

Stated Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church of Normal April 25, 2007
7:00 P.M. Lounge Moderator Rev. Larry Gaylord

| Class of 2007 | Class of 2008 | Class of 2009 |
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| Jim Bouas | Phil Eaton | Sheila Allen |
| Judy Lindsay | Rob Kelley | Darren Brant |
| John Tuttle, Excused | Kathy Tosh | Mike Breitner |
| Lloyd Wiesemann | Bee Diggle | Sandy Theile |
| Cathy Rinehart | Kelly Wilson | Mons Schrantz |
| Margaret Wolf, Clerk | Carolyn Markwood, Youth | Lynn Litwiller, Treasurer |

Call to Order by Moderator Rev. Larry Gaylord **Roll Call:** John T., excused.

Devotions and Opening Prayer by Kathy Tosh. Her theme: Friendship First.

Co-Pastor Report by Rev. Gaylord

1. The Confirmation Dinner is Wed. May 16th. Sign-up sheet was passed. Youth elder, Carolyn Markwood, will be the speaker. **A SESSION meeting will be held** to affirm the class of students as new members.
2. Shirley Redd will be the incoming CLERK, September 1, 2007. Rev. Gaylord thanked our current clerk, Margaret, for the "job description."
3. Newest baby: Liliana Sophia Fry, daughter of Chris and Lisa Fry.
4. May 6 will be the baptism of Brayden Cole Stombaugh, child of Matthew and Erin Stombaugh. Birthdate: August 15, 2006, Normal, IL.
5. Reminder of New Member Class Sunday, April 29. **SESSION meeting.**
6. Health Fair is 10-2 on May 5th in Great Hall - many activities.
7. Congregational Meeting. Sunday, April 29, 9:35 A.M. Sanctuary.
 Two purposes: Election of Pastor Nominating Committee
 Retirement dates & plans of Rev. Jim Bell as approved by Presbytery April 24, 2007.
8. Health Concerns: Don Haerr and Janet Sutton
9. **STUDY TIME:** Continuation of "Becoming a Blessed Church", Chapter 4: Alive to God's Presence and follow-up questions from March.
10. Visit to The Potter's House in Lake of the Ozarks April 22.

Co-Pastor Report by Rev. Jim Bell (See April, 2007 First Focus)

Treasurer's Report Balance. Net Operating Total through March, 07: **\$50,770.22**

Cash on Hand \$350,441.20 (decrease of about \$2000 from last month)

April 9 – New 10 month CD set up for the Building Escrow money at 5.17 %

Submitted by Lynn Litwiller

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Clerk's Report by Margaret Wolf

Minutes to Approve: March 28 Stated Session Meeting

Committees Minutes Personnel, March 7, March 14, April 11; Gifts and Memorials, March 12; Missing Faces, March 14; Adult Christian Education, March 26; Property, April 9; Nominating, April 9; Stewardship, April 11; Mission, April 18. Worship, April 18.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve all the above minutes as distributed.

Communion Served: 2 Easter Sunday Worships April 8

Home Communion: 4 Ben & Selby Hubbard, Westminster Village and Nola Heitz & Dollie Shelton, McLean County Nursing Home

Marriages: 0 **Funerals:** 0 **Deaths:** 0 **Baptisms:** 0

Membership Transfers: Two members to INACTIVE: Deanna Kuehling and Greg Marsh
 Transfer two members, Mike and Patti Weer, to First United Methodist Church of Normal. A motion was made, seconded, and carried ,

Current Active Membership: 536

Old Business:

Personnel - Rob Kelley - Report for Congregational Meeting to be held Sun., April 29, 9:35 A.M. Rob reported that he and Andy Cooney had met with Rev. Jim Bell on April 2nd and 13th. He read *the motion* to be presented at the Congregational Meeting regarding Rev. Jim's retirement schedule. (Rob reiterated that this was approved by PRESBYTERY April 24.):

- ***Pastor Jim Bell will return from sabbatical leave and resume co-pastor responsibilities from July 1 through July 31, 2007. July 31, 2007 will be the last day he will carry out co-pastor responsibilities of First Presbyterian Church.***
- ***In recognition of all of Pastor Bell's faithful service to First Pres and his forty years of pastoral service, his current salary and benefits will apply through October 31, 2007 and will be supplemented by payment for unused vacation days (according to church personnel policies). Effective October 31, 2007, Pastor Bell will officially retire and the pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church of Normal, Illinois will be formally dissolved.***
- ***First Presbyterian Church will host a lunch celebration following the one worship service (10:15) on Sunday, July 29, 2007 at which church members, family, and friends will have the opportunity to honor Jim and celebrate his years of devoted ministry.***

Rev. Gaylord's family vacation will be the first two weeks of July to Montana.

July Preaching Schedule: July 1 - Vacation Bible School Program

July 8, 15 & 29 - Rev. Jim Bell

July 22 - Rev. Larry Gaylord

Kelly Wilson said she would have a Playmates/Preschool report at May Session.

New Business:

Mission - Phil Eaton - Request for church involvement in Habitat for Humanity - 2007

A motion was made, seconded and carried that First Pres support Habitat for Humanity in 2007. A group of volunteers has already been recruited to be in May.

Jim Wilson is our church representative. Our share, \$12,500, is 25% of the cost.

Congregational Life - Darren Brant - Three items:

Jim Bell retirement reception/luncheon. Darren was advised to ask the entire congregation for volunteers for this retirement function. (Personnel will cover the previous Saturday night family dinner.) Ideas for this possible 300 attendance event were to have catered "carving stations", to advertise in First Focus and to have a card/donation basket available for Rev. Jim's gift.

Boys and Girls Club golf outing - Steve Gruenberg is assisting.

"Seniors" Luncheon- Sat., June 9, 11-2 for Retirees.

Cinco de Mayo - Sat., May 5, at Rob & Becky Mentzer's. R.S.V.P. to them.

Property - Jim Bouas - Two Announcements

Committees should clean up after themselves, especially the kitchens.

"Karen Harvey is a custodian, not a maid."

Spring Cleanup is Sat., April 28, 8:00. Denny's Donuts will donate 4 doz. Donuts!

Friendship First - Kathy Tosh. There will be a Sun, May 20, Potluck/Cookout at noon.

Health Ministries - Cathy Rinehart - Please bring your friends to the May 5 HEALTH FAIR!

Dates to Remember: Sunday, April 29 2:00 Session Meeting to Accept New Members

New Member Class, Noon-2:30

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 9:35 A.M. Sanctuary.

Art Show - 8:00-1:00; Jerry Parsons Concert for Mission 4:00

Joys and Concerns

Motion made, seconded, carried to adjourn 8:50 P.M. Closing Prayer & Lord's Prayer: Rev. Gaylord

Next Stated Session Meeting: May 23, 2007 7:00 P.M. Church Lounge. Devotions: Lloyd W.