

**ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

December 12, 2006

OUR VISION STATEMENT

"Christian disciples called to transform our community and world through God's love."

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, are an inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith seeking through worship, prayer, service, education and fellowship to respond creatively to God's call to welcome, love, and care for others."

The December 2006 Church Council meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by the Council Chair, Ron Dorenbush. There were 26 members present. Ken Engebretson led our devotion from "Gifts for the Journey" regarding worship of a loving God who cares so much for us. Jesus said to Love the Lord with all your heart ...and your neighbor as yourself. This encourages genuine worship for all of us. Ken closed in prayer.

October Minutes: The minutes were approved as submitted with one exception of a cut and paste error towards the end. This was corrected in the minutes and those posted on the web.

Old Business: Phil Comstock and Johnny Martin reviewed the transportation requirements of St. Luke's and coordinated their findings with the Trustees. Phil gave a presentation on the acquisition alternatives for a larger church vehicle. The Grafton Baptist Church vehicle is identical to what we want to purchase and will be in the church parking lot on Thursday morning, December 14th, at 9:30 a.m. for the council and anyone interested to check out and look it over. Phil's presentation is attached as an enclosure and part of these December 2006 Minutes.

Phil explained that we were considering a new Ford passenger bus for 24 or 25 people and the price of \$52,000 seems to be the lowest, but transportation cost to pick up the bus must be considered also. Don Rice would like us to consider using the older van we now own as a Relief Van for usage in service ministries area.

Ron thanked Johnny and Phil for a great job. The Church Council voted approval unanimously for purchase of a new church bus for 24/25 individuals and to proceed to purchase prior to 2007 if a lower, year end price was available. Mr. Harris, the Church Treasurer cited that reserves may have to be tapped for the purchase and Faye commented that reserves were for this type need.

REPORTS

Building Committee – Blair Ellis

In Blair's absence on work travel, Faye Keenan read the following report:

As mentioned in the October Bldg Committee report, we had received a proposed contract from Myler and that contract was given to Jim Elliott for his legal review and also was reviewed by a number of the laity of the church on the building committee to include the Trustee Chair. A series of questions were forwarded to Myler and they satisfactorily answered those questions.

The contracts were signed by the Trustee Chair, Church Council Chair, and the Bldg Committee Chair and along with a check for \$2,500 (fee was discussed in the Oct CC report) were forwarded back to Myler. Last week, Myler sent us a 19 page document with questions for us to answer with regard to our planning for future building at St. Luke's. Much of the information requested has been discussed by our building committee over the last year and a half and the building committee is in the process of filling out the planning questionnaire.

Additionally, per Myler's request, St. Luke's needs to have a current topographical survey completed prior to Myler's design team coming to work with our bldg committee on the design discussion/planning phase. Joel

Church is contacting the survey company (Campbell Land Surveying, Inc); the company last accomplished a physical survey of our land and building in 1991.

Recommendation to CC: Recommend that we emphasize to all, that as St. Luke's moves forward with the planning to build and renovate our church, that everyone do their best to ensure that we make a "conscious" decision before expending funds and resources to parts of the building that may be modified or renovated 6-8-10 months from now. In addition, church leaders beginning to make plans for 2007 must be aware that if their events are scheduled for mid-to-late year, the building program may have potential impact on their plans and they need to be aware of that possibility.

Education Ministry – James Pace

- Education Ministry didn't meet in November or December.
- The Teacher handbook was updated.
- Youth Synago Sunday School concept is going great. Jenn Wilcox said small groups were encouraged. Each group has two youth leaders and one adult mentor. When the group membership reaches twelve, the group expands into two groups to spread and grow. More classrooms are needed and will be needed as our youth Sunday School program grows from this concept.

Youth Ministry – Jenn Wilcox

- Jenn feels very special with the adults caring about the youth at SLUMC.
- The Gong Show is on 1 June 2007 – we have six months to get READY – and she is looking forward to seeing us at this valuable FUNd Raiser.
- Director of Youth, Paul LaPoint, Report on Youth Ministry End of Year Report to Church Council 2006 follows:

Youth Ministry End of Year Report to Church Council 2006

General Comments and Vision.

