



The Leeds Lantern

Leeds Presbyterian Church exists to honor God, make disciples,
and meet human needs through acts of hospitality and love .



February 2010

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Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship
Service 11:00 a.m.

Adult Choir Practice
Wed. 5:30 p.m.

STAFF

Pastor:
Reverend Kurt D. Selles

Secretary
Dianne Hollis

Treasurer
Emily Hodges

Clerk of Session
Patricia Partridge

THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

On the 17th of this month, churches around the world will celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday officially marks the forty days of Lent (not including Sundays) before the church celebrates Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the early church this period was when new believers were prepared for baptism. But by the fourth century, the church also began using the forty days before Easter as a reminder of Jesus' own period of fasting and prayer in the wilderness and as a time of repentance and prayer in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

According to *The Worship Sourcebook* (the resource I use for liturgy), when we observe Lent, we have three main goals in mind.* First, observing Lent reminds us of our mortality, our sinfulness, and our need for a savior. Second, observing Lent reminds us of our daily need for repentance. Third, and finally, observing Lent prepares our hearts for the joy of Easter morning, when we remember anew that through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection we are brought from death to new life. In short, Lent takes us through the journey of faith: dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ, for that is the Gospel.

On Wednesday 17, we are planning to hold an Ash Wednesday service. The reasons for observing Lent mentioned above will all be woven into the liturgy of our worship service. At the close of the worship service, we will receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads. This mark on the forehead is a traditional mark of Ash Wednesday, which marks the formal beginning of our observation of Lent. In the Bible, ashes are a symbol of mourning and repentance. While the imposition of ashes is not a sacrament like baptism and the Lord's Supper, it is like the sacraments in that it is an outward sign of an inward reality. The ashes are for us an appropriate symbol of the journey we will be making from sin and death to joy and new life.

I hope that you can attend the Ash Wednesday service, but most of all I pray that God enriches our hearts during this period of preparing for celebrating Easter.

May God bless you all,

Kurt

Because of the holidays and my travel schedule at the end of December, I failed to write a newsletter blurb for January. One thing I missed expressing last month was our gratitude for your Christmas gift. Vicki and I were so moved by your generosity. Thank you!

**The Worship Sourcebook*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2004. Pg. 541.



New Pictorial Directory

It's been a while since we've had a new church directory at Leeds PC, so it's time to make an updated version. With the Session's approval, Dianna and Ashley Deavers will be helping us put together a pictorial directory. During our fellowship meal after the service on February 14, the Deaverses will be taking our directory pictures. The cost for each picture will be \$15. They will also be bringing along a printer and will be able to give you several pictures to take home (1 5x7, and 4 wallet size pictures). For those who won't be able to come on the 14th, we will schedule an alternate date sometime later in February.

Kurt



Whats Happening at Church

MISSIONS

Many thanks for your continued support for the Food Drive for Leeds/Moody Welfare Coop. With the poor economy and now the extreme cold weather, many folks are having a very hard time buying food and managing to stay warm. During the first week of January, 2010 we helped feed 45 families so many of our supplies are depleted. As of Monday, January 18, we had NO oil, cooking spray, crackers (saltines), mayonnaise, ketchup, Mustard, spaghetti sauce and sugar. We also had very little green peas, fruit, self-rising flour and meal (2 or 5 lbs), peanut butter, jelly or jam, or tomatoes. If you have not contributed this month please help!

We continue to cook and serve dinners at the First Light Woman's Shelter. Our first dinner for 2010 will be Sunday, February 7.

Felicia Cooper is doing well in her ministry in Mexico with Christ for Children International.

Mary Anne Moseley

WORSHIP COMMITTEE –

If you are unable to serve during February when I have you scheduled please let me know. I invite anyone who would like to greet, be a lay reader, or prepare communion to please let me know and I will be glad to add your name to the volunteer list.

We will have an Ash Wednesday Service on February 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Fellowship lunches –

A fellowship luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 14 (Valentine's Day). Please plan to bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share. We would like to meet at 10:00 a.m. and put the desserts out and whatever else we can and then finish up when church is over. We don't want anyone to have to stay in the kitchen and miss church. With everyone helping it won't take long to get the food on the table and it will give folks a few minutes to visit. If you would like to volunteer to help with the fellowship committee please let me or Emily Hodges know. Thanks.

Doris

YOUR SESSION AT WORK

At the January 17, 2010 session meeting the following items were discussed and decisions were made.

