

Administrative Council Meeting
July 31, 2011
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Lee James, Lay Leader.

Nancy Boorman, Minister to Children, followed with a devotion from Thomas H. Troger's *Above the Earth the Moon Rises* called 'We Look Down Deep to Look Out Far'. She ended the devotion with a prayer.

Approval of the minutes from the April 10, 2011 meeting was motioned by Ronnie Harris and then was seconded.

Lee James presented the **Finance report**. The church's income is approximately \$5400 behind as of June 2011. Apportionments are behind. Through June we have paid 34% of the Ministry and Mission part (50% due) ; 50% of the Benefits part.

Sarah Rhodes presented the **Staff Parish Relations Committee** report. She was happy to announce that the church now has a full staff. There have been 4 new people added to the staff since the April meeting: Nancy Boorman, Minister to Children; Donna Ambrosius, Day Care Director; Paul Whetsell, Funds Manager; and Randy Straw, Youth Minister. A love offering of \$856 was collected and presented to Alice Hestley upon her retirement from PCFUMC. A subcommittee has been formed to review the staff benefits as per 2008 Discipline.

Debbie James presented the **Missions** report. The monthly One Day Missions events continue with projects scheduled thru November, including a Home Town Mission Trip in October to help with tornado projects. Eric Hicks and 5 other Americans traveled to Belarus this summer where they held a summer camp for 30 children from the orphanage and community. PCFUMC contributed nearly \$3000 towards this camp. The church continues to support the Glenn Addie mission in Anniston by serving breakfast several times a year. The UM Men cook the breakfast and various church groups take turns serving. Cindy Hallmark has retired after leading the Loaves & Fishes program for 9 years. This program is now an official project of PCFUMC. Sunday, September 25 will be 'Worship Without Walls'. Worship will begin in the sanctuary and then dismiss into the community where service projects will be conducted. A partial list of potential projects include: planting trees and spring bulbs, taking food to policemen, firemen and nurses, visiting shut-ins and offering cold drinks to shoppers.

Donna Ambrosius presented the **Day Care** report. Donna has been the Director for one month. She is working on team building with the staff and embracing the day care as a ministry of the church to the families and children.

Nancy Boorman presented the report on the **Children's Ministry**. Nancy has been the Minister to the Children since early June. She has worked on creating a music program for the children and has been working with Carrie Ollard to start a children's choir. There are 3 choirs that will start meeting on Wednesday nights with their first performance on September 25th during the Worship Without Walls service. The choirs are: "Sonbeams", "Sonshine", and "X-Claim" and will allow children ages 3 thru 6th grade to participate. Carrie Ollard is the Team Leader and Donya Deal will also be a leader. Other people will be needed to assist. Another area that Nancy has been working on is Missions. She has met with several elementary and intermediate schools in Pell City to identify needs and potential projects

that PCFUMC children can be involved with. There are 3 mission projects under development based on these meetings: Undie Sunday, Share Bears, and Back Pack Snack Project. The Back Pack Snack Project will begin at Kennedy school in the fall and expand to other schools in the spring if it goes well, and the other two programs will start in all the elementary schools this fall.

Sam Huffstutler presented the **Lay Leadership Team** report. He placed the nomination of Jan Roberts to the Day Care Board Team Leader for the remainder of 2011 before the Council. It was seconded and approved. She will replace Debbie Crain who has resigned.

Ministry Team Reports: Dot Doak reported for the **Worship Committee**. There is new sound board in the sanctuary and 2 training sessions have been completed. The Trustees helped with the purchase of the sound board and no funds were used from the budget. Planning has already started for special services for All Saints Day, Thanksgiving and the Advent/Christmas season. Christmas Eve services will be a Candlelight Communion service at Chapel in the Pines at 3:00, and Sanctuary services at 5:00, 7:00 and 11:00. Volunteers are needed to have a successful, spirit-led season of joy. Joy Steed as agreed to be the new Acolyte Coordinator, replacing Diana Thomson who will be heading to college this fall. Dot also announced there are 3 wedding coordinators: Kaye Cloud, Janet Jones, and Arvilla Mullins. They are able to assist with wedding planning and to make sure the church guidelines are followed. The guidelines are currently being updated by the coordinators and pastors. The possibility of future weddings in the Beacon is being addressed. The church pastors continue to exchange places of preaching regularly as well as occasionally combining worship services for various special events in the life of our church.

There was no other new business to bring before the council.

Pastor's Reports:

Nathan Carden: He is looking forward to working with Nancy and the other new staff members. He encouraged people to volunteer to work with various children's ministries, even if you do not have children of that age group. The new Youth Minister/Worship Leader, Randy Straw, is bringing a lot of enthusiasm into his position. Nathan is exploring ways to provide Wednesday evening meals that are less cost prohibitive to families. There are 2 Disciple classes that will start in September, a new Sunday School class, "Beginnings", that will begin in September. Nathan is looking forward to the new sermon series on the Lord's Prayer that will see both the contemporary and traditional services hearing the same scripture. Since the last meeting, Nathan has performed 3 weddings, 6 baptisms and 1 re-affirmation of faith. He will be starting a course that is required by the conference in clinical pastoral education, as well as a seminary course in Evangelism. He is excited to be starting his second year as a pastor at a church that is willing to take risks.

Sam Huffstutler: He thanked the Worship and Christian Unity Teams and all those who assisted with the Holy Week & Easter services which saw a total of 14 services over 8 days with 2350+ in attendance and an average of 175 feed at each meal. PCFUMC was well represented at Annual Conference in June. The Conference budget was decreased by 14% without major reductions to ministry. The lay and clergy delegates to next year's general and jurisdictional conferences were elected. Moving stories on how the church stepped in to respond to the storm disasters in April were heard, as well as a powerful teaching by Dr. Brian McClarian. Sam thanked the members of the SPRC by name for all their hard work over the past 13 months in hiring many new staff members and working on budgets and salaries. He also thanked Nathan for his very professional leadership in all aspects of his job responsibilities. All staff

members were thanked for their dedication and the invaluable work that they do. The Lay Leadership team will begin to meet regularly for nominations to the 2012 leadership positions. The Stewardship team is in the process of directing the 2011 Financial Campaign. Programs that the church will be involved with in the coming months include: Community Ignite, Cheaha District Leadership Team, YWCA Purse and Passion event, Beth Moore Simulcast and See You at The Pole event, as well as hosting the Pell City Panthers. Worship experiences will include: Worship without Walls, Stewardship, Children's Sabbath, Laity Sunday, All Saints Sunday. Worship attendance has shown little growth but has been stable. There have been 30 new members this year, 18 of which were by profession of faith (60%), 3 infants were baptized, 11 children/youth and 3 adults. A children's bathroom on the first floor of the church is going to be converted into a shower so the church can house mission teams.

Pastor Sam closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th.

Minutes submitted by Karen Johnson, Recording Secretary of the Administrative Council.

Those in attendance: Kristina Alexander, Jonathan Spann, Jim Maughn, Pauline N Logan, Donna Ambrosius, Nancy Boorman, Paul R Whetsell, Dorothy Miller, Sam Huffstutler, Teresa Harris, Ronnie Harris, Scott Stover, Stephanie Sawyer, Debbie James, Lee James, Mary Mejia, Mike Mejia, Littleton Yarbrough, Linda Huckaby, Sarah Rhodes, Charles E Smith, Dot Doak, Nancy Jordan, Kaye Cloud, Nathan Carden, Karen Johnson