Director of Youth Ministries continues the focus on helping youth see themselves and their participation in church life, as being part of a community of faith wherever they daily live and breathe, and, not solely, as another aspect of their busy lives that they "do" on Sundays. Another way of saying this is having an intentional discipleship emphasizing 'discipleship' not 'membership.'

The changes to our Youth Sunday school and Confirmation curriculum made two years ago are in full swing. We had a good year with the changes and aligning with the Christian Identity Formation/Ministry of the Baptized discipleship model. Here are some highlights:

- Continuing to help out Education Ministry Area by selecting Sunday School courses for our youth as they move along as the ministry of the baptized. In addition to the confirmation schedule for our middle schoolers we offered Seasons of the Spirit, an exposure to spiritual disciplines, and hands-on Easter sunrise service worship planning. High school offerings included Seasons of the Spirit (lectionary); Song of Solomon, Where in the World is Jesus Christ (Social Principles); Senior only college prep; Thinking Theologically about Pop Culture and Thinking Theologically about Body Image.
- For confirmation, so far the way the courses are laid out has allowed us to handle those just coming into St. Luke's as well as those who have skipped a class and need to "catch up" particularly as middle schoolers. The minimum time under the current system needed to complete the confirmation program is three semesters. We have also made use of a new Cokesbury resource for confirmation which allows us to easily assign make-up work to students

who miss a class time. The program is open to high school students so there isn't any real need to rush through the program.

- We have launched youth-led cells in our Sunday School for High School students. We are using the Synago model and curriculum for it. This is a new effort of our previous Called to Life cells where we used the same resource but meet outside the church. We are restarting it now beginning in the Sunday School time slot with hope and belief it will expand outside. In this way, we can expose the idea and practice to more youth right away. Our introductory class led 22 high school youth to sign up to attend the next initial class. We now have over 30 youth in the groups. Thanks to our first youth leaders, Jenn Wilcox and Todd Atherton, Rachel Drummond and Melissa Gibson! Because of its success we have added Kylee Rader and Sarah Rowe as new coleaders as we now have three synago groups. The current groups could easily multiply but we have no more classroom space during the Sunday school hour. The middle school Sunday school classes are one room too short already.
- We continue to make more use of Church Windows. The program is very helpful in keeping track of course credits for attendees of our confirmation courses.
- Kirsten Koch offered a new idea for the youth this year. She offered a book study of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" by C. S. Lewis. She had a nice small group. There are plans for a similar study for the next book/movie due out in 2008.

Other Notes:

- The big youth event this year was our trip to the triennial DCLA 2006. It has historically been a Youth for Christ event but this year Youth Specialties took it over. We had many youth recommit themselves this year and are taking Sunday School leadership roles this Fall in our new youth-led cells. 15 youth and seven adults attended including one our former youth who came back as a chaperone.
- We had four lock-ins this year. Each lock-in has a message time with the high school leaders generally bringing the message on their lock-ins. The winter High School lock-in afforded attendees with the opportunity to walk a labyrinth that was set up in the narthex.
- The Easter Sunrise service was held indoors. We had nice attendance this year because of the change from holding it outdoors.
- We set up and held the game room open for college students when they are home from school. No formal program...we simply offered the weekly Faithlink materials for them to discuss if they chose to. We're trying to simply get them to fellowship together and let further study evolve from their interests. This year may include giving them the stage in the fellowship hall as a meeting space with Sunday newspapers, Faithlink, and coffee perhaps.
- Youth Council held 2 car washes in the church parking lot outside the fellowship hall following services, one in May and one in June. Money was raised for the trip to Washington DC for the Youth for Christ event, DCLA 2006.
- The 4th annual Gong Show was held on June 2nd. We had a great meal and lots of fun with the acts. Money was raised for the DCLA 2006 trip. It was a nice, laugh-filled fellowship night.

We do hope to continue this event in the future as it is meant to be a fun congregation fellowship time for all ages or generations.

