

# Mulberry Messenger

## February 2011

### *Coordinating our Ministry Together*

By Chris Carrasco

Just think of it...no more committees! Sound like heaven? Since we are trying to create things "on earth as it is in heaven," Mulberry will be moving in this direction. "But how will we get things done?" one might ask. The answer is...Coordinators.



At the January meeting, Session approved six coordinators to oversee specific ministry areas in the church. These coordinators will recruit as many people as possible to accomplish the activities they are commissioned to do. These people will not be DOING all of the activities in their ministry area, but they will be responsible for overseeing that they get done. The six coordinators and their specific ministry areas are as follows:

**Evangelism** – Mark Zagar - Reaching out to invite others to worship, events to get to know our community (like Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School), dating strategies, and various ways to get our name out into the community (both street signs and website) will be under the auspices of evangelism.

**Service** - Bev Sadler – This coordinator will be responsible for any service to our community, nation, or world, including Knit Wits, Room in the Inn, and benevolences.

**Hospitality** – Linda Sadler - Hospitality logistics such as communion, Christmas and Easter set up, special offerings, ushers, nursery, and acolytes fall under this coordinator as well as all efforts to welcome visitors and follow up with them.

**Discipleship** – Mike Hood – Discipleship will coordinate all Christian Education activities including children's discipleship/worship (Jana Barnette), logistics for children's ministries (Brenda Hendricks), youth discipleship and youth group (Bev Sadler), adult discipleship (Ken Fuquay), and small groups (Hank Sadler), and any spiritual/prayer groups.

**Congregational Care** – Barbara Campbell – This coordinator will supervise the nurturing and the fellowship events at Mulberry.

**Resource** – Vance Schrum – The resource coordinator will oversee those in charge of Building and Grounds (Earl Springs), Personnel (Jim Brown), and Business (Jeff Whitley).

Thankfully many of our ministry teams are already operating under this model, like Evangelism, Building and Grounds, and Personnel. I have no doubt we will make a smooth transition to a more accountable, efficient, and faithful model for doing ministry. As pastor, I will be in direct contact with each coordinator on a monthly basis for accountability, encouragement, and guidance in their ministry area. As the congregation, I ask that you pray for and support these coordinators. If one of them comes up to you and asks you to participate in some way, please make every effort to do so. **As the congregation, we are the ministers of the church.** While the Session may govern, the pastor may lead, and the coordinators organize efforts in certain areas, it is up to you as the congregation to pitch in and participate in accomplishing the purpose for which God calls us. With God's help and the hard work of us all, I look forward to an exciting year of ministry together!

### *January Session Highlights*



#### Listening to God

As the Christ Candle was lit, Rev. Chris was the liturgist who read from John 13:3-17 and reflected on servant leadership. She also opened with prayer.

#### Listening to Others

Chris shared her faith journey and we prayed for the church and various members who are hurting or in need.

#### Listening to God's Will

- Our 2010 end of year financial statement revealed a \$6,900 deficit.
- Rev. Timm High will share time with us at the Session Retreat on Saturday, February 5 from 9:00-3:00
- Vacation dates for 2011 for Rev. Chris were approved.
- We heard a summary of the Leadership School that emphasized evangelism and sharing our spiritual gifts in leadership.
- Communion was set for February 6, the leaking roof over the west wing of our facility will be fixed, and a plaque was approved to put in the Parlor in memory of Linda Schrum.
- New Items for Discernment included electing Henry and Linda Sadler as Presbytery Commissioners to the February 12 meeting, setting the February - May Session meeting dates, approving the 2011 Budget (published in Messenger), and implementing a Coordinator Model (explained further in front page article).

## Service Ministry Opportunity



Recently, Mulberry has partnered with two area churches in helping the Room in the Inn program. Participation in this program is a way to bring alive the Biblical directive to "Love thy neighbor." In fact, the people we serve through RITI are referred to as "Neighbors." On Tuesday March 1, Mulberry has been asked to join Paw Creek Presbyterian Church in providing meals and overnight supervision for some of these neighbors. How can you help with this service opportunity? Can you help provide dinner or breakfast or pack bag lunches? Could you possibly serve as an overnight supervisor? Would you be willing to come and socialize with these neighbors during and after dinner? Room in the Inn provides a unique way for people of faith to become directly involved with people who are homeless. The simple goal is to provide a warm, safe place for them on cold winter nights. You can make a difference in someone's life, even if just for one night. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to serve in this program, and contact Henry Sadler to let him know how you will answer this call.

