

## Session Update

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church met on Wednesday, October 1, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The meeting had been postponed one week, due to the pastor's travels. The following is a summary of the meeting:

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

	Month	Y-T-D
Regular Giving. . . . .	12,162.50. . . . .	80,700.75
Total Income. . . . .	12,698.44. . . . .	102,115.32
Total Expenses. . . . .	13,480.88. . . . .	116,140.66
Income-Expenses. . . . .	-782.44. . . . .	-14,025.34

### CLERK'S REPORT

- Membership actions:** Louis Mader was removed from the active roll (death, September 16, 2008)
- Average worship attendance:** September 2008: 80

### PASTOR'S REPORT

- World Communion Sunday.** A reminder was given of the swerving assignments for World Communion Sunday (October 5).
- 2008 Stewardship Campaign.** A reminder was given of the schedule for Minutes for Mission during the stewardship campaign, and that 2009 Budget requests are due in the Church Office by Sunday, October 19, 2008.
- Bible Study.** Bible Study has had an average attendance of 25, counting both the morning and evening sessions.
- Form of Government Task Force.** The pastor updated the Session on his work with the General Assembly's Form of Government (FOG) Task Force. A revision of the FOG has been produced, based on the input received through the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, which will be made available for study and response by sessions and presbyteries. The pastor has to make one more trip this year to speak about the Task Force's work, October 13-15, at the Presbyterian Coalition's annual gathering in Newport Beach, California.
- Highland Augusta Mission Community.** The pastor reported that he is working on giving up the convener position of the Highland Augusta Mission Community, having served in the position for the past five years. This would remove responsibility for eight meetings a year, leading four mission community gatherings, and attending four meetings of Presbytery Council.
- Presbytery Renewal Network.** The pastor explained what this group is – a meeting of pastors and elders concerned about the direction of the denomination, and committed to advocating for traditional and evangelical positions before the presbytery. Paul Wolfe agreed to attend the October 2 meeting of the Network with the pastor, at First Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg.

### STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

- Christian Education** — Next meeting: October 13, 6:30 p.m. Rally Day was a good success – 57 adults and 10 young people were present for programs presented by Chaplain Norris Burkes (adults) and by Kemper Snyder and Emily Johnson on their camp experience from last summer (youth). Kay Mader was thanked for her role in organizing

this event ... Plans for youth activities made at meeting on September 28 were announced: Saturday, October 25 – costume party dance, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.; refreshments will be served ... November 2, Fall hike after worship; everyone should bring a bag lunch and drink ... December 14, during Sunday Bible Study: making Christmas ornaments to take on visits to members in nursing home or homebound ... December 21: Christmas caroling (Loyalton) ... Youth will also be available to rake leaves and do light yard cleanup ... possibly will take young people along on home communion visits. Other possible fun outings: bowling, roller skating, ice skating.

- Membership and Outreach** – no report
- Mission** — Next meeting: October 29, 6:00 p.m. Five church members attended the Disaster Preparedness Event; Carolyn and Thalman will be present for our November church night to explain what we need to do on the congregational level to be prepared in case of emergencies ... October 12: World Food Day soup and sandwich meal and special hunger offering.
- Property** — Next meeting: October 29, 6:30 p.m. All projects surrounding the steeple and related painting has been completed ... Suggestion: snow cleaning arrangements for sidewalks need to be arranged.
- Stewardship and Finance**—Next meeting: October 27, 6:30 p.m. \$10,000 transferred from reserves to General Fund, to cover steeple-related expenses ... Committee updated Session on its investment actions surrounding CDs purchased for proceeds from sale of rental building. First CD deposited to Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation in late spring (Combined Investment Account). Other CDs have been renewed, due to current economic situation. Committee has moved some of these CDs to other banks so no bank has more than \$100,000 invested in it ... On committee recommendation, Session approved extending the roof campaign indefinitely, and will recommend converting it into a Building Fund at a later date.
- Worship and Music** — Next meeting: October 29, 6:30 p.m. ... Hanging of the Greens, November 30 (First Sunday in Advent), after worship (light lunch provided) ... December 28: supply minister needed for pastor's vacation ... CE indicated youth willing to serve as Lay Readers.
- Personnel Committee.** Recommendation on salary reviews: COLA of 4.5% for all staff for 2009. Session voted to postpone action until the next meeting.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Community Service Committee** – Committee has no concrete future plans at the moment, but welcomes any ideas people might have.
- Presbytery and Mission Community Reports** – Handouts were distributed that summarized both recent meetings.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming meetings:**
  - Session:** Wednesday, October 29, 2008
  - Shenandoah Presbytery:** Tuesday, November 11, 2008 – Keyser, WV, Presbyterian Church (9:30 a.m.)
  - Highland-Augusta Mission Community:** Thursday, November 6, 2008 at First Church, Waynesboro (6:30 p.m.)