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MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"A Church In The Heart Of The City For The Hearts Of The People"

July 2010

Annual Conference Report

Main Street was represented with three ministers at Annual Conference—Joe Cal Watson, David Anderson, and Karin Culp.

I was your Lay Delegate. To me there are three main events at Annual Conference; they are fellowship, worship, and business. Before and after sessions and during breaks, many try to speak to persons they do not normally see during the year or greet new persons. Many share meals together and continue in fellowship. The Morning Pray and Holy Communion Services, the Evening Worship Services, the Memorial Service, the Retirement Recognition Service, the Ordination Service, and the Closing Worship and Fixing of the Appointments are times to reflect, sing, pray and rejoice in our Methodism. The business sessions provide us with a time to learn, exchange different ideas, and receive reports and information that make the entire church work in a multitude of areas that unless you attend one of these sessions, you are unaware of the existence.

Leftover from last year from the voting of the 32 Amendments to the Constitution of the United Methodist Church was the reporting that only five of the 32 amendments were approved. The only one affecting church membership is that "gender" was added after "race" in the 2004 Book of Discipline, Division Two, Section II, paragraph 16, to ensure duties of church membership shall in every case be without reference to race, gender, or status. The biggest

business this year was the Retiree Health Liability Funding Plan. After much discussion, motions, and amendments, Option 1 was approved. This was the option that the Board of Pension and Health Benefits recommended. Many kudos to Reverend Anderson for handling all of the questions during this session; he did a super job.

Ten churches and their historians received awards for their church heritage celebrations. Mr. Bill Adams and Reverend Watson accepted the award for Main Street. They had their picture made with Bishop Taylor on the stage. While one church has been discontinued and four church have been dissolved in four separate districts, there is good news of the establishment of two new churches; Journey Church in the Columbia District and Grace in the Rock Hill District.

We receive special offering during these four days for various projects. Center Conference Pension Initiative (CCPI) which we have been receiving as our special communion offering for a couple of months was one of these. With the generosity of you and many others, the SC Conference will send \$147,639.59 for this project. Also, there was a pledge made of an additional \$26,000, making the total for this offering \$173,639.59.

The theme for Annual Conference was "For the Least of These" from Matthew

28:31-46. During all worship services, individuals witnessed to the way the church ministers to those who struggle with poverty, homelessness, and hunger. Individuals are not the only ones providing services to the least of these. Can you name the four United Methodist Church Colleges in SC? All of them are providing services in their communities and serving the least of these. They are Clafflin, Columbia College, Spartanburg Methodist, and Wofford. The homeless health kits that The Guild put together were turned in for the Great Day of Service and given to the least of these.

It was my pleasure to represent you at Annual Conference again this year. It was good to go, see friends, meet new people, be inspired and learn, but as with last year, I am happy to be home and sleeping in my bed again.

Chris Kirby

Mission Statement: Main Street United Methodist Church reaches out to nurture others through faith, love and fellowship using our gifts and talents in His service to share the love and salvation that Christ offers to all people through work, discipleship, mission, and witness.

Magnifiers

This was a first for us: We gave a pre-view performance in preparation for our spring concert.

In the past, if we have done our concert more than once, it has always been after the event.

Doing a "tryout" was the idea of Tim Wert, our director, who has a gift for thinking of unusual ways of doing things.

He arranged for us to appear at Palmetto Senior Care, a day-care center for the elderly, located at 1308 Laurel Street, across from the Sumter Street bus station and less than two blocks away from Main Street Church.

Some of us walked over there while others took their cars. We were all astounded at what a large operation Palmetto Senior Care is. The parking lot adjacent to the building was filled with buses.

We actually gave two performances, apparently because there was not enough space for everyone to get into one room.

Tim, to his great embarrassment, was late and Lucy Lewis took charge until he

arrived.

We sang several tunes from our upcoming Richard Rodgers concert. Among them were "Bewitched" and "Blue Moon."

Then, we moved to another room, where, for a different audience, we sang different songs, among them "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'."

