



The Acorn

Starr Presbyterian
Church News
March 2010

Dear Friends,

As a result of the conversation we shared together following the building options as presented by members of Session during our Annual Meeting Luncheon, one clear directive from the congregation is that no one wishes to sell the building. There was considerable support to either welcome another congregation to “nest” with us here at Starr, and also some support for leasing out the portion of the building that was previously utilized by Blue Bird. There were two Presbyterian congregations that we were made aware of by the Presbytery that were looking for another congregation to nest with. At this time, our location is not ideal and they would prefer to continue to look for worship space closer to their current location. We will continue to put the word out to see what the Holy Spirit may have in mind for us.

With regard to leasing out areas of the church, I personally have two areas of concern. The first being the financial costs that may be incurred by the necessity to bring that portion of the building up to code with the fire inspector. The Trustees are currently working to determine the exact costs that we may potentially need to make that kind of financial investment for the sake of being able to lease out that space. My second area of concern – and frankly the greater one – is getting a committee in place to make it possible to lease out the space. We will need a team to meet with potential outside groups, and possibly Realtors, as well as determine fair market value as far as financial compensation (we can’t call it rent :-).

A couple of weeks ago, Ann Johnson came to the congregation asking for help in this area and I am underscoring her plea – we need your help! Blue Bird Nursery consumed the work of the Session for over a year, and managing the building – and subsequent financial responsibilities – is the greatest stumbling block preventing us from moving forward into the Self-Study and future pastoral search process. If you feel called to serve in areas of property management, please contact Ann and join the team (that we hope) will help stabilize our financial resources. If you feel called to areas of spiritual discernment regarding our current identity and plans for the future, please contact me and join our Self-Study Team. Regardless of your gifts, this is a time where we can have no one left on the sidelines – we need every *body* to truly be the Body of Christ.

Yours in faith,

Rev. Kathryn Kelly

Session Highlights from Feb. 24th Meeting

The Session made the following actions:

- Adopted an office policy regarding Snow Days: When Royal Oak Public Schools are closed, Starr's office will be closed as well.
- Approved the Annual Statistical Report for the PC(USA)
- Agreed to participate in the TGIFridays Fundraising Program
- Approved several building usage requests
- Approved the replacement of the outside locks for security reasons
- Heard the Trustees' recommendations on weather-proofing the building, repairing the section of the building formerly used by Blue Bird for outside groups to consider leasing space in.
- Approved Rev. Kelly's vacation time for March 15th-21st. Aaron Michaels will be preaching.
- Approved participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing Mission Program; coordinated by Ann Johnson
- Postponed the election of the Self-Study Committee due to lack of congregational participation

The next Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24, at 6 p.m. If you have something you would like placed on the agenda, please contact Rev. Kelly by 3 p.m. on Monday, March 22.

Bits and Pieces

Shawls for All

Shawl Ministry would like everyone to know that Prayer Shawls are available. If you *know* someone who would be warmed in love by one of these shawls, please see
Lynne Cobb or Rev. Kelly

Please let us know of any illness, hospitalization, upcoming surgery, or other
PASTORAL CARE NEED by calling
Rev. Kelly directly at 313.779.5977



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

STARR WOMEN'S NEWS March 2010

Circles meet on March 2.

Abigail-Dorcas meets at 9:30 a.m.
at the church.

Mary-Martha will meet at 10 a.m. at
Betty Groh-Bennett's house.

The Board Meeting is on
March 9 at 10 a.m.

The Women's Gathering is at
11:30 a.m. on March 16.

Mary-Martha is the hostess.
Abigail-Dorcas has the program.
Bring a bag lunch.

Church Women United World Day of
Prayer is March 5 at 1 p.m. at First Meth-
odist Church of Royal Oak. A tea will
follow the service. R.S.V.P. to Grace
McCullough at 248/585-3337.

The Acorn...

...is published monthly and available via email, on our website and at church. If you need us to mail a copy of the Acorn to you, please contact the church office and we'll be happy to send you a copy each month.

Thank You

*To all of our faithful Warming Shelter
Volunteers:*

We want to say "thank you" for a job well done! You touched the lives of at least 80 different men and women who have no home to call their own.

When they were hungry, *you* fed them.
When they needed clothes, *you* clothed them.
When they had no place to sleep, *you* provided them a place to rest their heads.

