

The Messenger

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY LHPC!

It's been 10 years, can you believe it! In these years we have celebrated successes, ministered to each other, reached out to our community, and yes, even grieved losses and endured disappointments. . . and we have done it together as one worshipping community. In 2009 we will celebrate how far Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church has come, all we have accomplished, and all the awesome opportunities that await us!

We started our celebration off with a bang as we gathered for an evening of fellowship and a delicious meal in January organized by Cris Emrich and her fabulous team! A year of events still awaits us. . . We will welcome guest preachers throughout the year. These guests will all be former ministers of LHPC who have helped us on this journey over the last ten years. We will also have special worship events, host church picnics, and invite the whole community to join in our celebration!

On Sunday, February 22, we will welcome the Rev. Robert E. Shelton as our special guest preacher. Stay tuned for more events in coming weeks!

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Here's a preview of the Pastor's Report in the upcoming Annual Report. We hope you will sense the love and vitality of God-with-us as seen in the many ministries of LHPC.

Our congregation grew by nearly 6%, receiving 22 new members and baptizing five children and one adult. Steady growth in worship attendance continues to reflect the vibrant work of the Spirit among us here at Lake Highlands. We regularly welcome new visitors and seek ways to communicate the gospel to the community beyond our walls.

One of the biggest challenges of 2008 was a hard look at the operating budget, which has run at a significant deficit since the inception of LHPC ten years ago. With strong Session leader-

ship, and a great response from staff and you, the church closed the operating deficit and ended the year with positive cash flow. We will continue to face the challenge of responsible stewardship in 2009 with a planned financial audit, a balanced operations budget, and sound planning for continuing Building Fund needs. Below are some highlights from 2008.

2008 Staff changes, reorganization, retreats and spiritual development opportunities:

- Hosted Cluster meeting with Graham Standish presentation
- Leaders' Retreat in July; Church-wide participation in ACTS workshop in October
- Session Training, Officer Training, Inquirer's Classes
- New CDC Director hired in October
- Improved staff communications through regular meetings/feedback
- Session Revision of Church Standards

Missional and visioning initiatives done in 2008:

- Community outreach: Pastor's Book Club, Parenting Classes, Pastor's Blog, planning for Financial Peace University and other special series
- CDC Strategic Planning and Vision Retreat
- Formation of a Vision Team for LHPC
- Welcoming the Ethiopian Fellowship to worship in our facility
- Reorganizing Crosswave Youth Sponsorship, with growth in youth attendance
- Strengthened interaction between LHPC and CDC with increased programs

Looking ahead in 2009, we will work to embody our stewardship focus upon Mission through Community/Community through Mission. Planned are:

- After-school care for low income children

- Churchwide Guest Challenge for 2009
- Churchwide Community Outreach Day
- Outdoor Pentecost Sunday Worship to welcome community
- Growth in CDC enrollment
- Growth in POH necessitating a move to the sanctuary
- More communication and care for older members
- More reach-out for families with young children
- Worship with Ethiopian congregation
- Improved Website
- Several events to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of LPHC

During 2009 the Vision Team and the Session plan to review and update our Church's Vision Statement for the next decade of our life together. It is an exciting time in the life of our congregation. I wish you grace, peace, and abundant blessings in 2009, and I look forward to the next decade in the life of LPHC!

Your partner in Christ's ministry,
Pastor Anne Cameron

LAKE HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OFFER SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2ND TIME

This scholarship, in the amount not to exceed \$500, will again be awarded to a deserving student in our church family who will complete high school by May 2009. The student must be enrolled in a college or other institution of higher learning, must have good grades and must be in need of financial assistance. Nominations/requests for this scholarship may be placed in the LHPW box at the church or mailed to the church, attention

Missy Rodgers or Jan Gifford, co-moderators of LHPW. The deadline for requests is February 28, 2009.

TUESDAY LECTURE SERIES: February 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 7:00 p.m. "The Mega Church Phenomenon"

Join us as we explore this phenomenon from the historical perspective, the role these churches play in American Christianity, who goes to these churches, why they are drawn there, and the future of the mega church.

The lecture will be led by special guest, Marjorie Currey. Ms. Currey is a sought-after speaker who leads classes in churches all over the metroplex. She also teaches in the Adult Education Program at SMU.

WINTER RETREAT REPORT

Camp Red River 2009 Winter Retreat was a success! LHPW sent 16 youth and sponsors to Oklahoma for a weekend of worship and prayer. Our own Meg Richardson directed the retreat and Peyton Strouth led worship for over 100 Red River Presbytery youth and adults. Please thank Meg and Peyton for this great service to Cumberland Presbytery.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The youth group will join together with churches, schools, organizations and individuals all over the country on Sunday, February 1, to help with the fight against hunger and poverty. Drop a dollar or so in the soup bowls that the youth will be carrying all over the church on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 1. All money collected will stay in the community to help fight hunger in our area.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2009

This youth confirmation class will kick-off with a one day retreat, February 7, for youth and their mentors where they will gather for fellowship and study. Throughout the coming weeks these youth and their mentors will embark on a special faith journey as they begin the process of joining the church. Please keep this year's Confirmation class and their mentors in your prayers. Plan to join us as our youth are confirmed during worship on Palm Sunday, April 5th.

CONTACTING STAFF: ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY

There has been some confusion about what constitutes "routine" vs. "emergency" calls. Here are some examples we hope will clarify the confusion.

"Routine": When is our next meeting? I want to RSVP for. . . Informational questions; I would like to make an appointment. . . What is someone's phone number/email address? I want to let you know about. . . I need supplies for. . .

