

## Session Update

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church met on Wednesday, October 29, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The following is a summary of the meeting:

### REVIEW OF TREASURER'S REPORT: September 2008

	Sept.	YTD
Regular Offering...	8,543.00	89,243.75
Total Income. . . . .	20,151.52	122,266.84
Expenses.....	21,413.73	137,554.39
Income-Expenses. . .	1,262.21	15,287.55

*September income and expenses included reserve funds used for steeple repairs and painting.*

### CLERK'S REPORT

- 1. Membership actions:** none
- 2. Average worship attendance,** October 2008: 78. Session briefly discussed worship attendance and ways to encourage greater participation using the Pastor's report.
- 3. Correspondence.**
  - a. General Presbyter.** Shenandoah Presbytery's General Presbyter, Tom Hay, is leaving that position effective November 30, 2008, in order to take the position of Director of Operations for the Office of the General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky.
  - b. Correspondence from Missionaries.** Bruce and Lora Whearty sent two communications and a couple of pictures concerning their work in Ethiopia, which were circulated during the meeting.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

- 1. November Meeting.** Session acted to change the date for the November meeting from November 26 (the evening before Thanksgiving) to one week later, Wednesday, December 3.
- 2. First Sunday in Advent Communion.** A reminder was given of Elders serving communion on Sunday, Nov. 30.
- 3. Thanksgiving Eve service.** Session gave its approval to plans to join with First Presbyterian Church for the Thanksgiving Eve service this year on November 26, and to alternate locations between First and Second in succeeding years. (First joined us at Second last year.)
- 4. Organist.** Session approved removing the "interim" designation from Organist Allen Archer's position description. Allen recently indicated that this move would be agreeable to him.
- 5. Form of Government Task Force.** The pastor gave an update on his work with the FOG Task Force; see the Task Force's web page, [www.pcusa.org/formofgovernment/](http://www.pcusa.org/formofgovernment/) for more information.
- 6. Personnel Committee recommendation.** Session approved the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, postponed from the October 1 meeting, concerning a proposed Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 4.5 % for all staff for the year 2009.

### STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

- 1. Membership and Outreach** – Next meeting: December 3, 6:30, FH Annex ... Cards were sent to members who have

been absent from worship recently ... Arrangements trying to be made for a tour of the White House in December; awaiting word from Congressman Goodlatte's office on whether we will be able to go. If approved, a sign-up period will be announced.

- 2. Mission** – Next meeting: December 3, 6:00 p.m., Room 20 ... Five committee members attended Ethiopian Banquet on October 24 at Covenant Presbyterian Church; Speaker: Dr. German Desalso, originally from Ethiopia. ... At least 50 people attended the World Food Day Luncheon on October 12; total offering was \$290. Session approved the recommendation of the Committee to donate the money to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank ... November 19 Church Night: program by Carolyn and Dave Thalman, from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, who will speak about PDA's work, as well as being prepared for disasters should one occur locally ... Sunday, December 14: Christmas Joy Offering Church Night, 6:00 p.m. ... A question was raised about the Boswell Jones Fund; Paul Wolfe and the pastor will research the fund and report back to the next meeting.
- 3. Property** – Next meeting: December 3, 6:30 p.m., FH Working on snow removal plans for the winter; gathering information.
- 4. Stewardship and Finance** – Next meeting: December 2, 6:30 p.m. ... No additional report.
- 5. Worship and Music** – Next meeting: December 3, 6:30 p.m. ... Hanging of the Greens event: after worship on Sunday, November 30 – soup/chili and sandwich luncheon followed by church decorating ... volunteers for Lay readers still needed for two Sundays in November ... Families are being arranged to lead the Advent candle lighting on Advent Sundays, which will take the place of the Lay Reader.
- 6. Christian Education** – Next meeting: TBA ... Letter shared with Session from Kemper Snyder, thanking the church for the camp scholarship this past summer ... Youth Hike this Sunday, November 2, around Sherando Lake ... Youth: craft worship for decorations to give to shut-ins, December 14 ... December 21, 2:00 p.m. – Youth Christmas Caroling, adults also invited.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Community Service Committee** – Salvation Army, Saturday, November 22 – to help set up the toy store (3-4 hours, light cleaning and set-up) – 5-6 people needed from 8:00 a.m. - noon; also 5-6 people needed for about 4 hours to work in the Thrift Store (sorting donations, etc.; 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.).

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Presbytery Commissioner:** Elder Jerry Fry agreed to be the elder commissioner to the next two Presbytery meetings, Tuesday, November 11, in Keyser, WV and Saturday, February 14, 2009, at the Massanutten Church.
- 2. Upcoming meetings:**
  - a. Session:** Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
  - b. Shenandoah Presbytery:** Tuesday, November 11, 2008 – Keyser, WV, Presbyterian Church (9:30 a.m.)
  - c. Highland-Augusta Mission Community:** Thursday, November 6, 2008, at First Church, Waynesboro (6:30 p.m.)