

Christ Notes June 24, 2010

Keith's Corner

Worship this Sunday!

Lynn Haldaman is preaching this Sunday as Mary and I will be on vacation with our family. We will hold you in our prayers and hope that you will be in prayer for us as well.

Last Sunday I spoke of a plan to meet together in small groups to discuss the future of our church. My hope is that every member of our congregation will participate in one of these meetings. The plan is to meet in individual member's homes with a group of no more than 10 people. We will briefly discuss our financial situation and various strategic alternatives. Our objective is to hear your comments, ideas, and concerns so that our Administrative Council can put together an action plan. The quality and effectiveness of any plan will depend largely on the involvement of the congregation. This is why we chose a series of smaller meetings rather than one or two huge meetings where we don't get the benefit of everyone's input.

I am hoping that these meetings can start in July. To do this we need volunteers to host a meeting. If you are willing to do this please call the church office and let us know what might work for you. Once we get several hosts lined up we will post the meetings for sign up. This way we can limit the size of our groups.

Mary and I are going on vacation this week. We thank you that you allow us to spend time relaxing with our family. I can be reached by cell phone in the event of an emergency. There will be times when we are out of range. For those things which can wait, please hold them until the 4th. If we do not pick up the phone and it is an emergency, please leave a message and then call back immediately. This will let me know we have an urgent situation. Again thanks. You are in my prayers.

Blessings, Keith

Monday Evening Bible Study

Thanks to all who have faithfully participated in our Monday evening study. We are taking a break for the summer and will resume in late August. If you have ideas for future studies, please share them with Keith.

Tuesday Morning Bible/Book Study

We continue our Weekday Morning Bible Study on Tuesdays from 9:45-11:00 am in the Annex. We are studying the book Prayer Does it make a Difference? by Phillip Yancey. Come join us! Books are available at most retail booksellers and Christian bookstores.

Calling all Men* Prayer Breakfast*****Tuesday Morning 7:30-8:30AM**

Men come join us on Tuesday mornings at Steak and Shake on 92 just a few blocks towards Roswell on Woodstock Rd. (92). We meet for an informal prayer time and fellowship. Our pledge is to get you out and on your way by 8:30.

Money Matters:

Summer time is always a bit scary at the church. Folks go away on vacation and forget to send in their tithes. When the heat goes up the bank account seems to go down. This year we have no reserves to tide us over. We want you in worship every Sunday and pray that while you are away on vacation or for summer travel that you will remember to send in your offering. Thanks for keeping Christ Church in your prayers as well.

UMW All women who attend Christ Church are invited to UMW's annual social meeting at Tea Leaves & Thyme in Woodstock. It will be held on Saturday June 26th at 12:00.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 25-26 St. James Couples Ministry Annual Marriage Retreat

June 26 UMW Annual Social Meeting

July Fourth Celebration

July 5 Meals On Wheels

July 10 Young at Heart Picnic

YOUTH SUMMER 2010

June 26 Monster Putt Putt (meet at CUMC at 7:00 pm)
permission slip required

July 4 At CUMC

July schedule will be posted in late June.

OUTREACH

North Fulton Senior Services Meals on Wheels Volunteer Project
Cooks and drivers are needed for the **4th of July Holiday**, which is
Monday, July 5, 2010! There will be a sign up sheet in Church this
Sunday, or call Jane Stone, 770 578 88881.
This is an easy and FUN way to serve our community and enjoy some great
fellowship with other helpers!

The Meals on Wheels Coordinator has also asked if anyone is available on July 1st
and July 2nd to be on call for a Meals on Wheels Delivery on those two days? She
will be on vacation and will be in need of a few volunteers to be backup drivers,
just in case a route does come open. If you are available to be on call please call or
email Kimberly Whitten with your name and number and the area in which you
would be able to deliver. Her phone number is
770.993.1906 Ex. 230, and her email is kwhitten@ssnorthfulton.org.

SPECIAL SIGNS Anyone wishing to put up a sign on city property (near
the street) in front of the church, must clear it with the church office.

EVANGELISM

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION plans are complete:

Set-up begins 6 PM (coordinated by Rip Thead), activities begin 7 PM

Charge of \$2. per car, includes 1 hot dog, drink, and chips.