You sacrificed your own free time in commitment to this mission and ministry, and for that, we give *you* thanks!

The Warming Shelter Committee of
Starr Presbyterian Church

To The Drain Surgeons:

We thank "Dr. Mike" and "Dr. Scott" of the Drain Surgeons in Clawson. Their prompt, friendly and clean service in clearing drain pipes was very impressive! Plus, they gave the church a great discount. Thanks to Brian Finn for assisting the church in our latest plumbing issues and for recommending the Drain Surgeons.

Stewardship and Attendance

The weekly giving need for Starr Presbyterian Church is \$3,000. So far, the average weekly giving for the first three Sundays in the month of February is: \$2473.

Our monthly attendance average for the month of January was 58 adult members and guests. So far, the average for the first three weeks of February is: 46 adult members and guests.

Communion Servers for March

Carol Eads
Betty Groh-Bennett
Aaron Michaels
Sandy Woodcox



Bowl for the Homeless

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Fairlanes Bowling Center

29600 Stephenson Highway, Madison Heights

8:30 p.m. check-in • Bowling begins at 9 p.m.

COST: \$25 at the door or pre-pay and register by March 20th for ONLY \$20/person

Fee includes three games of nine-pin, no-tap bowling, shoes and pizza

Raffle and 50/50 tickets will also be sold.

Please send the completed registration form and money to:

Starr Presbyterian Church

Attn: Bowl for the Homeless

1717 W. Thirteen Mile Rd. at Crooks Rd.

Royal Oak, MI 48073-2301

Please make all checks payable to Starr Presbyterian Church ("bowling" in memo line)

All proceeds from this event will be used to cover the costs involved with operating the Warming Shelter at Starr. We thank you for your continued support in helping us to help those in need.

Any questions please contact Sheila Judd at (248) 761-8293 or the church office at 248/288-3230

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

I want to bowl with: _____

NOTE: We are seeking donations of prizes that can be raffled off at the Bowling Fundraiser that will benefit the Warming Shelter. We are seeking new items, gift certificates, gifts of service, theme baskets, etc. We would like all items brought to the church by Sunday, March 21st. Any questions? Please see Sheila Judd or Janie Castle.



Lent and Holy Week Information

Sundays in Lent
at 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Bible Study on
Mondays at 7 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule

March 28 - Palm Sunday
Worship at 10:30 a.m.

April 1 - Maundy Thursday
Potluck at 6:30 p.m. followed
by worship and Communion
at 7 p.m.

April 2 - Good Friday
Community worship at noon at
St. John's
Methodist in Royal Oak.

April 4 - Easter Sunday
Easter Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt after worship

From the Board of Deacons

The Deacons will be going through and organizing our first aid closet. We have many duplicate items and too many store!! So, we will be passing them unto other organizations in the area that can make use of them, such as Veterans' organizations, etc.



If you have donated a medical item and would like it back, or need something from the closet, please contact one of Deacons so we can assist you. Thank you!

Brad Finn, Carol Eads and Sandra Woodcox

EASTER FLOWERS



Help make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter! Order your single or double stem Easter Lily or azalea in honor and/or in memory of your loved ones. Order forms will be in the bulletin, or call the church office.



From our Board of Trustees

The Trustees would appreciate being contacted by anyone who is using lamp cord extension cords to connect anything electrical to a wall outlet. These are the really thin brown or white cords and it turns out they are a *major fire hazard*. We are replacing all such extension cords with much safer power strips. In fact, after meeting with the inspector, I replaced the extension cords being used in our house.



Please let Brian Finn, Joseph Smith or myself know about any extension cords.

Thank you!

Don Reinke for the Board of Trustees

Choir Corner

The Praise and Worship Team practices every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

If you're interested in getting involved, contact Denise after Sunday service.

