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Woodland Members in our Continued Concern

Sara Allison, Sarah Anderson, Isabelle Brumfield, Lydia Brumfield, Sara Bushnell, Ednagrace Cranfill, Blake Eames, Lee Garner, Ken and Mabel Gould, Ellie Hawse, Mary Haney, L.G. and Del Osborne, Ethel McQueary, Hallie Meyers, Judy Morse, Harris Parke, Bonnie Phillips, Doris Snow, Louise Thompson, Don Witt.

Other Friends in Our Concern

Reed and Vernell Albertson (grandparents of Trish Stover), Morgan Barksdale (father of Gary Barksdale), Sally Brown (mother of Jennifer Brown), Mary Charles, Vicki Clarke (friend of Deb James), Sidney Cranfill (brother of Ednagrace Cranfill), Dottie Dunlap (friend of Janet Brumfield), David Evans (nephew of Laura Clark), Ronnie Goodwin (father of Sandy Holbert), Katy Gorta (aunt of Dianne Chiles), Viola Gudgell (sister of Joyce Witt), Joy Heines (friend of Anna Gayle Parke), Judy Henry (friend of Laura Trippy and Phyllis Crume), Ray Ishmael (father of Jeffrey Ishmael), Dwight Janzen (friend of Sarah Anderson), Deborah Jennings (friend of Harris Parke), Judy LeForce (friend of Lee Ball), Sue Patterson (friend of Cliff Millard), Leta Poore (mother of Sherry Poore), Justin Rawlings, (nephew of Missy Rawlings), Bette Shelley (mother of Janice James), William T. Smith, Fred Stocker (father of Scott Stocker), Martha Stocker (mother of Scott Stocker), Rose Stogsdill (friend of Norma Crockett and Jackie Ricard), Roselle Stubber (sister of Sam Halter), Kenneth Tackett (son of Geneva Tackett), Kandace Tatum, Alma Vitatoe (grandmother of Sherry Poore).

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 29

- 9:30 A.M. - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School
- 10:45 A.M. - Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. - Youth - Rummage Sale (in Fellowship Hall following worship)

Monday, June 30

- 10:00 A.M. - Prayer Group

Friday, July 4

Church Office is Closed for Holiday

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee has begun work on the process to find a new minister. The committee will be working with our Regional Office, which will help us connect with individuals who might be interested in the position. Because there are several steps in this process, we will be hiring someone in the near future to serve our congregation as an interim minister. This interim minister will work with our staff and congregation while the search committee works on finding our next minister. The Elders are in charge of selecting the interim minister and are currently working on selecting someone they feel will be helpful to us during this time of transition.

Because of the wonderful leadership of Bill Kincaid, our congregation is in a good place for this search. The committee covets your prayers as we go through the selection process. I will keep you informed of the search committee's progress along the way. Thank you for all of your support!

Steve Johnson

UPDATE ON 2008-2009 FINANCIAL PLEDGE DRIVE

Thanks to all who have submitted financial pledges for the upcoming fiscal year (July-08 thru June-09). For those who have not pledged your financial support yet, we urge you to consider what you will give over the next 12 months and indicate your support by completing a Financial Commitment Card. Cards were mailed to all members last month, and additional cards may be found at each entrance to the sanctuary. Please either place your completed card in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office. Last Sunday, the congregation approved Woodland's operating budget of \$203,606 for the year ahead. To date, we have received \$113,640 in pledges to support this budget, so you can see we have a ways to go! In order for us to be prudent in paying the staff and the bills and maintaining our building, and in order for Woodland to carry out its planned activities of outreach and worship and ministry this next year, we need everyone's help. May we ALL be generous with ALL our gifts.... our time, our energy, our prayers AND our financial resources. THANK YOU!

Stewardship & Finance Committee

Rummage Sale

Saturday June 28 – Sunday June 29 the youth will sponsor a rummage and bake sale as a fundraiser for their New Orleans mission trip. They will be accepting items for the sale beginning Monday, June 23 – Friday June 27 with the church being open with extended hours for drop off. If you can help contact Laura at 859-963-5141 or woodland.laura@insightbb.com. The church will be open during the days its normal hours of operation. During the evenings, Laura and the youth will be at the church from 6pm – 9pm to collect, sort and price all the items for our rummage sale.

Advertise for Us!

Please tell everyone you know about this rummage sale! There are also flyers for you to post in your work place, at the gym, at restaurants, on community bulletin boards etc. The rummage sale has been advertised on all major television network community calendars, in the Lexington Herald Leader, and on several websites. Help the youth to be as successful as possible in their fundraising! Your help is much appreciated!

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Fear is sometimes a terrible thing. Fear is sometimes a good thing. Some churches use fear as a tactic to increase their membership as they convince outsiders, unless you join our church, you should fear what is to come. We utilize fear when we warn children they may not get that special treat if they misbehave. We have phobias, such as fear of heights, and we have fear of the unknown. Fear of loss. Fear can make us cautious and reserved. Fear can make us cower and shrink.

For a while now I'm sure many of us have "feared" in some way what this transition will look like, and how our church will continue to grow as we watch one of our beloved leaders move into a different field of ministry. But I feel confident in saying that we should have NO FEAR. Wood-

"Growing Together in Worship"

Worship and Wonder age changes

Because of our growth in children at Woodland, some changes to age groups will occur. Worship and Wonder will now be for age 3 through Kindergartners beginning August 17.

Children's Moment age changes

Only children participating in Worship and Wonder (age 3 through Kindergarten) will come to chancel steps for Children's Moment beginning August 17.

1st-5th graders! Worship Explorers!

