

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

January, 2008

Our members are to be commended for following through with their commitment of giving for the 2007 year. Our General Fund pledged giving was at 100 percent of our 2007 budgeted amount at the end of the year.

At the end of the year, we had a donation of \$2,500 that was designated to go directly to the principle of the loan on the Building Fund. With that donation, we had giving in the amount of \$8,481.56 for the Building Fund in December. The December loan balance for the Christian Life Center was \$545,669.79.

The Building Fund Campaign, held during 2007, resulted in 46 pledges that total \$116,524 for the two-year giving commitment. That commitment is \$28,000 shy of the amount we will need for the monthly payments during the next two years. However, we also have 28 people that do not make a committed pledge but who are giving toward the Building Fund on a regular basis.

Our church donated \$100 to The Food Center for January. The Food Center received a lot of help during the holidays, but their need is continuous, so let's continue our support. We received a thank-you for the collections our church has made recently.

It is time for the annual "Souper Bowl" food drive. Stacy Elliott is coordinating this effort for our church. Let's help her out by building a "mountain of food." Any non-perishable food item will be welcome!

The Clothes Closet is always in need of volunteers. Work days include Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. We also need to remember the Salvation Army with monetary gifts, blankets, coats, and winter items.

We are reminded of the Best Choice UPC barcode program. Our church sends the Best Choice barcodes to Woodhaven, and they receive \$30 for every 1,000 barcodes we send. Woodhaven uses these funds to maintain their vehicles, especially their wheelchair accessible vans. We also collect the UPC barcodes from Campbell's food products. You can leave your Best Choice and Campbell's barcodes in the Parlor kitchen or in the church office.

In May, Megan Holter will be leaving to go overseas with her husband. At that time we will need someone to be in charge of our JYF, Chi-Rho, and CYF youth programs. We will also need someone to coordinate our DOC (Disciples on Campus) group.

We will need volunteers to participate in our Vacation Bible School program that is held jointly with other churches of the community.

We now have the capability to print hard copies of membership records that can be retained for historical purposes.

Our Outreach giving for December totaled \$2,169.65, and it went to Disciples Mission Fund, Ozark Lakes Area, Survival Adult Abuse Center, and The Food Center. In addition, we received \$234.00 for our special Christmas Offering.

The Property Committee has received a bid for repairing the ceiling in the 3rd floor area. The Committee is discussing several plans: installing some additional sidewalk and

steps, with handrail, in the parking lot area; investigating if the water fountain in the Christian Education area can be repaired; installing lights on the Chalice at the front of the Christian Life Center; replacing the marquee at the front of the church; improving our sound system.

We have purchased a small fire-proof safe for the church office. We will secure the safe so that it cannot be removed.

The Elders continue to meet regularly.

The Christian Women's Fellowship will hold their annual Ham and Bean Dinner on March 9.

The next Share-A-Moment-With-Us photo exhibit will have a Scouting theme.

The Pictorial Directory is in process. There have been some complications with the computer package that is being used to design the book.

Our church has been included in a beautiful publication titled FAITH OF OUR FATHERS: THE CHURCHES OF MISSOURI. Also included in the book is Quimby Pipe Organs, the builder of our pipe organ. There are copies of the publication available at the church for your viewing pleasure.

We will reestablish the meetings of the Advisory Council. The first meeting will be Wednesday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m. This will allow better communication between the committees in the church.

There were over 400 people in attendance at the Christmas Eve Community Candlelight Service that was held at our church. Thanks to all who helped make that an evening to remember!

We are launching our 8:30 a.m. Praise Service on Sunday, January 13. There has been a lot of great planning for this service!

We are putting together a pamphlet about our Christian Education opportunities that we can give folks who may be new.

Pastor Basye has received Partner Standing with the Mid-America Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Lenten Services begin on February 6 at 7:00 p.m. with the Ash Wednesday Service. Palm Sunday is March 16, and Easter is March 23.

Our next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:45 p.m. following Lenten Services. Come join us!

Donna Elliott, Secretary