

## **Session Highlights—May 24, 2010**

(summary only—not minutes)

At the May 24 stated session meeting, there were 11 elders, three staff, a Presbytery commissioner, a deacon and the clerk. Session heard reports and took action as follows:

Received the clerk's report with these changes: Placed on inactive roll Jeffrey and Kristi Pepper, Gordon and Helen Appleby, Emily Armstrong, Michael Baker, Julia Burdakin, Laura Currin Salter, Carl Fischer IV, Heather Lehmann, Blake and Courtney Mackenzie, Adam Marsh, Gary Menzel, Stephen Miller, Mike and Kristen Olosky, Elizabeth Paterson, Steve and Gail Petersen, Bryan Petersen, Rebecca Petersen, Julie Russell, Susan Sakal, Emily Sampson, Alexander Shipp, Jesse Shipp, Kenneth and Patricia Sorensen, Reid Spearin. Deleted from active roll due to death Susan Nagley on April 26. Added to the marriage register Curtis Stanley Seely and Nicole Lynn Tewilliager on April 23 and Trung Kien Trans and Courtney Melissa Truman on May 8. Added to the rolls the confirmation class of May 16, including Elizabeth Andrea, Brandon Best, Christopher Breeden, Alexander Breeden, Thomas Carlson, Bryce Downing, Andrea Ebling, Amelia Freeman, Morgan Fry, Nicholas Grandelius, Abigail Green, Robert Held, Katherine Nagley, Sarah Nagley, Elizabeth Quigley, Grant Reuss, Scott Swarthout, Nicholas Tons, Jack Zohoury. Membership stands at 1,178.

Heard a report from the April 27 Detroit Presbytery meeting that our church will continue to have four voting commissioners to attend presbytery. Heard that Presbytery is considering the Belhar Confession, a new confession from South Africa dealing with racism which is due to come up for a vote at this year's General Assembly meeting.

Approved a motion for youth to hold two car washes—one on a weekday afternoon during the week of July 12 (Youth Mission Week), the other after the 10 a.m. service on Worship Sunday, Aug. 29. Both would raise funds for youth mission trips.

Approved formation of a new subcommittee of Wider Church Outreach, which will focus on a new ministry for Foster Families Partnerships. Approved the new subcommittee to request from time to time donations from the congregation of everyday useful items for foster-care agencies.

Heard from Finance Committee that the month of April showed a loss of \$9,000, but because of better revenue/loss numbers earlier this year, the church has a positive \$7,000 status year-to-date.

Heard the repair and cleaning of the steeple is complete and the new stones installed should weather to match the older ones in a few weeks.

Approved two fund-raisers for Camp Hosanna, a joint project of our church, Kirk in the Hills and New Bethel Baptist in Pontiac. One is dinner on June 27 at the Burger King on Telegraph and Maple Roads and a coffee hour June 6 to provide a scholarship to camp.

Heard church youth will help with Vacation Bible School and live at the church for a week in July to take part in mission projects; 4 youth to attend Triennium, national Presby. gathering. Closed with prayer at 8:10 p.m.