"Emergency": Any hospitalizations; accidents; serious prayer concerns or family crises; any serious decline in your loved one in which you may be concerned about impending death.

As always, we encourage you to contact me or staff after hours and at home in the event of an urgent pastoral need. --Pastor Anne

INQUIRERS' CLASS TO BE HELD FEB. 8, 15, 25

If you have joined the church recently, or you are interested in learning more about Presbyterianism, please come to the Pastor's Inquirers' Class. We will meet in the Praise on High worship space at 10:00a.m. for three Sundays in February. Anyone is welcome!

FEBRUARY WOMEN'S CIRCLE EVENTS:

All women are invited to participate in any of the following:

Circle One: Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Gladys Williams, 9605 Livenshire. Contact Renee Kunde, 214-341-7452.

Circle Two: Tuesday, Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m. at the home of Aida Iliya, 8914 White Pine Ln. Contact June Faircloth, 214-348-3949.

Circle of Hope: Wednesday, Feb. 18, 9:45 a.m. at LHPC. Contact Martha Boyd, 214-341-4747

Circle of Joy: (The Younger Set) Tuesday, Feb. 2, 7:00 p.m. (location TBA). Contact Cinda Koch, 214-343-4642.

Whiterock Circle: Wednesday, Feb. 25, 9:45 a.m. at Whiterock Court Retirement Community, 9215 White Rock Trail, 3rd Floor Chapel. Contact Eloise Love, 214-348-0780.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG AT ♥:

Young at ♥ is invited to join our friends (over 55) at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church on Friday, February 6, for lunch (\$10) and guest speaker, Lee Hancock, award-winning investigative reporter for the Dallas Morning News. Call Jan Gifford (214-348-8595) for reservations by noon on Tuesday, February 3.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 20, at 11:00 a.m. at LHPC. Our entertainment will be the Harmonichords Quartet of Dallas, well known in the metroplex for 13 years. You will receive a letter in February with more information about reservations, the meal, and the Harmonichords.

FYI: If you are turning 55 in 2009 and would like to be added to our mailing list, or are over 55 and we have failed to include you, please call Jim Cumbie, 214-341-1543.

USHERS NEEDED

Please consider serving as an Usher on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in this important ministry contact Lin Johnson, 214-328-0860 or Herman Sawyer, 214-349-4887.

CONDOLENCES

The church expresses Christian sympathy to the family of Mary Nell (Mac) Hubbard who died January 7, 2009. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 10, at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church in Richardson.

The church expresses Christian sympathy to the family of Katy Zuefeldt, wife of the Reverend Roy Zuefeldt, who died on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Services were held on Thursday, January 15, at First Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene, Texas.

The church expresses Christian sympathy to the family of Jim Pool who died on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Services were held here at LHPC on Saturday, January 17.

The church expresses Christian sympathy to the family of Dolores (Dee) Ashley who died on Friday, January 16, 2009. A memorial service was held here at LHPC on Monday, January 26.

THANK YOU

Jack and I are so grateful for our LHPC friends during these trying times. Thank you for your calls, cards, and flowers. Please continue to pray for us.

Sincerely,
Nelda Duck Walker

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and rela-

tives really mean to us. . . Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. The plant basket was beautiful. Thanks to everyone for all your kindness.

Danna Pool and family of Jim Pool

SIMPLE LEGAL DOCUMENT PREPARATION

If you need assistance in obtaining powers of attorney, directives to physicians (living wills), or simple wills not requiring estate planning, there are members of the congregation, including an attorney, available to provide voluntary help. For more information, please call the church office. Leave your name and contact information and someone will call you.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Session, Committee Chairs, Program Staff, and Vision Team attended a retreat Friday, January 24 through Saturday, January 25.

NEW ORGANIST

Ulston Smith, our new Organist, is a native of St. John's, Antigua and comes to us with a wonderful history of church work. He is currently pursuing a Master of Sacred Music in Organ at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Ulston received his Bachelors degree in Sacred Music from Westminster Choir College of Rider University in 2002.

After having served various congregations in Antigua, he became ordained in the Moravian Church in Antigua in March 2005 and served as the senior pastor of Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua until coming to Dallas in August 2008.

We are very blessed to have him and are excited for the future that God has in store for us as we work together in ministry.

LHPC Staff

Pastor— Dr. Anne M. Cameron

Programs Director— Meg Richardson

Director of Music Ministry & Contemporary Worship— Peyton Strouth

Organist— Ulston Smith

Child Development Center Director— Ashley Beakey

Property Manager— Ladell Ritchey

Treasurer— Bob Palmer

Administrative Assistant— Lynetta Littleton



Crosswave February Schedule
(Youth 6th - 12th grade)

Feb. 1— Souper Bowl of Caring Service Project
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Youth Fellowship 5:02 p.m.

Feb. 8— Youth Fellowship 5:02 p.m.

Feb. 15 — Youth Fellowship 5:02 p.m.

Feb. 21 — Guys/Girls Night Out (overnight
events) 6:30 p.m.

Stay-N-Play

(Fellowship for Toddlers — 5th grade)

Pizza @ Picasso's!

Feb. 22 @ 12:00 p.m.

Visit Looking with Deeper Eyes, Pastor Anne's blog.
An informal look at faith, questions, thoughts, and musings.

Invite your friends to look.

Go to our website, lhpres.org, or directly to

<http://faithsetyousee.blogspot.com>

***Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 1, 2009 ***
(following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service)

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