The session ratified the approval of the use of the church for the memorial service of Judson Hartsfield on the 16th of January that was approved via phone.

Approved minutes of the December 27th called session meeting to hear report of personnel committee concerning the Music Director.

Thanks to Sue Jones for filling in as music director through February 14, 2010.

The following people were approved to serve on a search committee for a new music director.

Reverend Selles, Emily Hodges and Patricia Partridge.

Approved the use of the church by the LAC Community Chorus during the next 3 months. They will meet in the fellowship hall and will bring food for the Welfare Drive each rehearsal as they have done in the past.

Reverend Selles reported his activities for the month including home visits, meetings, preaching and phone calls.

He will begin a 14 sermon series on The Apostles Creed. The usual lectionary will be used Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Training for elders will be held during the next month.

The Adult Sunday School continues a study of Church History. The Youth Sunday School taught by Vicki Selles meets each Sunday at 10 am.

An offering for Haiti will be taken January 24, 2010.

Property Report

Repairs were made on the sanctuary heating unit on January 7, 2010 at a cost of \$1,700.

The coach lights were repaired.

The church office furniture was rearranged and the window AC unit was removed in the office since it is no longer being used. Air filters were replaced throughout the church. Elder Hodges offered thanks to Spurgeon Marchant for his help.

The average attendance for December was 36. (see Worship report in the issue)

A congregational meeting will be held February 14, 2010, to present the annual report and the 2010 budget.

A pot luck luncheon will be held February 14th following worship.

(See Missions report in the issue)

Communion was held December 24, 2009 and January 17, 2009.

Jerry Partridge was approved to serve as commissioner for the February Presbytery meeting in Opelika.

Elder Reita Browning was ordained and Elders Jerry Partridge and Spurgeon Marchant were installed on January 17, 2010.

The piano in the choir room is in need of repair.

Received a thank you letter from Reverend Bill Will. Letter is printed in this issue.

The following Committee Chairpersons were appointed. To serve on the Finance Committee-Jerry Partridge
Chairperson for Worship- Doris Jarvis
Chairperson Christian Education -Reita Browning
Chairperson Property-Wynton Hodges, serving on that committee Spurgeon Marchant
Chairperson for Fellowship and Personnel are needed.

The next meeting of session will be February 21, 2010.

Patricia Partridge

February 2010



SESSION COMMITTEES

Worship
Doris Jarvis
205-699-8203

Property
Wynton Hodges
205-699-2001

Finance
Jerry Partridge
205-699-5909

Christian Education

Mission

A-Anniversary
B-Birthdays

Reita Browning
205-699-8896

Mary Anne Moseley
205-699-6276

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Knit Group 10:00—12:00	2	3	4	5	6 B-Lanny Littleton
7 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Dinner at First Light	8 Knit Group 10:00—12:00	9 A-Ross & Lori Brymer	10 Choir Practice 5:45 pm	11 B-Wynton Hodges B-Chloe Selles	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Congregational Mtg Luncheon Pictures Made Valentine's Day B-Davis Brymer	15 Knit Group 10:00—12:00 B- Jarome Brymer	16	17 Ash Wednesday 5:00 Choir Practice 5:45 pm	18	19	20
21 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. S.S. Meeting	22 Knit Group 10:00—12:00	23	24 Choir Practice 5:45 pm B-Joe Dobbs	25 A-Eric & Miriam Turner	26	27 B-Janine Dobbs
28 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.						

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

	Service Position	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
Feb 7	GREETER OFFERING STEWARDS COMMUNION PREPARATION COMMUNION SERVERS LAY READER	Mable Hecht Spurgeon Marchant/Jerry Partridge Doris Jarvis Bill Eads/Matt Raines Mickey Eads
Feb 14	GREETERS OFFERING STEWARDS OFFERING LAY READER	Mable Hecht Spurgeon Marchant/Jerry Partridge Raymond Rowan/Wynton Hodges Patricia Partridge
Feb 21	GREETER OFFERING STEWARDS OFFERING LAY READER	Reita Browning Spurgeon Marchant/Jerry Partridge Linda Littleton/Patricia Partridge Miriam Turner
FEB 28	GREETER OFFERING STEWARDS OFFERING LAY READER	Kathryn Brymer Spurgeon Marchant/Jerry Partridge Bill Eads/Raymond Rowan Chloe Selles

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