

## **Update from the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee**

The committee will resume meetings in September to continue planning for this important event. At our meeting in May, it was decided this should be a 2-day event, beginning on Saturday evening, April 10, 5:30 p.m. with a social event so as to give attendees a chance to visit and catch up. We hope to provide a slide/power point presentation of church history and important events as background during the social time. Because the Azalea Festival will fall on the same weekend as our celebration, a postcard mailer will be mailed in the fall to out-of-town persons to save the date as well as suggest reservations be made early. Former church pastors have already been sent a "save the date" flyer. The Saturday evening social will be followed by musical entertainment in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

An invitation list of former members will be developed from the church register to use for mailing invitations. The committee suggests that a formal invitation be sent out in January 2010. This can be developed in-house so as to save printing costs. If any current members are in contact with former members and have current addresses, please provide them. Once the invitation list is completed, an insert will be provided in the church bulletin and your help with addresses will be appreciated.

Planning for the Sunday event was discussed and the committee felt a potluck lunch would be a lot of work with setup and cleanup for a large number of people. Thus, the committee proposes a reception be held following worship to include more than "finger food and cookies" and that it be held in the Fellowship Hall so as to allow handicapped persons access to chairs. Again, as background, the slide/power point presentation could be provided for those who might not have seen this on Saturday evening.

Candy Williams has proposed that a reunion choir be formed and if you are a past choir member, please join in.

If you have suggestions you would like to offer the committee, they will be most welcome.

Reported by Jean Hall, Chair