- Appalachia Service Project—June
- The Youth Council did a nice job this year planning activities. Many have stayed on to serve another year. This will be a good opportunity to expand their responsibilities. Thanks to Co-Chairs Jenn Wilcox and Rachel Drummond, High School Co-leader Thomas Lapointe, Middle School Leader Kirsten Koch, and Members-at-large Jack Rine, Leah Parr, Ryan and Taylor Gestwick, Bobby Turnbull, and Paul Lapointe II.

I'm thankful for the support and encouragement of the St. Luke's staff. It's been a blessing to have the following volunteer adults involved in our Youth Ministry throughout the year: Julie Lapointe, Keith Bird, Debbie and Ed Fullhart, Megan Zahn, Frank Colandrea, Lou Rader, Mike and Brenda Ramsey, Stan Scott and Karen Turnbull. There have been others who have chaperoned or helped with occasional meals and all are greatly appreciated.

Paul Lapointe
Director of Youth Ministries

Worship Ministry – Kenna Rusk

- Thanks to the Altar Ministry for the Altar displays they prepared for All Saints' Sunday, the Prayer Shawl dedication, Thanksgiving, and Advent decorating.
- Advent and Christmas preparations are continuing.
- The Radio Ministry will be moved to the Communication Ministry area effective January 2007.
- Any person or group using the sanctuary for a special function is asked to be sure they leave it as they found it.
- Ed Brummer presented the following information concerning the sanctuary sound system:

We are experiencing a series of problems with the sanctuary sound system.

- Specifically, the following components in the system that need repair or replacement:
 - Replace present 8 channel master mixer with one that provides at least 12 channels (16 would really be ideal to cope with any unforeseen future needs). The present mixer has a problem and repair attempt was not successful.
 - Replace the present dual auto-reverse cassette recorder (present one is partially inoperative).
 - Replace timer for the tape recorder (present one died).
 - Distribution amplifier – used for driving the choir loft speakers, narthex speakers, church parlor speaker, nursery speaker, choir room speaker, feed to the radio station, feed to hearing assistance receivers, input to the tape recorder (partially inoperative, 18 years old).
 - Remote Mixer (located by the piano) has intermittent problem.
 - Install a speaker in the work room so the money counter can listen to the church service.
 - Fellowship Hall Sound System Upgrades:
 - Replace damaged speakers (with speakers we already own)

- Add wireless mike capability.

(Some of the above components are 18 years old, some are 9 years old).

Cost estimate for all of the above: \$ 3,000 TO \$ 4,000

The Worship Ministry made the following motion: To be authorized to ask AL&M Systems in Norfolk to prepare a proposal on accomplishing the necessary repair or replacement of the identified components. Discussion from the floor concurred in AL&M Systems were great, but asked that at least one other company also bid on our requirements to compare prices and encourage competition. Mr. Brummer agreed to that request.

This proposal was approved unanimously by the Church Council 12/12/2006.

Outreach Ministry - Karen Berardini & Pat Murphy

Karen is tied up with family events tonight and Pat is on her way to her mother's due to emergency illness. They asked Faye to give the following report for Outreach December 2006:

- The Outreach Ministry Team met on Tuesday, December 4th for a meeting and Christmas Party. A couple new efforts were discussed. First we will be working in 2007 on a Singles Ministry. This is an overlap area which may include Nurture. It is a great opportunity to involve new people. We will be looking for church members who will help to head this up. Secondly, we're beginning to research and gauge interest in an International mission trip for 2008. No details at this point, but we'd like the Council's blessing to look into it.
- Despite the cold weather, the Drive-Thru Nativity on Friday and Saturday evening went off without a hitch. Approximately 284 cars came through over the 2 nights, probably 1,000 people. Counting the set-up crew, hospitality station workers, cookie bakers, cookie packers, traffic controllers, actors, kitchen managers, the choir, recording helpers, costume and backdrop makers, publicity designers, and church staff, over 200 people from St. Luke's had a hand in the event. And none of us wants the glory—we give it all to God. Thank you Lord, for **THE GIFT!**
- Everyone commented on how great the experience was for everyone involved in The Gift! Comments were made about folks who wanted to pay for the Drive-Thru Nativity and suggestions voiced that next year we could take voluntary donations if desired.