To be blunt, the audience reaction was muted, but anyone who has ever been part of a presentation in a nursing home setting knows that a standing ovation is simply not going to happen.

The Magnifiers put this down as a valuable rehearsal experience. Our official concert was given June 13, too late for a review to appear in this edition of Mainstream.

Tim is looking ahead to July, when the Magnifiers will serve as choir for the Sunday morning services. He has already selected hymns that we will sing while the chancel choir is on vacation.

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BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR MONTH OF MAY

OFFERINGS	RECEIVED			
	MAY		JANUARY THROUGH MAY	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
DESCRIPITON				
Envelopes, Pledges, and Tithes	\$16,431	\$22,702	\$99,365	\$109,310
Envelopes	0	0	160	168
Loose Plate Offering	238	120	861	428
Flowers	160	220	625	626
Day Care Offering	1,200	2,400	12,000	12,000
Parking Lot Revenue	3,165	1,596	11,432	7,956
Interest Income	137	244	622	4,641
Budget Memorials	235	1,525	1,613	3,725
Missional Income	93	0	519	618
Upper Room Revenue	0	26	47	69
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$21,659	\$28,833	\$127,244	\$139,540

EXPENSES	SPENT			
	2010	2009	2010	2009
DESCRIPTION				
Ministerial Support	7,644	10,132	40,743	40,354
Conference Apportionments	\$707	\$625	\$6,345	\$5,485
Conference Askings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Church Staff Expense	\$6,625	\$9,157	\$40,302	\$37,552
Local Program Expense	1,442	1,339	12,172	17,513
Other Operating Expenses	1,755	2,090	7,016	6,172
Property Maintenance Trustees	12,413	8,522	59,040	68,036
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,586	\$31,866	\$165,619	\$175,113

FROM JOE CAL

This song by Lee Greenwood sums up my feelings about July 4. What a great country we have and how thankful we should be for living here.

Proud To Be An American
 If tomorrow all the things were gone,
 I'd worked for all my life.
 And I had to start again,
 with just my children and my wife.
 I'd thank my lucky stars,
 to be livin here today.
 'Cause the flag still stands for freedom,
 and they can't take that away.
 And I'm proud to be an American,
 where at least I know I'm free.
 And I wont forget the men who died,
 who gave that right to me.
 And I gladly stand up,
 next to you and defend her still today.
 'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,
 God bless the USA.
 From the lakes of Minnesota,
 to the hills of Tennessee.
 Across the plains of Texas,
 From sea to shining sea.

From Detroit down to Houston,
 and New York to L.A.
 Well there's pride in every American heart,
 and its time we stand and say.
 That I'm proud to be an American,
 where at least I know I'm free.
 And I wont forget the men who died,
 who gave that right to me.
 And I gladly stand up,
 next to you and defend her still today.
 'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,
 God bless the USA.
 And I'm proud to be and American,
 where at least I know I'm free.
 And I wont forget the men who died,
 who gave that right to me.
 And I gladly stand up,
 next to you and defend her still today.
 'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,
 God bless the USA.



Susanna Welsey Class

Our golden girl, Rubye Barden, is now a patient at a long-term hospice facility in Monroe, NC, but she stays busy crocheting, her favorite hobby for decades.

Her son, Robert, who lives nearby in Waxhaw, says Rubye, who's 102, is bedridden. He would like to be able to push her around in a wheelchair, but she finds the transfer from bed to wheelchair to be too painful.

Rubye's hearing has not been good for a long time and Robert says that visitors write comments on a board and she then responds with her time-honored enthusiasm.

Robert, who grew up at Main Street Church, is himself a patient. He had replacement surgery on his right knee four weeks ago. He was in a hospital for four days. Recovery at home is going well, he says. "It's getting better. I can feel a difference day to day."

Robert is visited by a therapist three times a week and finds that he is making good progress. Climbing stairs is a problem and he avoids the second floor of his house for that reason. Going in and out of the house is less worrisome, since there are only two steps in front and four in back.

Robert is very uncomfortable in bed, but he is making good progress in weaning himself off pain killers. He is allowed six a day, but is trying to limit himself to three, with occasional help from Tylenol.

