



Grace Notes



January 2010 Newsletter of Grace and Glory Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship at 10:15 A.M.

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Dear Grace and Glory congregation:

As we contemplate a new structure to house our worship and ministries, one small group of people has been focused on a task of creating two quilts to serve as wall hangings for its interior. The theme will derive from the congregation's namesake. One quilt will embody the theme: Grace. The other: Glory. Clara Cooper, Carol O'Dell, and Barbara Haas are coordinating this quilting project, but they need the help of the whole congregation. Some may be able to quilt a square. Certainly all of us can help create the design and symbols for it.

To that end, on Sunday mornings on January 3 and 10 adults are asked to gather in the library of the middle school during the education hour at 9:15AM. At those two gatherings we will explore the themes of grace and glory, respectively, in the scriptures and the Christian symbols which celebrate and deepen their meaning for us. We may come up with some symbols of our own.

The more we participate in the creation of these quilts, the more they will mean to us and speak our faith to those who encounter them in the worship center on Thomas Jefferson Parkway. I look forward to this time together and hope to see you there.

Together for mission,

Pastor Ken Albright

Summary of Leadership Team Meeting

The Leadership Team and Building Task Force met jointly on December 7. Task Force chair Walter Lindenmann explained the architectural design process so far and displayed the design for a 7,000 square foot building that had been presented by architects Hughes and Associates. Copies were distributed to everyone present. Lindenmann walked everyone through the changes from the previous rendering, as well as the cost implications. The new plans will require approximately \$120,000 more than previously expected, this shortfall due to the larger size of the building (2,000 additional square feet) and the fact that we will not receive as much money from the Mission Investment Fund (MIF) as originally requested.

Given the cost increase, we will need to demonstrate to the MIF that we can close that \$120,000 gap before they approve the loan. The Leadership Team and Building Task Force agreed that reducing the size of the building and still meeting our ministry, educational and worship needs would not be feasible.

Task Force member Keith Cuda reported that he has been in contact with Fluvanna County Dept. of Public Works regarding the laying of sewer pipes. They suggest tying in now, while the county's contractor is already on the scene and perhaps use their permit from VDOT to bore under Rt. 53.

A "sneak preview" of the new plans will be displayed in church during December and formally presented to the congregation at a forthcoming worship service.

The Leadership Team unanimously voted to approve the plans for the 7,000 square foot building as presented to the Building Task Force by Hughes and Associates.

The joint meeting concluded at this point and the regular Leadership Team meeting began.

Treasurer Carol Parsons reported that \$800 was raised for the heating assistance program.

Four new members will be received on December 13. Ray and Darlene Weimer will be received by letter of transfer from St. Andrews in Centerville VA, and Bettina Orlando will be received by affirmation of faith and her son Justin by baptism.

A resolution regarding the housing allowance for Pastor Albright was passed. This is done annually for tax purposes.

A check for \$859 will be presented to Habitat for Humanity President Mike Himes on Sunday, December 13. This amount includes our \$200 commitment as a covenant church as well as money raised at Old Farm Day.

Pastor Albright reported on the Interfaith Conference on Public Policy, which he recently attended. He said it is a very inspirational program and encouraged everyone to try to attend sometime.

Submitted by Janet Rockafellow

Recommitment Sunday: January 10, 2010

We look forward to worship on January 10th when we will discuss the new plans for the church building (see article and building plans submitted by Walter Lindenmann later in this issue) and submitting our pledge cards. This was originally slated to occur on December 20th but was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

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Youth Fellowship Planning Team Forming

A Youth Fellowship Planning Team is being formed at Grace and Glory to move forward with the goals, plans, and ministry ideas which the youth and parents at Grace and Glory expressed in two separate gatherings last Fall. Persons are being recruited for this team, and the first meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00PM at the church office. If you want to know more about this team, or would like to be a part of developing and implementing ongoing activities and fellowship with our youth, please contact Pastor Albright.

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President’s Message

Images of Christmas Eve:

All of us standing in the school parking lot like the Advent people that we are – waiting, worrying, guessing, seeking comfort from the world’s chills, expectant, looking up at each arriving person and wondering “Is it him?”

And then the welcome opening of the doors, our wait finally over, a crowd streaming in to worship, smiles and good cheer.

And, within minutes, a bare hall turned into a space of worship, thanks to the unrequested and unsupervised work of each of us, everyone pitching in to make possible our annual celebration of Christ’s birth, a worship community in action.