Nurture Ministry - Mary Ellis & Donna Dorenbusch

- New Pictorial Directory - All materials are in the hands of the directory company and we are awaiting the proof book.
- Advent Dinner and Concert - We were again blessed to have a wonderful turnout for the dinner and the lovely presentation by the Tabb High School Girls Ensemble. A special thanks to Diane Robbins, Sherri Austin, Kathryn Budzik, Bobbie Piche, Barbara Delgado, and Michelle Haskiell for stepping forward to share the work - and to the MANY other volunteers who helped tremendously with decorating, setting up, food placement, putting away tables and chairs, and cleaning up. And, as always, a big thank you goes to Megan Zahn and Joyce Wilson for their help with the publicity. 287 people attended the Advent Dinner.
- Next Nurture Ministry Meeting: Tuesday, December 19th at 1:30 p.m.

Service Ministry – Don Rice/Joe Posey

Service Ministries – Report to Church Council

Submitted December 12, 2006

Donald Rice and Joe Posey, Co-Leaders

Requesting approval: Nothing at this time.

Seeking guidance & support:

Refugee resettlement. Suzi Smith and Pete Prindle have taken the lead in providing resettlement support for a Congolese woman and her family of 13 children, nieces, and nephews. The family ranges in age from 32 to 1 year old. They arrived November 30 and are off to a good start at Candlewood Apartments in Newport News. Debbie Frecker is planning a “pounding” to meet their needs for food and basic necessities. Drivers to help get the family to their appointments, teachers for English as a second language, and tutors / mentors from adult to young teen age are needed to help this family transition to their new surroundings in America. Contact Suzi Smith or Pete Prindle if you can help.

Activity reports: (calendar items in bold face)

Appalachia Service Project. Joe Vallow is making plans for St. Luke’s first-ever adult ASP trip. Starting in the spring of 2007, he plans to offer a new mission opportunity at St. Luke’s which is being called ASP-FOGG (Appalachia Service Project for Older Guys and Gals). St. Luke’s has supported the ASP summer youth program for 16 years now, but the year-around program offers an additional opportunity for adults to help fill the constant need for home repair in those areas. Space has been reserved for 10 volunteers the week of **April 29-May 5, 2007** at the Brenton, WV ASP center. For more information contact Joe Vallow at 898-3912 (H) or Vallow@infionline.net.

Missionaries. Our congregation has “covenant relationships” supporting three missionaries. Patty Mattox is retiring at the end of December so we have chosen to give our support to Jacques Umembudi’s aviation ministry in the Congo. Ann Kolbe is no longer at her position in Cambodia, so we are shifting our support to Elma Jocson’s missionary work in Nepal. Sharon Michael, who continues her inner-city work in Roanoke, plans to retire in the fall of 2007. (Joe Posey)

UMVIM. Outreach Ministries has advised Service that they would like to send a mission team overseas in 2008. This will require planning and budget decisions in 2007 to prepare for the trip, which can be supported by Service Ministries through the Volunteers in Mission program.

PORT homeless shelter. St. Luke’s provided meals and volunteer services for the night of November 29, and has committed to serve on at least three other dates this winter. Clothing donations are always welcome. (William Sutton)

Dec. 14
765 J. Clyde Morris Blvd.
Jan. 30
Harpersville Rd.
2/28 - 3/7 (tbd)
830 25th St.

Resurrection Lutheran Church,
Spirit & Truth
Peninsula Korean Church, 972
Real People
Carver Memorial Presbyterian,
Families of Faith

Wesley Foundation at William & Mary. The Wesley Foundation has organized a campus-wide interdenominational Christmas program at 7:30 on Friday, **December 15**, at Williamsburg United Methodist Church. The program will include performances by William & Mary’s Wren Singers, Women’s Chorus and two bell choirs. (DeAnn Posey)

Good Samaritan Fund. November beginning balance \$4,016.21. Received \$1,523.50, spent \$2,180.75; ending balance \$3,358.96.

