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July 2008

Pastor Search/Nominating Committee

The Pastor Search/Nominating Committee is putting the finishing touches on our Church Information Forms to be submitted to Presbytery.

It will be reviewed by Rev. Stephen Whitaker, our Presbytery Liaison, prior to being submitted to the Vision and Ministry Council at the July 8th meeting.

Once it has been approved by the Vision & Ministry Council, it will be submitted to



Presbytery for review. We have also begun to work on the Church Information Form for the UCC.

We are just in middle

stages of this document, but are progressing well. Once this is completed, it will be reviewed by Rev. Tom Norwalk before being submitted to the VMC.

Please keep the Pastor Search/Nominating Committee in your prayers as we continue to complete our documentation and progress in our search for a called Pastor.

Charlene A. Beringer,
Chairperson

Action Planning Committee

The Action Planning Team continues to move forward.

The four task forces from this team are:

- Communication & Community Building
- Lay Leadership Development
- Structure
- Clarity & Vision

Each task force and the team as a whole have been meeting to develop

a plan to implement suggestions and recommendations formed as a result of findings from the Mission Task Force and the Healthy Congregation meetings as found by Norma Roberts.

In September, the team will ask members of the congregation to review these recommendations during a potluck

luncheon after services on Sunday, September 21st.

Additional times during the week will be available for those unable to attend that Sunday.

Please watch for further information in your September New Directions.

Shepherding Ministry

“We hear and remember each other because God first hears and remembers us.”

The purpose of the Shepherding program is to help us be in touch with each other more closely in the spirit of Christian Love.

It’s difficult to pray for each member and friend of St. Luke Union Church on a regular basis.

We can however, lift up the “sheep in our flock” in prayer.

The Shepherds are the connection between the flocks and the Agape Team.

They will contact the members of their flock at least once a month and encourage their “sheep” to contact the “shepherd” when they need a friend to listen or pray with them with a CONFIDENTIAL ear.

The contact may be at Church, a note, a phone call, a home visit or meeting for a meal.

Remember we also want to

share the joys in your life.

If requested to do so, the shepherd will also send a prayer request to the prayer chain and the Agape Team.

Our lives will be enriched as we get to know each other on a deeper level.

The “sheep” and the “shepherds” can truly be the eyes, ears and hearts that seek to connect each of us into the larger flock of St. Luke Union Church.

The mission of the church to do God’s work will be stronger and more focused because of our closer bond with each other.

Our current shepherds have been extremely active and we give thanks to God for their faithfulness.

Most of them are caring for 10 or more families.

This is a heavy load - we would like to have the flocks at no more than 6 families.

I would ask that you prayerfully consider being a part of this very important ministry.

We meet on the second Sunday of the month for a brief gathering.

Training will be provided.

Please contact Evelyne Thomas (663-1559) for further information.

As Peter instructed: “I appeal to you to be shepherds of the flock that God gave you and to take care of it willingly, as God wants you to, and not unwillingly.

Do your work, not for mere pay, but from a real desire to serve.” *II Peter 5:2*

Evelyne Thomas



July 10th

Home Bible Class 1:30
You’ve Gotta Eat!!! 5:00

July 20th

Ice Cream Social 3:00

Council News

Council authorized spending \$6,000 of non-designated Memorial funds to purchase some new furniture for Fellowship Hall.

It will be placed primarily in front of the fireplace, but will be portable and configurable.

Council is actively interviewing candidates for

Interim Pastor.

Council has decided to publish a “full” New Directions for the month of August, after an “abbreviated” version for July.

The new deadline for New Directions each month will be the **second Wednesday of each month.**

Has your email address changed since the 2004 Directory was printed?

If so, please send your current one to the office.
Thanks.



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You're Invited!

Please join us for an open house send-off for our grandson, Keith Jean-Baptiste before his deployment to Iraq.

*Saturday, July 12th, 2008
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
SLUC Fellowship Hall*

Rod & Margaret Hawkins

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