Peace,

Bev Sadler, Service Ministry Coordinator

## 2011 Budget

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2011 Budget</u>
100	Minister Salary	19,344.66
101	Minister Benefits	14,406.00
102	Minister's Car Allowance	3,000.00
103	Minister's SECA Tax	3,533.48
104	Minister's Housing Allow	19,344.66
	Minister's Medical (FSA)	2,500.00
	Minister's Childcare (FSA)	5,000.00
	Minister's Professional Exp.	500.00
105	Minister's Education Fund	2,500.00
<b><u>Total Pastoral Services</u></b>		<b><u>70,128.80</u></b>
108	Music Director	15,290.39
110	Admin. Assistant Salary	10,638.33
111	Sexton's Salary	10,638.33
112	Treasurer's Salary	4,236.95
113	Overtime	
<b><u>Total Staff Salaries</u></b>		<b><u>40,804.00</u></b>
201	Employer's FICA	3,121.48
203	Workers Compensation	1,382.00
219	Office Equip. Maint. Agree.	1,950.00
220	Office Supplies & Printing	3,000.00
222	Postage	1,150.00
<b><u>Total Administration</u></b>		<b><u>10,603.48</u></b>
Personnel		0
<b><u>Total Personnel</u></b>		<b><u>0</u></b>
209	Christian Education	1,300.00
230	Youth Group Program	1,400.00
<b><u>Total Christian Education</u></b>		<b><u>2,700.00</u></b>
214	Kitchen Supplies	1,000.00
214a	Janitorial Supplies	285.00
215	Maint. Building/Grounds	3,200.00
215	Telephones	4,800.00
226	Utilities (Power,Fuel, Water)	19,000.00
211	Church Vehicle Repairs/Tag	300.00
<b><u>Total Building and Grounds</u></b>		<b><u>28,585.00</u></b>
211	Church Vehicle Insurance	597.00
210	Property Tax	2,553.00
215a	Property Insurance	4,677.00
<b><u>Total Insurance &amp; Property Tax</u></b>		<b><u>7,827.00</u></b>

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2011 Budget</u>
	Fellowship	500.00
<b><u>Total Fellowship</u></b>		<b><u>500.00</u></b>
	Nurture	300.00
<b><u>Total Nurture</u></b>		<b><u>300.00</u></b>
301	Service Ministry	3,485.37
<b><u>Total Service Ministry</u></b>		<b><u>3,485.37</u></b>
217	Outreach	1,500.00
<b><u>Total Outreach</u></b>		<b><u>1,500.00</u></b>
225	Stewardship	175.00
<b><u>Total Stewardship</u></b>		<b><u>175.00</u></b>
	Organist Supply Fund	390.00
206	Pulpit Supply	375.00
207	Choir Expense	750.00
208	Worship	850.00
229	Sound System Repairs/Parts	850.00
<b><u>Total Worship</u></b>		<b><u>3,215.00</u></b>
Capital Fund		0
<b><u>Total Capital Fund</u></b>		<b><u>0</u></b>
	Presbytery of Charlotte Giving	2,735.37
<b><u>Total Presbytery of Charlotte Giving</u></b>		<b><u>2,735.37</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL BUDGET</u></b>		<b><u>171,659.02</u></b>

Proposed Budget	171,659.00
Giving/Other Income	162,772.00
Budget Overage	(8,887.00)

## Have you ever had questions about your faith?

Ever had doubts as to what you believed? Ever wanted to be in an open environment to wrestle with some of your faith issues? Then come and be a part of our newest Sunday morning discussion group "Faith Chat." Lead by Vance Schrum and Hank Sadler, this group will use a modern DVD series as a jumping off point for discussion about various parts of our faith. This is an open, informal gathering to share and explore what your faith means to you. All are welcome at anytime. This group meets in the youth room above the pastor's office and begins on February 6. Come to a safe, non-judgmental place where you can share your faith questions and then...let's chat!



**From Helen Marks:** "A very special thank you to all for your love and prayers during the recent death of my brother and during my recent surgery and recovery. Prayers really do work!"

