

Christ Notes January 14, 2010

Keith's Corner

Our text this week offers a third account of identifying Jesus as the Messiah. In Matthew it was the adoration of the Magi. Last week in Luke we witnessed Jesus' baptism. This week we visit a coming out party of a different sort. Here many are there for the sign; however, few really see it. Over the years many readers of this text have found it confusing at best and problematic at worst. Why would Jesus choose winemaking as his first miracle? What is that God is revealing to us in this text? I have a few ideas and hope to share them with you Sunday!

This Sunday is an inauguration of another sort for our church. We begin a new fiscal year with a new organizational structure. Our new Administrative council will meet for the first time. Finance and Trustees will meet at 1:15 followed immediately by Administrative Council. We will meet in the Annex as our Spanish congregation will be using the Sanctuary building beginning at 1:00.

This will be an organizational meeting where we handle the business at hand as well as details of how we will operate going forward. As always, the meetings will be open. Your elected representatives are the voting members. We will also clarify the roles and functions of each ministry group. Eventually we hope that Administrative Council meetings will be more strategic in nature with lots of ground up input to guide our thinking. We hope to be finished by 4:00 and ask you to plan to stay for the whole meeting. A list of council members, trustees, and finance committee members can be found below.

At the top of our agenda is what to do about our deficit. We did not have a surge in giving in December as we have experienced most years. As a result we

had an operating deficit of nearly \$17,000. This will necessitate some changes and so I ask for your prayers as our leaders consider alternatives.

When you get a chance please thank Kirk, Bill, Jake, and Jan Tamucci for all the great work on our playground. Also please thank those whose efforts to decorate and undecorated our sanctuary added so much to our Christmas celebrations. And don't forget to thank Conception for the beautiful banners and Jane stone for our gorgeous nativity.

We are also getting organized on our Shepherd Ministry. We will divide the congregation by the number of shepherds we recruit. Shepherds will covenant to pray for each of their families each day and to confidentially contact each family once each month to inquire about any prayer requests. Shepherds will learn techniques for making calls or sending emails and when to pass along needs to the pastor. Training for shepherds will take place on February 7 right after church in the annex. We will get you out in plenty of time for Super bowl parties. There are still openings for shepherds. This is a great way to serve our brothers and sisters from the comfort of our own homes with a minimal time commitment and flexible schedule. Please let Mary Lawder mlawder@bellsouth.net know if you are interested.

Blessings,

Keith

Administrative Council

Chairperson: to be elected from the Council

Ministry of Music: Debbie Lundstrom

Lay Leader: Lynn Haldaman

PPR chair: Susan Smith

Finance chair: Blair Blinkhorn

Trustees chair: Kirk Smith

Ministry of Spiritual Development: Larry Poos

Ministry of Evangelism and Outreach: Wayne Hillis

To be elected: One from Spiritual Development

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Rev. Keith (votes only in the event of a tie.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 16 UMW 10:30am Flying Biscuit Cafe

Jan 17 Luncheon and Administrative Council Meeting 1:15pm
Children's Education Meeting following worship

Jan 19 UMW 10:30am Home of Carole Yeske

Jan 20 Young at Heart Luncheon 11:45am Marietta Fish Market

Jan 23 Nimble Fingers 10:30am

Youth sponsored talent show and dinner. Get your talents
dusted off now

Jan 31 Outreach meeting after worship

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 **Jan 15.**

Talent Show and Dinner will be Jan 23 at 7:00pm. Please contact Jake with your reservation and/or talent to be put on the agenda. The more who contribute their "talents" the more fun will be had by all who attend

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.

Young at Heart

Young At Heart Luncheon will be held at the Marietta Fish Market Jan 20 at 11:45 am. The van will be leaving from the church at 11:00am. If you would like a ride, contact Evelyn Yarbrough.

United Methodist Women

The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, January 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Carole Yeske, 275 Hollyberry Court, Roswell.

The Martha Circle has changed its meeting day and time! This circle will no longer meet on Tuesday evenings. Instead, meetings will be held in area restaurants on the third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. The meeting this month will be held at 10:30 a.m. this Saturday, January 16, at the Flying Biscuit Cafe, 1084 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta.

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 \$ 5218.00 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 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 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 or call 404-218-9150.