Service Ministries – 2007 Volunteer Roster

Ministry	Leader/contact	Phone	Email
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Agape Center	(vacant)		
Angel Tree	Mark & Alaine Whitford	865-6837	mwhitford@rancornwildman.com
ASP	Joe Vallow	898-3912	vallow@infionline.net
Back-to-school kits, Back-to-school gift cards	Mike Mellen	898-3190	mnmellen@cox.net
Church & Society, School of Christian Mission, Missionaries	Joe Posey	890-2869	jwposey@alum.mit.edu
CNU Campus Ministry	James Pace	898-3017 (d)	ddm@stlukesytwm.hrcoxmail.com
Easter Egg Project	Debbie Frecker & Tricia Church	890-2698 865-9053	(not an e-mail user) triciaac@juno.com
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Phil & Carol Comstock	868-6935	philcomstock1@cox.net
Food Closet	Susan Sallwasser	868-8512	moosehoo74@yahoo.com
Kits for Conference	Margie Smith	868-0990	margiesmith62@earthlink.com
Gleaning	Joel Church	865-9053	joel.church@ngc.com
Good Samaritan Fund, Relay for Life	Mike Mellen	898-3190	mnmellen@cox.net
Heart Havens	Larry Blanchfield	868-4302	blanchfieldb4l@cs.com
His Helping Hands	Paul Roth	898-7354	paulroth2@cox.net
LINK, PORT	William Sutton	865-0704	katerer1@verizon.net
Menchville House	DeAnn Posey	890-2869	jwposey@alum.mit.edu
Operation Christmas Child	Kathryn Budzik & Sue Hoppe	327-0779 868-8848	kbudzikslp@aol.com sshoppe1@cox.net
Prayer Ministry	William Sutton	865-0704	katerer1@verizon.net
Refugee Resettlement	Pete Prindle & Suzi Smith	874-0805 867-8790	Captp61@cox.net suzi-smith@cox.net
UMCOR	Kathryn Budzik & Margie Smith	327-0779 868-0990	kbudzikslp@aol.com margiesmith62@earthlink.com
UM Men	Rich Zeimet	877-0753	rhzafa71@aol.com
UMVIM/Hurricane Relief	Ron Dorenbusch & Kathryn Budzik	872-4666 327-0779	rrdorenbus@firstcommand.com kbudzikslp@aol.com
UM Women	Suzi Smith	867-8790	suzi-smith@cox.net
Volunteers in Mission	Kathryn Budzik	327-0779	kbudzikslp@aol.com
Wesley Foundation	DeAnn Posey	890-2869	jwposey@alum.mit.edu
Clergy representative	Rev. Clara Gestwick	898-3017 (d)	assocpastor@stlukesytwm.hrcoxmail.com
Service Ministry Area Co-Leaders	Joe Posey to be determined	890-2869	jwposey@alum.mit.edu

Roster updated 12/09/2006 dpr

2007

Code Budget Line item

356	3,000	Refugee Resettlement	377	200	Church & Society
357	7,500	Missionary Covenant Support	378	1,200	Wesley Foundation
359	450	Kits for Conference	379	1,200	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
360	300	School of Christian Mission			
361	1,200	CNU Campus Ministry			
363	4,500	Disaster Relief -UMCOR			
365	400	LINK			
366	400	PORT			
368	2,000	Menchville House			
371	20,000	Appalachia Service Project			
372	1,000	Agape Center			
374	2,000	Heart Haven (UMM)			
375	2,000	Volunteers in Mission			

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Communications Coordinator – Megan Zahn**End-of-the-Year 2006 Report**

Here at St. Luke's, we are Christian disciples called to transform our community and world through God's love. In today's world we can do this through so many venues and mediums. As Communications Coordinator I am constantly looking into new technology and evaluating its usefulness for St. Luke's.

