ephesians 2:1-11
March 29	J. D. Glick preaching "Look and Live" · Numbers 21:4-9 · John 3:14-17

Church Directory Corrections:

The **2009 Church Directory** has been published and is available on the table in the Entryway. The Directory includes names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, as well as a listing of elected and appointed persons and the 2009 budget. Please pick up a copy for your family's use.

Please make the following **changes** in your 2009 Church Directory:

- Bill Crist wrcc2@comcast.net
- Charlotte French CAFrench28@verizon.net
- Clay/April Gordon 22841
- John Stone **558 Vine Street,
Harrisonburg 22802**

Please notify J. D. Glick of any additional errors you may have noted in the Directory.

Let's Focus on Facilities:

The next step of discovering the Master's Plan for our congregation will take place on **Sunday, March 8**, from **3:00 to 5:00 P.M.** John Neff, our Planning Consultant, will lead us on a journey as we look at the specific needs for our church building and property in meeting God's plan for growth.

Through interactive Small Group discussions, we will develop a list of needs pertaining to our facility prioritized projects:

- Fellowship Hall with kitchen,
- Expansion and/or renovations of classroom space and nursery,
- Improved restrooms with handicap accessibility,
- Expansion of gathering space,
- Improvements to site for parking expansion (future).

We will explore each specific potential project by responding to questions which may include:

- What are our immediate needs pertaining to this space?
- How many persons should this space accommodate?
- What type of programs will be provided?
- What are the essential features that will need to be included in this space?
- What new programs or ministries will be offered with this expansion?

Your involvement in this project is very important! As we begin the next steps of our journey together, let us "Rise to Meet the Future" in discovering the Master's Plan for Sunrise! Come and see what God has planned for us.

Collection for the Blue Ridge Food Bank:

During February the Outreach Ministry Team asked for your monetary donations to the **Blue Ridge Area Food Bank**. This appeal was prompted by the promise of donations being matched "dollar-for-dollar" by the denomination's Global Food Crisis Fund. You generously contributed \$1,264, with the first \$500 being matched, making a **total of \$1,764** available for this local Food Bank. Additional good news is that they are able to purchase \$17.00 worth of food for each dollar donated. Thanks for your generosity!

March '09 Bulletin Board:

- If interested in being on our **Walk MS** team this year, please contact Cheryl Plank at plankcm@verizon.net or 433-1981. The Harrisonburg event will be held on Saturday, April 4, at JMU's Duke Hall. Food and prizes are provided. Your support in the fight against multiple sclerosis is greatly appreciated. The 2008 Sunrise Team is the April photo in the NMSS Blue Ridge Chapter 2009 calendar! Check it out on the table in the entryway.
- We again have available for your use a **Devotional Booklet** published by our denomination. It is intended to be used during the season of **Lent** which began on **Wednesday, February 25** (Ash Wednesday). The author of the devotional articles is **Guy Wampler**, retired Church of the Brethren pastor, former Annual Conference Moderator and Kathryn Stone's uncle.
- A recent rose bud announced the birth of **Lillie Ann** to **Clay and April Gordon** on February 8. Proud grandparents include Kaye Estep.
- Ron and Velda Gilkeson wish to thank J. D. and members of the congregation for their thoughtfulness during Velda's lengthy recovery from spine surgery. Thanks for the prayers, calls, visits, cards, food, and other acts of kindness. Your helpfulness is much appreciated.



Lillie Ann Gordon