Food for sale includes: hot dogs, drinks, chips, cookies (\$1 per item), Jorge Blanco cooking

Youth activities (coordinated by Liz Huff) - games, ticket sales

Children's games (coordinated by Cherry Stefan) - games, face painting, cookie painting

Volunteers are needed for:

Set-up (contact Rip Thead - 770.552.0985)

Serving Food (contact Rip Thead - 770.552.0985)

Games (contact Liz Huff - 770.650.9442 or Cherry Stefan - 678.494.8663)

Clean-up (contact Wayne Hillis – 770.992.6857)

There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Church on Sunday.

Plan to join your church family for food, fireworks, and fellowship!

See you there

The Evangelism Committee in concert with the Admin. Council would like to expand the number of fund raisers sponsored by the church. After discussion, the following events have been suggested:

- ◆ Car Show
- ◆ Lecture Series
- ◆ Parent's Nigh Out – Bill Ross has volunteered to coordinate
- ◆ Children's Circus
- ◆ Consignment Leasing – Susan Smith has volunteered to coordinate
- ◆ Lease or rent part of church land
- ◆ Wednesday Night Dinners

- ◆ Shrimp Boil – Wayne Hillis will coordinate in October – November

Bill Ross has also volunteered to be the liaison between Christ Church and Rhema, the Hispanic church renting our facility, in order to expand our events.

In order to put on any of these events, we will need other volunteers to lead and coordinate the events. We will also need other volunteers to help with the various duties required by each event.

If you have any further suggestions of events which would be beneficial, please contact Wayne Hillis.

Floral Ministry

Christ UMC Floral Ministry would like to help our congregation honor, celebrate and remember those in our hearts, by placing live flowers in a bud vase on the altar every Sunday. We need to know by Wednesday, who you would like to celebrate and why, so that this information appears in Christ Notes and in the bulletin on Sunday. Please send your information via email to: moserma@bellsouth.net or call 770-516-4452 and leave a message. There is also a sign up calendar on the table in the rear of the sanctuary for future dates. Thanks for your participation.

Summer Schedule

Please review your “summer calendar” for Liturgist, Nursery, Children’s Sermon and other activities, and select a replacement, if you plan to be away and will not be able to serve as you are scheduled. Thank you.

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 \$2425 against a weekly need for \$4425.

It is imperative that we receive all Pledge Cards back as soon as possible. Please prayerfully consider your commitment for BOTH 2010 as well as 2011. The amount for 2010 should include giving for the entire year, not just for the second half.

The Finance Committee relies heavily on these stated commitments when setting budget priorities and in determining the need for additional revenue activities. Our biggest income category, by far, is your tithing and even small amounts make a big difference so get your Pledge Card in quickly. Thank you!!

Blair Blinkhorn
Finance Chair

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.

Church Cleaning Assignments

In an effort to be financially responsible during these lean times, we no longer have a cleaning service for the church building. This means that we as a congregation will need to step up and help in keeping our church attractive and clean. We are asking that you volunteer with the organizations/groups listed below to help clean once or twice a quarter. If you do not belong to any of these groups, please volunteer to help one of these groups. We need everyone's help to make this an easy project. We need to start this project right away.

The Groups:

1) Warren Fellowship Class	2nd week of June
2) Agape Class (Maggie's)	3rd week of June
3) Larry's Class	4th week of June
4) Outreach/Evangelism Committee	5th week of June
5) Youth Group	1st week of July
6) Bible Study groups (Mon/Tues/Fri)	2nd week of July
7) UMW	3rd week of July
8) UMM	4th week of July
9) Worship/Altar Guild/ Young at Heart	1st week of Aug
10) Shepherd Ministry	2nd week of Aug
11) Choir (group I)	3rd week of Aug
12) Choir (group II)	4th week of Aug

If each group takes one Saturday to clean the building, the rotation would be once a quarter. If the church is cleaned on a weekly basis, the cleaning will not have to be heavy cleaning. There are so many members of the choir that they can split into 2 groups. Obviously some people will be in multiple groups, so they can pick 2 groups to clean with. Please let Susan Smith know which groups you will be working with. We need a commitment from each church member to make this project work. Our church will only be as clean as we keep it. We are counting on YOU.

Members/Friends Service 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** owns Mom's Table, a prepared meals company with locations at 1207 Canton St., Roswell and 8420 Main St., Woodstock. View the menu at: www.MomsTableOnline.com .
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **David & Susanne Portnoy** Upholstered fabric & Wall to Wall Carpet Cleaning. .Please call 678-494-4030. Reasonable rates, fine job!