And then the service led off with the simple beauty of a liturgical dance performed by Amanda, Julia, Katey, Katie and Tamara, choreographed by Jennifer Starkey. And yet not a performance but rather an expression of worship and adoration. Images that will remain with us of the star, those who gathered, and the nativity scene itself.

And also the thoughts and prayers turned to those who could not be with us as we gathered that evening, especially Ed and Julie Martell, celebrating their own good news miles away, but very much with us all in spirit.

And too the choir stepping up in Julie’s absence, leading us all in the songs of the season, led faithfully by Barbara Haas. And a wonderfully participatory liturgy led by Pastors Albright and St Clair.

The whole service was a microcosm of our congregational life together and heart-warming to witness, both to us who come each week and to those who may have been visiting for the first time.

And in our hearts the image of that Christmas Eve yet to come when we will finally be worshiping in our own church building.

Blessings to all of you in this new year of opportunity, community and shared ministry.

With you in His service,

Frits Geurtsen, Congregational President

Welcome New Members Ray and Darlene

Ray and Darlene Weimer come to Grace and Glory from Northern Virginia, Centerville, where they were members of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church for 25 years. They have three grown daughters.

Ray is a retired Program Manager for the Federal Aviation Administration. Ray still volunteers at Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum adjacent to Dulles Airport twice a month. He is also involved with Habitat for Humanity in Fluvanna.

Darlene is a retired Program Analyst for the Transportation Security Administration. She is looking forward to getting involved in activities at the church and in the community. She is currently getting acquainted with the Charlottesville area and being a full time grandmother to three grandsons and a granddaughter.

Ray and Darlene reside at Lake Monticello.

Submitted by Marj Schurmann

5G's - Golden Guys and Gals of Grace and Glory

Thanks to the Schmidts and Lindenmanns for hosting the Progressive Dinner for the second year. A wonderful evening! Thankfully the snow held off for a few more days! SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, January 27, NOON. The first activity for 2010 will be a planning meeting for the year's activities. All members are invited to attend. Please do some serious thinking about our activities/day trips and come prepared to make suggestions. Lunch details will be announced. If you've reached the Golden Age of 65 and have not yet attended any 5G's activities, call me at 589-1206 to add your name to the 5G's contact list.

Submitted by Marj Schurmann

Grace Notes Newsletter

If you have any information that should be placed in the newsletter, please submit the material to LeRoy Moyer at Lee_Helen@embarqmail.com. The next newsletter deadline is **January 24, 2010**.

Heartfelt Thanks

Most heartfelt thanks to all of you at Grace and Glory for your prayers, telephone calls, cards, food and support to me and Clara during my recent visit to the hospital for bypass surgery. You are a wonderfully warm and generous "family." I'm recuperating at home now and according to the doctors at a better than average pace. Many thanks again. In peace and love to all,

Lou Cooper



January Birthdays

NAME	BIRTH DATE
<i>Laura Shields</i>	<i>1/01</i>
<i>Lenore Carpenter</i>	<i>1/01</i>
<i>Jo Martin</i>	<i>1/03</i>
<i>Dick Graves</i>	<i>1/08</i>
<i>Rich Benske</i>	<i>1/18</i>
<i>Frits Geurtsen</i>	<i>1/21</i>
<i>Jonathan Gibson</i>	<i>1/23</i>
<i>Katey S.</i>	<i>1/24</i>
<i>Hayley T.</i>	<i>1/27</i>
<i>Helen Ida Moyer</i>	<i>1/31</i>

Attendance at Grace and Glory

Sunday School Attendance Figures:

Nov. 1	11
Nov. 8	9
Nov. 15	17
Nov. 22	7
Nov 29	9
Average	11

Dec. 9	16
Dec. 13	14

Congregation attendance figures:

Average attendance for December was 85
Running average attendance for 2009 was 78
Attendance on Christmas Eve was 112!!!

Submitted by Dick Haas

Architectural Firm Suggests New Design for Church Building

The architectural firm that the congregation has hired to develop plans for our new church building has come up with a suggested new design for the structure, along with an expanded floor plan.

Originally, members of the Church Building Task Force and the Leadership Team had anticipated that we could put up a structure that contained 5,000 square feet of space. However, our architects -- Hughes Associates Architects of Roanoke -- after listening to our needs and desires, concluded that we would need, at minimum, a 7,000-square foot facility. Accordingly, they have come up with an overall new design and a much larger floor plan. On the following page is a rendering of what the building would look like -- the Northeast Elevation -- if you were to stand on Route 53 and face the front of the proposed new structure.

