

Christ Notes January 21, 2010

Keith's Corner

This Sunday we look at one of the most popular metaphors in the bible: Paul's comparison of the human body with the body of Christ which is the church. One approach would be to diagnose all our maladies. Instead, however, let's look over the realities and the possibilities. I hope you will join us for worship this Sunday as we begin a new year with a new leadership team and a new focus on who we are and where we are going.

Last Sunday our new leadership team held its first meeting of 2010. Attendance was great. What was even better was the way the meeting went. We had some tough issues to discuss. Yet each speaker respected every other speaker. Each opinion was heard and considered. Each leader shared a commitment to doing what is best for Christ Church. The group elected Larry Poos as the Lead Servant for the new Administrative Council. Lead Servants for the four Areas of Ministry began the process of coordinating communications with the groups in their Area of Ministry and looking to establish a work plan for 2010. Opportunities to work together between areas of ministry became apparent and communications have already begun. Administrative council meetings are open and in February we will return to our 2nd Sunday of the month schedule. Thanks to Lynn Haldaman, her health

team, and the committee on Lay Leadership for a lot of hard work setting the stage for what I believe will be a very productive year.

NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TRAINING

January 31 from 12:30 to 2:00pm Lynn Haldaman and I will lead a session for new and prospective members in the annex meeting room. We are calling it 90 Essential Minutes for Membership in Christ Church. In this meeting we will go over briefly the history of Methodism, basic beliefs, and roles and responsibilities of membership. If you have recently joined, are considering joining, or simply would like more information about what membership here is all about, please join us. We will provide pizza for lunch and release you promptly at 2:00. Please make a reservation by calling the church office and let us know if you need childcare so we can make arrangements for that.

SHEPHERD TRAINING

Mary Lawder will lead shepherd training on Sunday February 7 from 12:30 until 2:00 in the annex meeting room. Perhaps you are wondering what the Shepherd Program is all about. It is all about communicating and praying for each member of the congregation. We will divide the membership into groups. The number in each group is determined by the number of trained shepherds. Once each month your shepherd will call or email you to see if you have any prayer concerns and to encourage you to call her or him with prayer concerns. Your shepherd will pray for you each and every day. In addition Keith

will pray for different families in the congregation each week. Our objectives are: 1) to cover up our congregation in prayer; and 2) to provide a safe confidential channel to share prayer concerns. Shepherds will be trained to ask if prayer concerns and other pastoral needs might be shared with Keith. This is a wonderful program and I hope if you are interested you will contact Mary (mlawder@bellsouth.net) or speak to her in church.

WELCOME TO MINISTERIOS RHEMA

Since the first of this month we have been leasing space in our church to a Hispanic Church led by Dr. Carlos Garcia. Dr. Garcia has founded churches in California, Las Vegas, and Peru. He founded Rhema here in 2006. As his congregation here outgrew its former space, Dr. Garcia contacted Keith about leasing space here. His ministry focuses on Spanish speaking people in this area, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and teaching young people Biblical principles of living.

Ministerios Rhema uses our sanctuary on Sunday afternoons for worship, Thursday evenings for rehearsals, and Friday evenings for youth. Last Saturday they gifted us with a thorough cleaning of the sanctuary building. While we will have to be flexible to accommodate additional users of the building, their lease proceeds will reduce the debt still owing on our trailers and help us pay for long deferred maintenance.

I hope you will join me in welcoming our brothers and sisters in faith. We are looking forward to planning a joint worship service in the not too distant future! Please speak to Keith or Kirk if you encounter

situations we need to address to keep things running smoothly as we get to know each other. This is a great blessing to us and to them as we strive together to share the good news!

Blessings,

Keith

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan 23 Nimble Fingers 10:30am
Youth sponsored talent show and dinner. Get your talents dusted off now
- Jan 31 Outreach meeting after worship
New and prospective member class 12:30pm annex
- 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

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 14

Talent Show and Dinner will be Jan 23 at 7:00pm.

United Methodist Women

The current supply of visitor bread is low, and more is needed. Please bake loaves of bread in aluminum foil mini loaf pans (approximately 6X4X2 inches), wrap them with plastic wrap or aluminum foil, and bring them to the church kitchen this Sunday and/or next Sunday. (For bread making, we suggest purchasing 7.6 ounce plastic packages of muffin/quick bread mix. One such package should make two mini loaves of bread.) UMW is now responsible for coordinating the visitor bread process.

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 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.

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 \$ 3330.00 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.