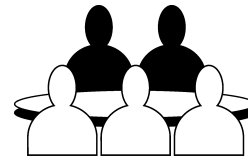


## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – January 11, 2005

*Les Simons for Carol Sholer, Council Secretary*



COUNCIL MEETING

- Finances: Our offerings have increased to a level where they are sustaining our current budget needs. The time is upon us to begin preparing the budget for next year.
- Christmas Concert offering to the Center for Grief and Loss for Children was over \$2200. The School Christmas Service offering to Compassion International for unsponsored children was over \$1000.
- Salem's 80th Anniversary will be celebrated May 22.
- School will build a mini-outdoor-theatre on playground for imaginative play. School is finishing heater installations in gym/offices.
- Kirsten Perry will be the interim Youth Faith Mentor and Laurie Egertson will help with the administration of the youth program.
- Ministry Task Force has been authorized to examine ministry needs and to evaluate personnel allocation.
- Financial Planning Summit is planned to adopt uniform, comprehensive policies and procedures for our finances.
- A new ministry has been initiated, *Ministry of Member Care*. The council will appoint the Steward and the initial committee during the next few weeks and at the Annual Meeting will present a motion to the congregation to authorize the ministry. This ministry will focus on helping members and prospective members find meaningful opportunities for ministry and fellowship at Salem.
- Hand-in-Hand/Lenten Soup Suppers will begin Wednesday, February 16, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Members are invited to bring a pot of soup or a loaf of bread to share -- or come to eat what others have brought. School families are encouraged to stay after they pick up their children from Day Care for a Soup Supper. Lenten mid-week worship services will be from 7:15 until 8:00. (Note: Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services will be at 7:30)
- Women of Salem are planning fundraisers to replace the stove in the Fireside Room kitchen.