The year began with the evangelism focus from the District and throughout the year I've looked at what we currently do and what I would like us to be doing as far as evangelism ministry. Fortunately I am blessed to have an enthusiastic Outreach Ministry Area and Communications Ministry Area who help spread the word. Working together we are better able to focus on our areas, they focus on the growth of their ministry and I focus on advertising events, activities and opportunities.

After much discussion and evaluation, in January we started using Ezekiel for our website. With Ezekiel we are able to expand our ministry to include Blogs, message boards, and a more user friendly website. Our members are able to log into our site and with this comes the ability to limit sections of our site to members only. It is a work in progress and thanks to the suggestions of staff members, church members, etc it is constantly improving and staying current.

Our newsletter is constantly being evaluated and tweaked. This year we went to a more streamlined newsletter that focus' on upcoming events, and shorter news briefs instead of longer articles to increase the readability. Since members like to share in the success of past events and our the new form of the newsletter does not accommodate this we may look into some other medium for sharing how things went with a quarterly news report from ministry areas, staff, etc.

With the hard work of the Outreach Ministry Area, St. Luke's moved from a static sign to a changeable letter sign so we are able to reach our neighbors and our members with upcoming events and thought provoking phrases. It also has our website address to increase our web presence. So far this year it has proved to be very useful in reaching our neighbors and members with upcoming events.

Electronically we have switched to a wireless network which I hope will increase our outreach further into classrooms, the sanctuary, and other events. So keep your eyes open for new technology in the services, Sunday school classes, Bible studies, etc.

During September, we had an Open House Sunday which included a Ministry Fair where different groups, ministries, and Sunday School classes could show what they do and how members and visitors alike can get involved. We took door hangers into neighborhoods of the church members and invited them to join us. It was a great success with over twenty areas, groups, etc represented. We are already beginning plans for next year.

Currently we list upcoming events in the Yorktown Crier/Poquoson Post and the Daily Press. We also advertise in local high school sports programs, on sports posters, and on give-aways at the games. In 2007 I am working with all three high schools to get our information out to more of our neighbors. I also send things to the Virginia Advocate about events, occasions, etc at St. Luke's so our fellow Methodists in Virginia know about St. Luke's ministries.

Looking forward, I plan on using 2007 as a growth year. Using St. Luke's mission statement as a guide, I want to improve and expand our sound system in the sanctuary so we can work toward podcasting our services, sermons, classes, etc on our website. I'm also working with the Communication Ministry to get video recording in place so we can use that technology to spread the Word as well. In 2007, I will implement a bulk mailing plan to our neighbors for special events in our church calendar such as Easter, VBS, Open House, etc. I think 2007 will bring some exciting changes to St. Luke's and I look forward to all of them.

Submitted by:

Megan N. Zahn, Communications Coordinator

SPRC – Bo Walkley
No Report

UMW – Joe Posey for DeAnn

DEC 2006 CC Minutes

On January 14th at 8:30 a.m. Worship Service there will be Installation of Officers for 2007.

UMM – Rich Zeimet

- In December, William Sutton was elected President and Rich Zeimet Vice President. In January the United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women will meet together for a Sunday morning breakfast and program of mutual interest.
- February Soup Sale will be held on the 3rd Sunday.
- Rich and Diane's son will be home from deployment in a few days! Joyful times!
- Ron and Donna Dorenbush's son is going overseas on January 5th.

