



Living the Word

The Newsletter of the
Huntington Church of the Brethren

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FROM THE PASTOR

Our Christmas visit to see Ian took us to the wonderful city of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The entire city is a picture of how delightful something can be when planning is involved. The city, for example, has anticipated the cold winters by creating indoor walkways between downtown buildings. We discovered we could walk almost the entire length of downtown without going outside. The Guthrie Theatre, where Ian is working, was designed by a French architect who planned to give attendees the ultimate experience. Three different theaters within the complex create unique settings for staging plays. The corridors of the building have ghost images depicting scenes of plays that have been staged at the Guthrie. The idea in theater is that current performances are accompanied by the energy of past shows. The top floor houses a glass room, including floor, walls, and ceilings. When we stood in it, we felt we were standing in midair looking out over the Mississippi River. Planning makes a difference in the final outcome!

Planning is our theme at the Huntington Church of the Brethren in 2009! We tend to be laid back about planning in smaller churches. We think that we can simply gather as the people of God and good things will happen. Sometimes it works that way and sometimes it does not. What would our church become if we were as intentional about planning as the city of Minneapolis or the Guthrie Theater? Ministry Team will meet twice a month as the year begins. We want to take time to plan future directions and work with the committee structure to insure that we are focusing our people talents and energy in directions that will create a meaningful church experience. We know we cannot be all things to all people. We can however, be a significant church on a mission. Ministry Team will report its progress and seek feedback at a Council Meeting on March 29.

Pastor Barry A. Belknap

Leader Installation

We will be installing and dedicating our new church leaders during morning worship on January 25th. A complete list of leadership appointments is included in this newsletter.

Worship Schedule

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| 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | English Classes for Spanish speakers wanting to learn English |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Morning Worship |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Fellowship Time |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| 11:00 a.m.- Noon | Spanish Classes for English speakers wanting to learn Spanish |

Prayer Concerns

... Sharon Lehman's mother, Joann Basinger, recently hospitalized, receiving chemo
... Our love and prayer support to Carole Baker & family on the death of Ken on Dec 4th
... Jean Patee's sister in law, surgery on Dec 16th
... Our love and prayer support to Ken Rieman on the death of his parents, Phil & Louie Baldwin Rieman in an auto accident, Dec 26th
... Carol Pearson, waiting for a bone marrow transplant
... A student of Donna Belknap, home destroyed in a fire
... Northview Congregation in Indianapolis, on the sudden death of their pastors, Phil & Louie Rieman
... Ray Scribner and his wife both injured in an auto accident
... Kate Craig, Miller's Merry Manor
... Dorsan Nichols, Miller's Merry Manor
... Minnie Brandenburg, Norwoods
... Peace in the world

The church e-mail address

office@cobhuntington.org

The church web site

<http://www.cobhuntington.org>. You can view the church newsletter and the monthly calendar on this site. If you have an idea, share it with Jeff Lehman or Barry Belknap.

Community Food Pantry of Love, Inc. is asking churches in the community to help with food and supplies. They are collecting a different item each month. For the month of January they are asking for *paper towel & canned tuna*. There is a box in the Narthex for these items.

Kum-Joy-Nus Sunday School Class Project

The Kum-Joy-Nus Sunday School class of the Huntington Church of the Brethren is a very comfortable place. People are very respectful of each others' ideas, and there is a distinct feeling that these are folks trying to live Christian lives.

As one of the teachers of the class, it occurred to me that maybe "comfortable" is not all that we should be. How do we *act* as Christians? How do we demonstrate what we believe?

I decided to challenge the members to carry out some project that would benefit someone or some group less fortunate than we are. And are we fortunate! I suggested that we each chip in our pocket change each week toward the goal. What goal? Heifer International seemed like a natural to me, since I had worked for what was then Heifer Project back in the 1950's in New Windsor, Maryland. So I suggested we save our money for a while, until we had enough to buy maybe a hive of bees or a bunch of baby chicks

The class immediately took to the idea, but said, "We want to buy a heifer!" I reminded them that heifer costs \$500, and this seemed a little out of our reach. They laughed at my lack of confidence and said, "Bring it on!" So we began passing the hat each week, and in about four months had made our goal.

We sent our check for a heifer a couple of weeks ago, with a great feeling of accomplishment. Wherever our heifer is sent, it will deliver a calf which will be given to another needy person, becoming the "gift that keeps on giving." The heifer will provide milk and fertilizer to improve the lives of the recipients.

The class got so much satisfaction out of their effort that they said, "Let's keep on collecting money and see what else we can accomplish." We haven't picked a goal yet, but the members of this group are to be highly commended for their generosity.