Beginning August 17, 1st-5th graders every 1st and 3rd Sunday will participate in a new education program "Worship Explorers". These children will remain in service the other Sundays, but will join a trained leader 2 Sundays each month for a discussion on the church, bible stories and the church calendar. The children will meet in the library, in a sanctuary-like setting to help them learn the meaning of church rituals, church calendar and other important spiritual issues. Watch for more information!

land is a strong church. We have a strong presence in the community and an intense commitment to the justice and peace we so strongly desire for our community and the world around us. We are unique. We have a strong commitment of our members, through volunteers, through committee members, through elders and deacons.

As we continue to ponder this transition and work through our fears and anxieties, we trust in the Spirit to keep us strong and passionate. We can trust that just as the Spirit moved through the crowds on that day of Pentecost, it continues to move through us, as we continue to live out the Gospel. Woodland is a strong and growing church, and with our continued support of God, and of one another, Woodland only has wonderful things to look forward to. Imagine a church... fearless of what is to come.

Volunteers for Education are Needed!

Beginning August 17, some exciting changes will happen with our educational programs for children. With these changes, a larger network of volunteers is needed to serve once every 3 months. Please see the areas of need:

Nursery attendant- children birth through age 2

Worship and Wonder helper- age 3 through Kindergarten, serve communion and help with craft

Children's Moment- age 3 through Kindergarten, using pamphlet help sheet for topics

Please contact Traci Letcher, Education Chair if you can volunteer once every 3 months!

As Children Age Out of Nursery - Staffing Needs Change

Beginning in July, the nursery will no longer be staffed by a paid attendant. Due to low numbers and changing educational needs, volunteers will staff the nursery during worship each Sunday. A schedule of volunteers is located on the inner-nursery door and a volunteer will be in the nursery each week by 10:20 am, but will only stay until 11am, unless a child is present. The nursery is for children birth through age 2. No nursery will be provided during Sunday school. Paid attendants will be available for special services held at unusual times during the year (Maundy Thursday, etc.). What an exciting time to watch our church babies grow into the Worship and Wonder program!

In Prayer

On Monday mornings in the parlor here at Woodland our prayer group meets for sharing cares, concerns and celebrations.

Recently we expressed our gratitude for all who are helping as we have celebrated Bill's ministry and are in a time of transition.

Please know that all are welcome to join us at any time. Just come if you are available.

You may also contact our church office or a prayer group participant if you have a prayer request. All prayer request are kept confidential.

Margaret Ryle, Laura Clark, Stacy Kaufmann, Dave Carr, Jackie Diachun, Cookie Adams (Prayer Group)

May 2008 General Fund Update

Revenue	\$15,458.03
Expenses	\$22,449.43
Over/(Short)	(\$6,991.40)
Monthly Revenue needed	
to maintain 07-08 Budget:	\$18,134.90

* Does not include Arts Fair Income or House Income & Expenses.

Found

A small blue notebook with BusinessLexington on the front cover and no other identifying information was found in the church office. If this belongs to you please call Loretta at 266-3416.

Help with "The Echoes"

We are in need of folks interested in helping twice a month on Monday's. Folding, labeling and delivering "The Echoes" to the post office are what is needed. If you are interested in helping to get the newsletter out to the members and friends of Woodland please contact Loretta at 266-3416 or e-mail woodlandchurch@qx.net.

Regional Assembly

The regional assembly, which brings together all the Disciples churches in Kentucky, will be held September 4 – 6, 2008 in Owensboro, KY. The theme of the 2008 Regional Assembly will be "Living Into the Vision: Reaching Our Full Kingdom Potential – Through Prayer, Compassion, Hospitality and Servant Leadership." This is a WONDERFUL event in which to join with other Disciples in celebration, learning, worship, fellowship and discussion. Registration is \$55 for the weekend, which includes the All Assembly Luncheon on Saturday September 6. Registration Sundays here at Woodland will be June 29th and July 13th. Please see the poster in the first floor hallway for more information. We also hope to arrange for a block of rooms in an Owensboro hotel for all the Woodland participants! If you have questions contact Jackie Diachun, 266-5063 or Jackie@diachun.com.

Faith Community Housing Foundation

Faith Community Housing Foundation (FCHF) works to put socio-economically disadvantaged people into home ownership, through a rent-to-own program and through direct purchase. Bill Kincaid has represented Woodland on the FCHF Board, which meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at noon at Shiloh Baptist Church. If you are interested in being Woodland's new representative on the FCHF Board, please talk with Janice James.

NEED YOUTH SPONSORS

The youth are in need of youth sponsors who would be willing to hang out with them at their various events, and help be an extra adult presence in addition to Laura. You DO NOT need to have children of your own, or children of this age in order to be a youth sponsor! We appreciate all ages and any adult that would like to be a mentor for the youth! Youth events include lunch and devotion, making HOPE Mobile lunches, bowling, ice skating, volunteering at places like Catholic Action Center, God's Pantry and the HOPE Mobile. If you are interested please contact Laura 963-5141 or wooland.laura@insightbb.com.

After I know of your interest we can match up your schedule with the youth schedule!

Cane Ridge Day Honoring the Heritage of Midway College

June 28, 2008

Registration Begins 9:30 am

Morning Speaker: *Dr. Robert Botkin, President Emeritus of Midway College*, "School at Midway: A Clear Purpose Through Changing Times"
Afternoon Speaker: *Dr. William B. Drake, Jr., President of Midway College*, "Contemporary Disciples Higher Education: Church or Church-Related?"

The day will also feature:

- The Inspiration Ringers - Bell Choir of Raytown Christian Church, Raytown, MO.
- Reed Organ Music by Jane Johnson
- Singing directed by Dr. Johnie Dean of Midway College

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the grounds. Beverages will be available for sale by Midway Christian Church Youth.

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