Trustees – Joel Church

Church Building –

1. Nativity Drive-thru Support – Fred Sawin installed a new receptacle in the boiler room to support lighting needs of the Nativity drive-thru.
2. Playground Equipment – New playground equipment has been delivered. Removal of existing equipment is scheduled for December 16th. Installation of new equipment is scheduled for December 30th. Diana Donnelly is coordinating volunteers to support this effort.
3. Roof-top AC Sheet Metal Repair – Peninsula Heating and Air replaced badly rusted sheet metal associated with the two roof-top AC units. Work is incomplete. PHA has action to rework several areas.
4. Roof Leak Repair Status – Met with estimator from Peninsula Roofing on November 21st. Looked at three problem areas: East side flat roof, West side double door header, and East side narthex. An estimate for repair has been received and approved. Repair schedule has not been provided to date.
5. Food Closet Ramp - A ramp will be installed as an Eagle Scout Project at the rear entrance to the sanctuary (food closet storage area) on December 16th.
6. Miscellaneous Repairs – Thanks to Tom Sayre for the following: New latch installed in janitor closet near Fellowship Hall; Magnets installed to hold sanctuary center doors closed; Fellowship Hall window blind repaired; Side Fellowship Hall door closer repaired and door painted.
7. Boiler Room Pump Motor Replaced – Circulation pump motor for the baseboard heat in the Fellowship Hall was defective and required replacement. Peninsula Heating and Air replaced the motor.

Castellow Parsonage –

Replacement Window Screens – Most all of the window screens at Castellow were missing. New screens were ordered and have been delivered. Trustee will install. Holes will have to be drilled in window frames for the retaining pins Installation date to be determined

Harwood Parsonage –

1. Firewood at Harwood Donated - Mike Mellen coordinated movement of firewood from Harwood to a family in need in the Seaford area.
2. Harwood Playground Set Status – The set was disassembled and delivered to Pastor Mark Richardson this past Saturday.
3. Harwood Sale Update: Phil Comstock reported that we have a contract on the Harwood Parsonage. Our asking price is \$315,000 and we accepted a contract for \$300,000 contingent upon the client selling her home in Kiln Creek. The contract expires in March.

Next Meeting –

Trustees next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2007 @ 7 PM

Treasurer - Chuck Harris

Chuck Harris presented the Financial Report for November and noted that budget contributions were running close to \$12,000 ahead of the same time in 2005 and that there was a \$14,379 positive budget cash flow at the end of the month.

Mr. Harris noted that St. Luke's has fairly comprehensive policies/guidelines covering who is authorized to sign vouchers for the disbursement of church monies but that for various reasons -- somewhat incomplete, un-reviewed authorization lists, some conflicts in policies, and expediencies of doing business on a timely basis -- the Treasurer often writes checks in situations that don't meet the letter of policy.

He also reminded the Council that although the Treasurer often acts as de facto gatekeeper for the disbursement of monies, that, by policy, the council's acceptance of the monthly financial report constitutes review and approval of all disbursements, thus the council becomes the final gatekeeper for all disbursements.

Pastor Doug Gestwick noted that he and Mr. Harris had discussed the situation and suggested that the Council name a small ad-hoc group to review and update the authorized signature lists and policies related to the voucher system. Mr. Harris echoed the suggestion and requested that this be done and that the group report back to the council by the January council meeting.

The Council Chair, Mr. Dorenbush agreed to this request.

Director of Discipleship Ministries – James Pace

Please sign up for “Shalom, Shalom, Peace” study that Pastor Doug’s is leading.

Pastor Clara – She is enjoying the Sunday School Class Christmas parties, our worship, and the Drive Thru Nativity. She is enjoying getting to know St Luke’s Members in small group settings.

Pastor Doug

We had 545 in worship this past Sunday. On Sunday, December 17th, we’ll have 6 joining St Luke’s and 2 baptisms. This is an exciting time for all of us. It was very meaningful to Lay Hands on Duane Potts and pray for his surgery. Duane is doing well – our prayers were answered.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Dorenbush went to visit a military man last February or March in Kiln Creek neighborhood. Then at the Advent Dinner the wife of that same military man asked Ron about teaching a Christian Yoga class at St. Luke’s. Ron explained to her should couldn’t charge a fee for this at church and she agreed to teach the classes as a ministry. This was approved by Church Council. Beth Mahood will lead and teach the classes beginning in January.
- Nurture Ministry requested approval for a “Heaven’s Rain” Concert on April 15th, 3-5 p.m. to support the Relay for Life teams. This was approved by Church Council.

Council members brought praises and concerns, and Pastor Clara led us in singing *The Doxology* as our closing benediction and prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Faye Keenan, Church Council Secretary.