

# Christ Notes February 4, 2010

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## **Keith's Corner**

Our text this week involves a fishing story. Most fishing stories involve exaggerations. This one, however, is a miracle all on its own and needs no embellishment to be spectacular. As I read the text (Luke 5:1-11) I couldn't help thinking of the title to a country and western song: "Looking for love in all the wrong places." Peter and his partners have spent the whole night looking for fish in all the wrong places. But when Jesus comes along fishing for disciples, the catch is so full Peter's nets cannot hold it. Our English versions of the Bible lose something in the translation from the original Greek where four distinctly different words, all with different nuances, are translated as some form of the verb to catch.

I hope to see you Sunday when we sort all this out and see what it means to us as we prepare for Holy Communion.

## **Shepherd Ministry Training**

This Sunday immediately following worship Mary Lawder will lead an information and training session for Shepherd Ministers. The Shepherd Ministry is a new program for Christ Church. Each family in the church will be assigned a shepherd. Shepherds will covenant to pray each day for each of their shepherd families. Shepherds will also contact each family once each month to ask for prayer concerns. Our hope is that families will develop a relationship with their shepherds and let shepherds know of any prayer needs. Shepherds will maintain a high level of confidentiality and only share prayer concerns with permission.

The training will involve a full description of the program and the responsibilities of a shepherd. We will also train shepherds on how to initiate

their shepherding relationship with assigned families and how to handle typical situations they might encounter, such as when to involve the pastor.

I remember how meaningful it was to know that someone was praying for me and for my family each and every day. This is a way we can be a blessing and a vital communications link with each family in our growing congregation. Training will be completed by 2:00 and lunch will be provided. Please make every effort to attend if you are interested.

### **Costa Rican Mission Trip**

Our mission team leaves in just over a week for Costa Rica. They need your help in securing school supplies for the children served by this mission. Please bring these to the church by the 14<sup>th</sup> at the latest, preferably this Sunday.

### **Rev. Keith and Mary to the Holy Lands**

Rev. Keith and Mary will leave for the Holy Lands on the evening of February 14 and return the afternoon of March 3. We are looking forward to touring Israel and Egypt with Methodist pastors and lay people from North Georgia. He will not have access to cell phone or email during the trip. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Ed Cook. Ed will be preaching February 21 and leading our Ash Wednesday Service February 17. Dr. Ed Tomlinson, our District Superintendant will preach on February 28. The church office will have emergency contact information for Rev. Keith. This will be a wonderful educational experience which will hopefully lead to new insights and illustrations for teaching. We will try to prepare a slide show after our return.

Blessings,

Keith

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Feb 7 Shepherd's Training 1-3pm annex  
Feb 13 Men's Breakfast 8:30am  
UMW Flying Biscuit Cafe  
Nimble Fingers 10:30am  
Feb 14 Scout Sunday during worship  
Luncheon following worship  
Admin Council 1:15pm annex  
Feb 16 UMW 10:30am  
Feb 17 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm  
Young at Heart Luncheon 11:45am  
Feb 17 – 24 Costa Rica Mission trip  
Feb 27 Nimble Fingers 10:30am

## **Youth**

Please be aware payment for the summer mission trip is due. All of the youth who would like to attend MUST make a \$150 payment by **Feb 28**

Parent meeting following worship Feb 7. No youth fellowship at 5:30pm.

## **United Methodist Women**

All women who attend Christ UMC are invited to attend circle meetings. The Martha Circle meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m., and the Tuesday morning circle meets on the third Tuesday of the month, also at 10:30 a.m.. The next meeting of the Martha Circle will be Saturday, February 13, at the Flying Biscuit Cafe,

1084 Johnson Ferry Road, in Marietta. The February meeting of the morning circle will be held on Tuesday, February 16, at Mom's Table, 1207 Canton Street, Roswell.

## **Missions**

The mission trip to Costa Rica is Feb 17 – 24. There is need for scholarship help for a potential missionary. If you can contribute, it would be greatly appreciated. Be prayerful in considering this request.

## **Outreach**

Souper Bowl Sunday is fast approaching, so please bring cans of soup for MUST Ministries to church on Feb 7, 2010.

The residents of Roswell Nursing Center (Greeb Street) are in need of a Valentines Day party on Feb 13. Please sign up to go and help pass out cards from Preschool and Children's Church and love and/or provide soft cookies or other treats in the rear of the sanctuary this Sunday.

## **Open Altar for Prayers**

Our altar rail will be open for prayers following every worship service. "Prayer Warriors" will be available to pray for and with you. A growing and caring church is a praying church.

## **Pledge Campaign and Budget**

We received \$ 4040.00 against a weekly need for \$4650.00.

## **Need Pastoral Help?**

Pastor Keith is available for short term counseling. He is generally in the office Monday through Thursday, but is subject to meetings and often makes visits outside the church. It's best to call and set an appointment through the church office. In an emergency, please call his cell phone 404-906-1425.

## **Member Services Directory**

In these hard economic times, we can help our brothers and sisters in the Church by utilizing their businesses for necessary services. Many of our members are self employed. I would like to include a list of services offered by our members on our website and in this e-newsletter. If you would like to be listed, please email the church office a brief (no more than two lines) description of services offered and contact information.

- ◆ **Joanne Rooks** has a company called Moms Table.  
[www.momstableonline.com](http://www.momstableonline.com) or 1207 Canton St. in Roswell.
- ◆ **Susan Smith** is a licensed Christian Counselor. She can be reached at 404-861-2077.
- ◆ **Mary Jane Warren Stone Fine Art and Illustration** Realist portraits of people, animals and places, and exhibits and illustration in support of educational and environmental concerns. 770-578-8881

↑ **Jeanette Storey** works for a Home Care company located in Roswell called Golden Home Services. If you need a carefully screened, trained, bonded, and insured home services provider for a loved one, please call Jeanette at 678-242-0084

↑ **Chrissie Thead** is Christina's Interior Finishes. Her company offers color consultations, decorative painting and faux finishes for walls, ceilings, cabinets, mantles and furniture.

[www.christinasinteriorfinishes.com](http://www.christinasinteriorfinishes.com) or 404-317-2090

↑ **John Clark** provides private music instruction for piano, voice, and composition. He teaches classical, rock, and jazz styles and trains students to read music as well as play by ear. For more information visit [www.JohnClarkStudio.com](http://www.JohnClarkStudio.com) or call 404-218-9150.