This is Christianity in action!

-Leon Ston

HUNTINGTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

2009 MINISTRY POSITIONS

January 2009

Pastor

Barry Belknap

Ministry Team

Pastor

Dean Beery 2009
Steve Miller 2009
Leon Stong 2009
Linda Hughes 2010
Jeff Lehman 2010
Laura Summers 2011
Robert Weinley 2011

Ministry Team can have up to 8 members. They can be called anytime at Council and Gifts Discernment should meet shortly after to confirm calling.

Treasurer

Dean Beery '2009'

Treasurer shall be appointed by the Gifts Discernment and affirmed at Fall Council

Financial Secretary

Leon Stong '2009'

Financial Secretary shall be appointed by the Gifts Discernment and affirmed at Fall Council.

Clerk

Linda Hughes '2009'

Clerk shall be appointed by the Gifts Discernment and affirmed at Fall Council.

Moderator

David Rogers '2011'

Moderator shall be appointed by the Gifts Discernment and affirmed at Fall Council.

Annual Conference Delegate

2009 - Dean Beery

The Annual Conference Delegate(s) and Alternate shall be called at the Fall Council and Gifts Discernment should meet shortly after to confirm calling.

District Conference Delegate

Pastor Barry Belknap
Board Chair Leon Stong
2008-2009 Glenn Dillon
2009-2010 Steve Miller

The District Conference Delegate(s) and Alternate shall be called at the Fall Council and Gifts Discernment should meet shortly after to confirm calling.

Accompanist

Carole Baker
Sharon Lehman

Deacons

Lee Hughes 2009
Linda Hughes 2009
Leon Stong 2009
Glenn Dillon 2010
Betty Dillon 2010
Charlotte Elzey 2010
Lydia Miller 2011
Reba Beery 2011
Bob Weinley 2011
Doras Weinley 2011
Charles Alexander life
Erline Endsley life

The Deacons shall be called at the Fall Council and Gifts Discernment should meet shortly after to confirm calling.

Auditing Committee (3 year term)

Richard Hollinger
Leon Stong

An audit shall be made annually at the direction of the Ministry Team.

Worship Task Team

Reba Beery
Sharon Lehman
Doras Weinley

Task Force (Long Term)

Jeff Lehman, Chair
Barry Belknap
Lydia Miller
Doras Weinley

First Floor Planning Task Team

Jeff Lehman, Chair
Sandy Hartle
Lydia Miller
Doras Weinley

Mentor Co-ordinator

Laura Summers
Appointed by Ministry Team

Historian

Leon Stong

Appointed by Ministry Team

Librarian

Dean Beery

Anthony Beery Bennett

Appointed by Ministry Team

Fellowship Time Co-ordinator

Lydia Miller

Doras Weinley

Appointed by Ministry Team

Camp Mack Representative

Jeff Lehman

Appointed by Ministry Team

Gifts Discernment Team

Pastor

Laura Summers 2009

Lee Hughes 2010

Betty Dillon (Rep. Deacons) 2011

The Gifts Discernment Team shall be called at the Fall Council

Nursery Team

Laura Summers

Appointed by Ministry Team

Sister Church Committee

Carole Baker

Beth Beery

Linda Hughes

Jennifer Miller

Steve Miller

Susan Sharpe

Christian Education Committee

Beth Beery

Dean Beery

Sharon Lehman

Kevin Miller

Lydia Miller

Sponsorship Committee

Pre-School Tisma, Nicaragua

Carole Baker

Beth Beery

Valarie Riddle

Susan Sharpe

Building & Grounds Task Team

Glenn Dillon

Lee Hughes

Paul Logan

Parsonage Contact Person

Susan Sharpe

Appointed by Ministry Team

Handicap Accessibility Task Team

Reba Beery

Glenn Dillon

Lee Hughes

Kevin Miller

Steve Summers

Bob Weinley

Habitat for Humanity

Dean Beery, Representative

Sunday Morning Building Preparation

Paul Logan

Associated Churches

Appointed by Ministry Team

Love, Inc.

Betty Dillon, Representative

Appointed by Ministry Team

Flowers and Cards

Betty Dillon

The year listed indicates when term ends in December of that year.

Technology Needs

A portable computer projector for use in the classrooms and sanctuary is needed. The cost for a new projector is approximately \$750. Contributions for the projector can be made by marking offering donations as "computer projector".

For additional information contact the Technology Needs Committee, Dean Beery, Kevin Miller, Jeff Lehman.

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