The conceptual plan that the architects have come up with calls for parking space for 90 cars, just to the right of the structure, which is where the main entrance would be. Their plan also calls for a simple taper from Route 53 in lieu of a turn lane, because the peak hours for traffic on that highway do not coincide with the peak hours for the operation of the church.

The main worship area -- the sanctuary -- would accommodate 180 people, including congregational seating, choir seating and clergy seating. The architects recommend that a fixed platform be positioned under the Altar. Between the Altar and the congregation would be a moveable platform, which will add floor space when removed. Kneeling space is provided at the front of the platform. A sacristy room and a chime choir storage room are located off the chancel area. An audio visual booth is located in the near right corner of the sanctuary. When not in use for worship, the sanctuary can easily be converted into a fellowship hall, with the use of portable, moveable chairs and tables.

The Commons area -- or narthex -- has glass sliding doors separating it from the Sanctuary. Overflow seating will be available in these areas. Four classrooms are located off the Commons. Classroom 1 is a nursery/toddlers room and has an attached toilet. Classrooms 2 and 3 can be combined into one large space; when they are used individually they would be divided by an acoustical partition. Classroom 4 is located adjacent to the Sanctuary and Classroom 5 is entered from the main foyer and doubles as a conference room for the office area. Choir and Acolyte robing is adjacent to the Commons and the Sanctuary and entered from both spaces.