**Dear Mulberry Family:** Thank you so very much for all the prayers you gave while Rick was sick. Thank all of you who brought food to me after he passed away. Thanks for all the phone calls and cards. Thank all of you who went to see him at the Hospice House. Thanks to Chris for the beautiful memorial service she did for him. I love you all very much. Love, Edna Carver

**Thank you all** for all you've done for our family during our time of loss. We are going to miss our Dad something terrible. The food was delicious and we appreciate it so much. Mom and Dad both loved Mulberry and so do we. Thanks for everything!  
Much love, Charles Aldridge and Judy A. Sammer

### *Time and Talents*

#### USHERS

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** -Jeff Whitley, Jack Guy, Lillian Williamson, Vance Schrum  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** -Earl Springs, Nelio Carrasco, Denise Thompson, Sandra Rhyne  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** - Mack Cochran, Sonny Brown, Brenda Hendricks, Linda Sadler  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** - Ashley Barnette, Ronnie and Karen Williamson, Gloria Vereen

#### CHURCH LOCK-UP

Jeff Whitley  
Earl Springs  
Mack Cochran  
Ashley Barnette

#### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Feb. 6: Kayla Sadler, Julie Costantini  
Feb. 13: Brenda Hendricks  
Feb. 20: Jill Benton  
Feb. 27: Denise Thompson

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Feb. 6: Jana Barnette  
Feb. 13: Patsy Caudle  
Feb. 20: Patsy Caudle  
Feb. 27: Jana Barnette

### *February Birthdays*

**2nd:** Randy Hall, Vicki Aldridge  
**3rd:** Linda Garrison, Nora McDonald  
**5th:** Erin Shaffner, Kaitlyn Whitley, Lauren Whitley  
**6th:** Mike Guy  
**8th:** Ross Garrison  
**10th:** Lucille Hill, Karen Williamson, Mark Shaffner



**11th:** Billy Butler  
**14th:** Mike Hood, Justin Sawyer, Logan Sawyer  
**19th:** Georgia Sadler,  
**20th:** Jack Guy, Michael Schrum, Ivy Rose Guy  
**24th:** Tim Falkner  
**26th:** Mary Hood

### *Keep These Friends In Your Heart:*

The Cathey family, the Massey-Bushnell family, Hope Cochran, Edna Carver, Jack Guy, Curtis Johnson, Lynda Springs, Anna Price, Ivy and Xander Guy, Lois Andrews, Juanita Holt.

### *In Memoriam*

**Mulberry Presbyterian is saddened by the loss of long time member and friend Mildred Cathey** on January 20, 2011. A service celebrating Mildred's life was held Sunday, January 23 in the Mulberry Sanctuary. Please keep Mildred's family and friends in your prayers.

**Mulberry also grieves the loss of Nada Massey Bushnell** on Saturday, January 22, 2011. A service celebrating Nada's life was held at Mulberry. Please hold Nada's family and friends in your prayers.

Dear Mulberry,

*It is with a sad heart that I share with you news of my resignation from the position of Parish Nurse at Mulberry Presbyterian Church. Ecclesiastes assures us there is a time for everything. God is calling me away from health ministry to the practice of hospice nursing. I hold fast to the promise that He knows the plans he has for me, as well as this church, and I know in my heart this is the right time for this transition.*



*Over the last ten years, you have allowed me to walk with you on the best and worst days of your lives. We have celebrated and laughed together; we have cried and grieved together. I feel so very blessed and honored that you have allowed me to serve you for the last 10 years. Each and every one of you has taught me so much about life, health, grace, forgiveness, love and loss. These lessons have helped me be a better Christian, a better mom, and a better nurse. Parish nursing has been my "dream job" and I struggle with letting it go. But I believe this dream job has prepared me for the next step in my own journey, and for that, I am forever thankful. It is because of my wonderful church family that I am able to move on to do the work God is calling me to do. I will be away from the church for several months to refill my spiritual well, and to renew my own identity as a congregation member and not a staff member. I want you to know that I take each and every one of you with me in my heart.*

*Until we meet again, peace.  
Lisa Falkner*



**Faith and Family  
Night, Bobcats  
Arena, Friday,**

**March 11  
at 7:00 PM.**

Come out for a night of fun and inspiration with your church family as the Bobcats take on the Portland Trailblazers. A faith testimonial by Will Graham and a Christian Band performance will follow the game. We will be carpooling so you don't need to worry about driving uptown. Tickets are only \$20 in advance. Purchase your ticket through the church before the deadline on Sunday, February 27. This will be a fantastic way to invite friends, neighbors, or co-workers to experience the love and warmth of our Mulberry Family in an informal environment. Contact Chris or Nelio Carrasco if you have any questions.

**Play Ball!**



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*Worship Schedule:  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 Worship*