The Children will be practicing in order to sing for us on Sunday, March 7.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE
March 2010

Liturgists:

March 7: Susie Regula
 March 14: Joseph Smith
 March 21: Linda Finn
 March 28: Andy LeCureaux

Greeters:

March 7: Aaron Michaels
 March 14: Linda Finn
 March 21: Margaret Rossnagel
 March 28: Velma Wills

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PRAYER LIST

*Please keep in prayer the following members,
 family and friends:*

Those severely ill/injured/facing tests and surgery:

Rosemary Beauchamp, Rick Bennett, Susan Bennett, Darlene Burche, Lisa Brown, Lynne Bussinger, Bob Chaney, Diane Cole, Steve Cutter, Kathy Dunn, Jim Evans, Laura Ferguson, Joe Fedderoff, Lou Fleury, Jennifer Hessen, Jacky Howard, Tom Karaus, Scot Lyon, Dennis Miller, Alexander Rataj, Beverly Schell, Mark Stamat, MacKenzie Rose Stothers, Jim and Sue Sutherland, Al Wease, Claire Wilmot

Those recovering or facing long-term health challenges:

Bob Bone, Deb Collins, Maria Gorniak, Kathy LeCureaux Cherris; Monika Connor, Austin Durbin, Janet Edmonds, Lillian Farrel, Lilly Johnson, Tom Johnson, Gabrielle Schramski, Dana Spears, Dallas Strawn, Alma Wetters, Phil Woodcox

For our Community:

For individuals and families struggling in these economic times; for serving the Lord through the Warming Center.

For our Missionaries

Marge and Steve Doty and Lizzie Heavenrich

For those serving our country:

President Barack Obama and all of our elected officials.
 Our service members: PFC Jon Castle USMC; A1C David Cobb USAF

For home-bound/health-care facility-bound members:

Margaret Burkheiser, Lori Carson, Anna Lee, John Pardy, Joyce Wilson, Eileen Gmeiner; Darlene Burche, Marguerite Hengel, Louise Judge, Lorraine MacDonald, Jean McFarlin, Doris McDonald, Rose-Mary Clisdal, Robert Palmer, Agnes Shelley

For those experiencing personal struggles:

Gary Berschbach, Andrew Buechner, Sheila and Felix Carroll, Najah Katty, Kimmy Lyon, Marvin Rossnagel, Tim Rossnagel, Cathi White, Juan and Dana Vasquez; Julie and Jacob; those needing comfort during transition and change; those seeking employment, the homeless and those who are losing their homes.

For those struggling with addictions and those recovering, that they may continue to heal.

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 9-11a Meeting (Tom Hahn) 10-12p Prayer Shawl 6:30-7:30p Gentle... Songsters Music Team Meeting 7-8p Bible Study 7:30-10:30p Gentl... Songsters	2 9:30-12p Al- Anon 9:30-10:30a WOM... CIRCLES	3	4 6-9:30p Primary Purpose AA 6:30-7p Worship & Praise Practice 7-8p Choir Practice	5 5-7p Girl Scout Cookie Sale	6 10-5p Girl Scout Cookie Sale
7 9-10:15a AA Meeting 10:30-11:30a Family Worship w/Communion 10:30-11:30a Wor... 1-4p AA	8 9-11a Meeting (Tom Hahn) 10-12p Prayer Shawl 7-8p Bible Study 7:30-10:30p Gentl... Songsters	9 9:30-12p Al- Anon 10-11:30a WOME... BOARD MEETING	10	11 6-9:30p Primary Purpose AA 6:30-7p Worship & Praise Practice 7-8p Choir Practice	12	13
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21 9-10:15a AA Meeting 10:30-11:30a Wor... 1-4p AA	22 9-11a Meeting (Tom Hahn) 10-12p Prayer Shawl 7-9p Sunday School Mtg 7-8p Bible Study 7:30-10:30p Gentl... Songsters	23 9:30-12p Al- Anon	24 6-8p SESSION MEETING	25 6-9:30p Primary Purpose AA 6:30-7p Worship & Praise Practice 7-8p Choir Practice	26	27 * Bowling Fundraiser
28 * PALM SUNDAY 9-10:15a AA Meeting 10:30-11:30a Wor... 1-3p TWF Group 1-4p AA	29 9-11a Meeting (Tom Hahn) 10-12p Prayer Shawl 7-8p Bible Study 7:30-10:30p Gentl... Songsters	30 9:30-12p Al- Anon	31	1	2	3

March Birthdays



- 1 Sandy Woodcox
- 2 James Alex
- 6 Joe Krakker
- 8 George Boothroyd
- 8 Jon Castle
- 14 Robby Cole
- 15 Shelby Alston
- 18 Kevin Bedker, Sr.
- 25 Lexie Castle
- 26 Cynthia Groh-Stamat
- 27 Liz Tobias