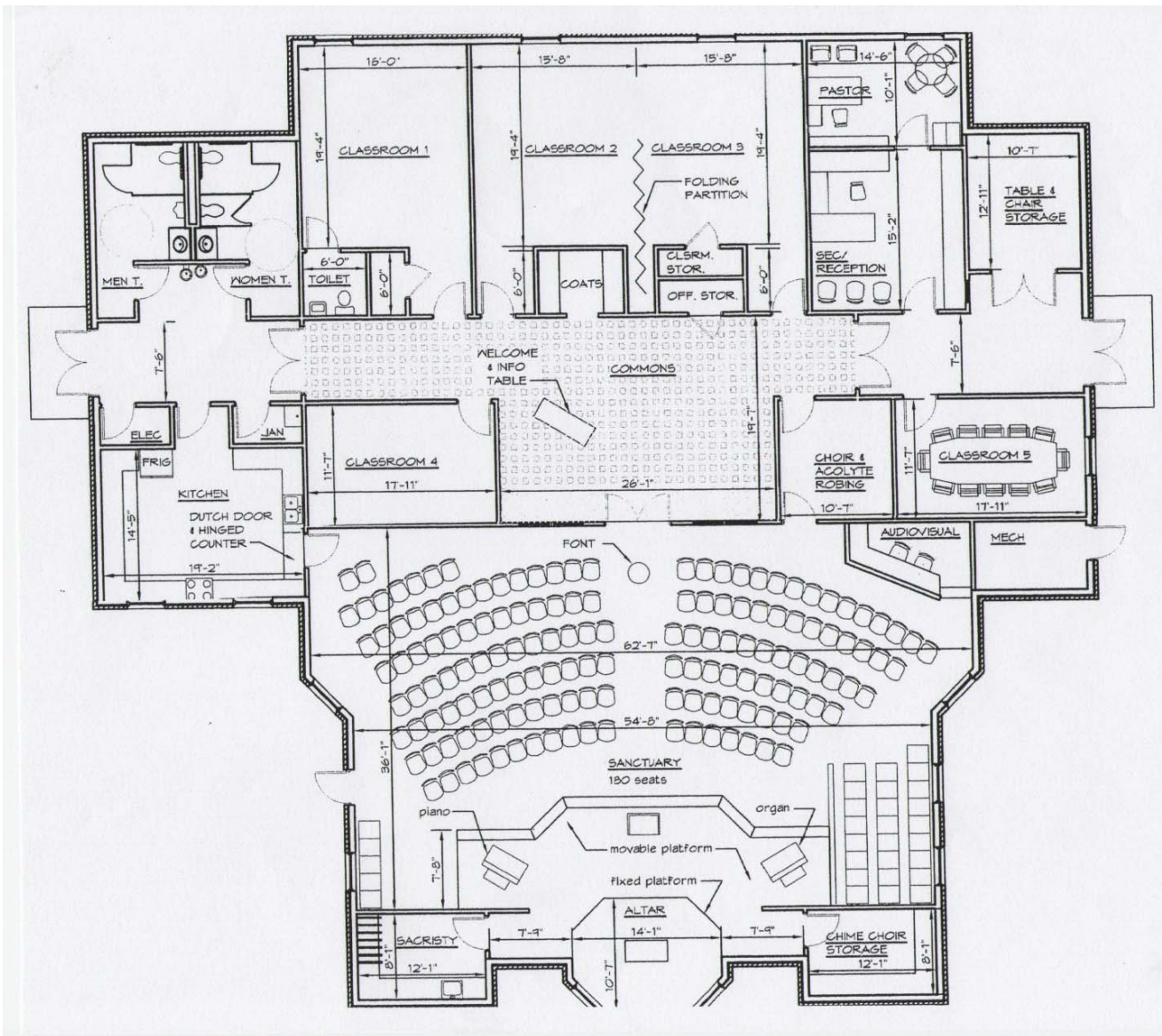
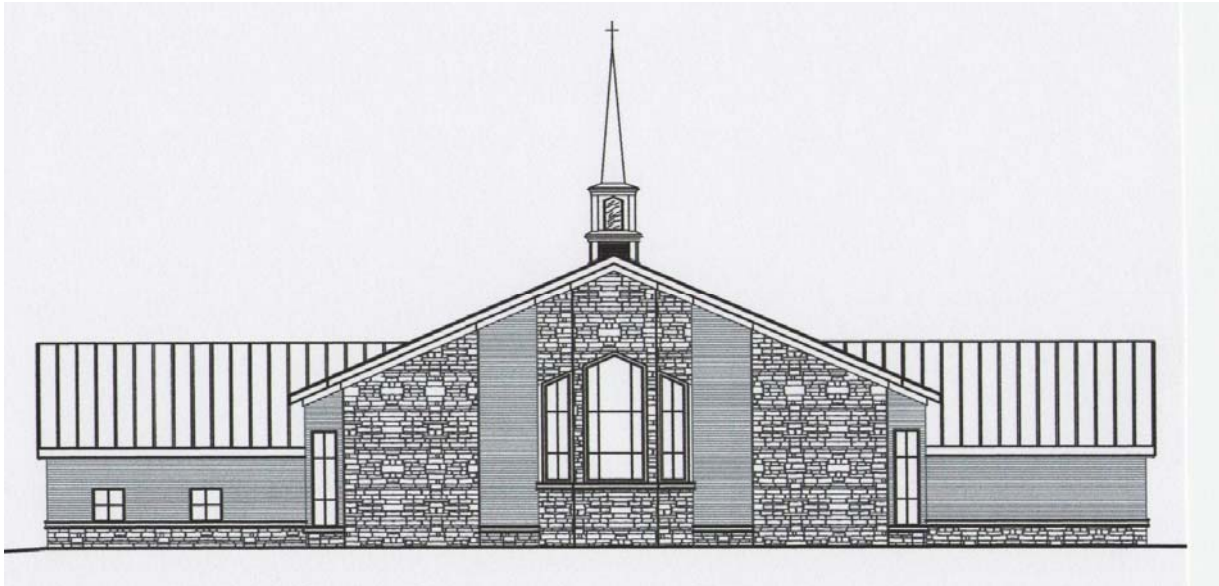
The Pastor's office and Secretary/Reception Office are adjacent to one another and have supervision over the main entrance. A table and chair storage area is located off the main entrance.

The kitchen and toilets are strategically placed to work with a later phase enlargement of sanctuary space and service to a fellowship hall. In phase one, the kitchen can serve the Sanctuary (temporary fellowship hall) through a door or over a hinged drop counter. A later fellowship hall could be located just to the left of the kitchen and toilet areas.


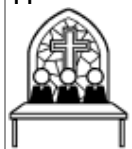


Accessory spaces such as closets, a mechanical room, an electrical room and a janitor's closet are shown on the plans.

When reviewing these conceptual plans, it is important to note that they are still preliminary and have not yet been finalized by the architects or formally approved by the congregation. At this point, they are preliminary ideas that are still under review and discussion. Once budget issues pertaining to the new building have been resolved and a master site plan for the entire 10-acre site has been prepared, we will then be in a better position to make firmer decisions regarding how best to proceed.

