

Congregational Life Committee Major Report to Session

April 5, 2011

Mission

The Congregational Life Committee exists to encourage and comfort the members of the congregation; to welcome new members; and to facilitate fellowship opportunities for the on-going life of the congregation.

Members

Session: Chair Person: Mary Ann Bowden to Dec., 2010; Robert A. Doyle Jan 2011
Vice Chair: Buddy Bryan (2010); Mary Ann Bowden (2011); Amy Dehart
Congregation: Betty Dahl, Joyce Fraley, Curt Fredin, Pat Jones, Evelyn McCorkle, Suzanne Noonan, Cal McCombs, Mary Beth Baker, Mary Raine Paxton, Jeanette Jeffers

Subcommittees

Friends in Need (Meals): Mary Raine Paxton, Chair
(Transportation): Betty Dahl, Chair
(Visitation): Marilyn Candler, Chair
Kitchen Coordinator: Joyce Fraley

Activities Jan, 2010 through Jan, 2011

Meals and Events:

- Ash Wednesday Supper, Feb 17; 75 attended
- Festival of Faith Dinner, Feb 21; 80+ attended
- Pizza and Game Night March 5; 55 attended
- St. Patrick's Dinner & Youth Talent Auction, March 18; 75+ attended
- Seder Meal, April 1; 119 attended
- Annual Congregational Meeting April 18; 100+ attended
- Potluck Dinner with Presentation by Phyllis Parker on Iraq Program April 29; 50+
- Community Luncheon with First Baptist and Randolph Street Methodist May 16; 130 attended
- Potluck at the Manse June 27; 60+ attended
- Rockbridge Rapids Baseball game July 25; 55+ attended
- House Church Lunch September 19; 58 attended
- Oktoberfest Dinner October 21; 105 attended
- Open House at the Manse November 14; 150+ attended
- Joy Gift Lunch December 19; 105 attended

Programs:

- Kitchen Coordinator: Joyce Fraley has the responsibility for maintaining kitchen supplies, including paper products, coffee, tea, lemonade, plastic utensils; also cookies and other items used for Coffee Fellowship following Sunday worship.

- Friends in Need (Meals): Coordinated by Mary Raine Paxton, this committee provides meals to church families who have had recent illnesses or hospitalizations, deaths in the family or births. The committee also calls on new members with a welcome gift.
- Friends in Need (transportation): Coordinated by Betty Dahl, this committee provides transportation by volunteers for members to attend church services, or for local appointments and errands.
- Friends in Need (Visitation): Coordinated by Marilyn Candler, this committee schedules visits with members who are home-bound, hospitalized or in nursing homes.
- House Church: a program where members meet monthly in small groups in homes, affording participants the opportunity to get to know each other through fellowship discussions and potluck meals. Presently we have five groups with over 80 participating members.

Financial Recap (2010)

Congregational life	Budgeted \$900.00	Actual \$1,105.40
Kitchen Supplies -meals	Budgeted \$1,800.00	Actual \$758.97
Kitchen Labor (Connie)	Budgeted \$500.00	Actual \$356.59

2011 Objectives

Relocate and pair down kitchen items and supplies for renovations

Restock and reinvent processes for the new kitchen

Increase involvement of the congregation and sponsoring committees in all events