Robert reports that his left knee also needs replacing, but he thinks he will wait until January.

In other Susanna Wesley matters, there was much rejoicing on Sunday, June 6,

when Jo Ann Saunders was able to attend the morning worship service. "I was elated to be back," she says. The warm reception was "a blessing."

Jo Ann had a nasty fall on February 21 as she was preparing to go to church. She kept up her schedule for four weeks, but pain got so intense she finally went to a doctor. Among other things, she had a fractured pelvis.

"This has been a difficult four months," she admits. Walking is still not easy, but she hopes that, for the month of June, she can alternate between attending Sunday school and the main service. By July, she hopes to be able to do both. We certainly hope so. There is hardly anyone who spreads as much good cheer as she does.

Scott Cain



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Frances Jeffcoat
 7/4 Sharny Barhydt
 7/5 Buddy Atkins
 7/7 Mary I Morgan
 7/8 Nicholas Alston, Stephen Swicegood
 7/9 Dan Wiggins
 7/10 Madeline DeLoach, George Powell
 7/12 Faith Demars
 7/13 Emma McGee
 7/14 Clarence Alston, David Anderson
 7/15 Jimmy Winders
 7/19 Marshall Casey, Kitty Collins
 Caitlin Merck
 7/21 Jule Freeman, John Phillip Stuart
 Sandra and Yolanda Wardlaw
 7/22 Cheryl Dunker, Patricia Sinclair
 Claudia Swygert
 7/26 Miriam Cobb
 7/27 Graham King, Rebekah Merck
 Chris Savinda
 7/29 Lee Jackson, Dorothy Sanders
 7/31 Jim Whitten

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/3 Louise Hogue, Linda Starr
 8/4 Susie Blanks, Lucy Lewis
 8/5 Peggy Janicki
 Bertie Moody
 8/9 Skipper Winders
 8/11 Rusty Dallas
 8/13 Dan Bilderback
 8/14 Randy Alexander, Margie Dickert
 8/15 Sam Calvitt, Glenn McCoy
 Hardy Merritt
 8/16 Anna Childress, Diane Norris
 8/18 Rachel Cole
 8/19 Braden Robinson
 8/20 Vivia Fowler
 8/21 James Byrd, Adelaide Jones
 8/22 Emma Stevens, Marguerite Wilson
 8/23 Ellis Matthews
 8/27 Jake Coleman, Marian Rideoutte
 8/29 Wilhelmina Calvitt, Mary Gibson
 James Lyles
 8/30 Jake Casey
 8/31 Helen Daughtry



UMW News

UMW'S EXECUTIVE MEETING will be 3 pm, July 25, 2010, followed by the General Meeting at 4 pm. Circle 6 will provide refreshments.



SUNDAY SING-ALONG

will be held Sunday, July 18, 2010, with an Picnic Lunch inside following worship service. Check future bulletins for further details.

Child Development Center News

Welcome to summer fun! The children and their parents love our summer program at the Center because it gives everyone an opportunity to relax and to have big fun.

We began our summer activities with an in-house field trip on the Fun Bus, a "portable gymnasium," and kindergarten graduation.

Our next big adventure consisted of (pretend) travel to Puerto Rico with our hand-made maracas and crunchy nacho's. A part of our summer activities will be to travel to different parts of the world. As we travel to different parts of the world we will make a special effort to focus on cultural activities of our students families.

Next, the children and their friends attended

Vacation Bible School. This is always a special time at the Center. It provides the children with wonderful childhood memories full of activities and music. Thanks to all who participated and to those who gave so generously of their time.

Last, we watched the stars as a mobile planetarium arrived at the Center. A large dome was set-up and the children and staff crawled inside to view a world called "outer-space." It was magical and breath-taking all at the same time as the children made sounds of amazement and ah's.

Please stop by the Center and join us in the summer fun. A special thanks to Ms. Lucy Lewis for attending graduation and the continued support she provides the Center.

See you next time.

Ms. Margaret, the children and the staff