*Submitted by Walter Lindenmann, Chair
Church Building Task Force*



JANUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:15 AM Third Annual Quizbowl on Genesis/Middle School 10:15 AM WORSHIP	28 Pastor on Vacation	29 Pastor on Vacation	30 Pastor on Vacation 10:00 AM Travelin' Singers/meet at church office to carpool	31 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Jan	 NEW YEAR'S DAY/OFFICE CLOSED	2
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 FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:15 AM WORSHIP	18 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office 2:00 PM Worship and Music Committee/Glory	19 Day of Faith (VICPP)/Richmond	20 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 11:30 AM Book Discussion Group/Glory 12:00 PM Ken Albright in Office 4:00 PM Administration Meeting/Glory 7:00 PM Bible Study/Glory	 Choir Rehearsal 3:00 PM Office Cleaning/Jan 7:30 PM Adult Choir/Grace	22 9:00 AM Gabi Dech in office 9:00 AM Ken Albright in Office	23
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Remember: The most up-to-date information and details about events listed is available on our website calendar at www.GraceandGlory.org.

If you have a need for the office or additional information that should be included on the calendar, please send the information to Gabi Dech at gglcelca@embarqmail.com, or call her at 589-2217.

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31	February 7
Minister	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright	Kenneth Albright
Lay Assistant	Justin Wade	Joe Shaver	Irma Forger	Dick Haas	Helen Ida Moyer	Justin Wade
Reader	Helen Ida Moyer	Jennifer Starkey	Janice Brown	Janet Rockafellow	Ray Weimer	Charlotte Albright
Ushers/Greeters	Ester Teal Patty Shaver	Joyce and Don Hanson	Marge and Al Mieseemer	Beth and Steve Jenkins	Marilyn and Wayne Carney	Ruth and Ken Haverstrom
Acolyte	Kyle J.	Julia A.	Bridget B.	Stephanie B.	Conor B.	Amanda D.
Sound System	Larry Teal	Steve Jenkins	Bob Pickett	Paul Crowther	Roy Schurmann	Ken Duffau
Altar Care	Marilyn Carney Carol Parsons	Ellen Lindenmann Barbara Smith	Mary Stowe Helen Post	Janet Rockafellow Jan Crowther	Flo Walsh Carol Benske	Doris Parsons Patty Shaver
Refreshments	Ellen Lindenmann Sonja Erickson	Carol Sanders Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger Charlotte Albright	Carol O'Dell Mary Stowe	Mary Jane Bredder Ruth Haverstrom	Doris Parsons Carol Parsons
Tellers	Barbara Smith Justin Wade	Jan Crowther Roy Schurmann	Irma Forger Paul Crowther	Barbara Haas Alice Shifflett	Larry Teal Joe Shaver	Barbara Smith Justin Wade
Visitor Contactor	Marj Schurmann	Grace Bomberger	Sue Pickett	Sue Pickett	Wayne Carney	Marj Schurmann

Sunday Helpers

We all give thanks to our faithful Sunday helpers who provide our music, set up and take down the equipment, chairs, altar and other worship aids, and to those who organize and secure our readers and worship assistants, greeters and ushers, and hospitality providers.

Greeters/Ushers

Patty Shaver – 589-6050

Readers and Assisting Ministers

Sue Pickett – 589-5994

Sunday School

Terry Shifflett – 589-8270

Hospitality

Carol Wade – 589-3232

Jean DeMarco – 589-5165

Altar Care

Mary Stowe – 589-8621

Helen Post – 589-6937

Altar Flowers

Joyce Hanson – 825-4584

Music

Julie Martell – 591-0503

Acolytes

Lynette Kacmarcik – 589-8413

Tellers

Marj Schurmann – 589-1206

Sound System

Marj Schurmann – 589-1206

If you have signed up for a duty and find that you cannot make it for some reason, please arrange to find a replacement.

Prayer List Request

E-mail Carol Parsons at ggprayerlist@embarqmail.com or call her at 589-6068 if you wish to add or delete a Prayer List concern.

Bulletin, Office and Calendar Requests

E-mail Gabi Dech at gglcelca@embarqmail.com or call her at 589-2217 to:

1. Have an announcement included in the Sunday bulletin
2. Schedule the office meeting spaces
3. Have an activity or meeting included on the church calendar. The calendar is posted on our Website (www.graceandglory.org).