

Lexington Presbyterian Church
Christian Education Annual Report for 2010
March 1, 2011

The Christian Education Committee currently consists of the following members:

Session: Cynthia Hintze (Chair), Josh Elrod (Vice Chair), Mary Dugan, Tammy Shomo, Nick Keeley

Congregation: Tiffanie Brown, Jane Horton, Neely Young

Ex Officio Members: Bill Klein (Pastor), Sarah Hill (Interim Director of Christian Education)

The 2010-11 Christian Education program consists of four divisions:

Children:

Sub-Committee: Tiffanie Brown (Chair), Laura Brown, Mary Dugan, Tom Jones, Margie Page, Ron Telsch, Tammy Shomo, Betsy Woody

Paid caregivers: Amanda Camfield and Katherine Wanner (hired February 2011)

Sunday school teachers: Patsy Aligood, Laura Brown, Josh Elrod, Tom Jones, Betsy Lee, Bob and Linda Moreschi, Margie Page, Mary Raine Paxton, Pree Ray, Eddie and JoAnne Willis

Curriculum: Pre-school: *Hands on Bible* (Group); Elementary - *Rock Solid: Building a Heart of Faith* (Cokesbury)

Children's Enrichment – Program for Kindergarten – 2nd grade (avg. 4 children) following children's sermon during 11:00 worship service - lead by a team of church members – using "Godly Play".

Activities and Projects include: Vacation Bible School (56 children w/33 adults and 18 youth assisting), Easter egg hunt, Christmas Pageant – "The Gifts of Christmas" (21 children w/8 adults assisting)

Youth:

Sub-Committee: Jane Horton (Chair), Laura Brown, Clay Coleman, Josh Elrod, Ruth Floyd, Nick Keeley, Linda Moreschi

Middle School Sunday school teachers: Frank & Debbie Friedman, Joe & Cindy Irby, Mark & Moni Keeley, Tammy & Randy Shomo

Current Curriculum: "Live it! Building Skills for Christian Living"(Abingdon Press)

Senior High Sunday school teachers: Rich Bidlack, Philip Coulling, Jane Horton, Theresa Luder

Curriculum: "Spice Rack" by Mark DeVries; "Everything you always wanted to know about God but were afraid to ask, the Jesus edition" by Eric Metaxas

Youth Group Activities and Projects include: Gifts and Talents Auction; Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides walk; Confirmands (9 in 2010 and 2 for 2011 as of 2/23/11); Youth Sunday, Middle School local mission week - 6/10-6/11/10 (13 youth and 8-10 adults); Senior High mission trip to Philadelphia – 6/13-6/18/10 (5 youth and 3 adults); Vacation Bible School (18 youth helpers); ice cream & waffle supper/team building games; Campus Kitchens-delivery of Thanksgiving baskets; youth readers for Christmas pageant; Christmas caroling at Mayflower; Souper Bowl of Caring collection (\$1,228) – benefit local hunger relief programs

Youth Director: Diana Burgreen worked on part-time basis from July 2009 – June 2010.

Major Report: Christian Education (continued)

Campus Ministry:

Sub-Committee: Cynthia Hintze (Co-chair), Bob Ludt (Co-chair), Corey Bachman, Carol Bryan, Snookie Caldwell, Linda Castle, Beth Jewell, Maggie Holland (W&L)

Activities and Projects include: Educational Grant (in 2010 awarded \$3,300 – 16 recipients); pizza supper during VMI Summer STP (15 future cadets); Rat Sunday Breakfast (31 cadets); table at VMI and W&L matriculations; table at W&L Activities Fair; open meeting w/committee and congregation to discuss CM program (5 congregational members attended); Pumpkin carving activity/soup supper (14 inc. 8 students); November luncheon (45 inc. 11 students) & December luncheon (55 inc. 15 students) for congregation/student fellowship; VMI/W&L fall exam bags; Subway Christmas gift cards to 32 LPC students; 1st Winter Olympics – games/food/fellowship (12 inc. 4 students).

Adult:

Sub-Committee: Neely Young (Chair), Mary Dugan, Fran Elrod, Donna Garnett, Moni Keeley, Lynne McCombs

Sunday school teachers: Koinonia-Deb Klein; Theology-Lad Sessions/Peter Hansen; ASK coordinator-Ann Massie; Young Adults-Jay & Paige Williams; Explore Class for those considering church membership–Bill Klein

Current Curriculum: Koinonia - *The Cherry Log Sermons* by Fred Craddock; Theology - reading Kierkegaard and Barth; ASK - discussion on Axial Age; Young Adults – discussions on various topics including Noah and the ark, existence of angels, birth of Christ

Activities and Projects include: Lectio Divina; Men's Saturday Breakfast Fellowship; Listening for God – book discussion group (4 books/year – meeting 2 times per book), evening Advent Class (started in 2010); coordinates Rally Day - encourages involvement in all aspects of CE in our church in combination with congregational fellowship on that day (100+ attended in 2010); Festival of Faith (every other year – next one in 2012); exploring a mid-week evening class for fall 2011.

Miscellaneous, Special Projects (may be partnered with other Session committees):

Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday Seder program, Palm Sunday parade, Jesse Tree during Advent, Rafiki Offering

2010-11 CE operating budget is \$19,300; some additional restricted spending allotments for youth mission, scholarships and campus ministry

Participation in CE classes/programs during 2010-11 average 95 children and adults participating as students and 50+ in leadership roles (committees, teachers, advisors, etc.).

Attendance in Nursery – Elementary Sunday school classes is down from previous years

Hired nursery workers to encourage young families to attend Sunday school and worship – age group we need to build on

Need for more teachers in Pre-school – Elementary Sunday school classes; planning a teacher training workshop this spring to encourage people interested in teaching to sign up to teach and offer new ideas for those currently teaching

Sarah Hill – suggesting new ideas for Christian Education

Submitted by:

Cynthia Hintze

2011 Chair, Christian Education Committee