

Church Council Meeting
August 17, 2015

The Following Members were present: Chairman Jerry Leishman, Forest Webb, Alfred Scheuch, Steve Hose, Rev. John Rudisill, Dana Phelps, Kyle Sandy, Gayle Boarman, Dee LaFaber, Freeda and Rev. Walter Bowers.

Jerry Leishman opened the meeting in prayer at 7:00 pm.

The following topics were discussed:

Marketing Committee and Social Media Committees are forming. Ginette Dell is handling marketing currently and is looking for other members to form a committee to market the church events.

Justin Rittenberry's Eagle Scout project to build a handicap ramp into the OP. Approximately \$2500 of the required \$4000 has been raised by Justin to date through Justin's fundraising efforts and contributions from the congregation. He spoke briefly before the council to update members and seek direction. The council advised that he could put a flyer in the bulletin to seek further donations from the congregation before attempting additional fundraisers. The project will take 4 to 6 weekends to build so time is limited this year. Council members also advised Justin to seek the necessary permits now in anticipation of going ahead with the project in the coming weeks.

Church Workday Set for September 26. The trustees have set a workday for September 26 from 8 am until the work is complete. A roof for the OP porch will be built as the major project for the day. All members are encouraged to come and help with that and other smaller projects.

The Junior Youth Group Harvest Party set for November 1. Similar to last year's party, this event will last from 4-6 pm and will include a hayride around the church property with stops. Lots of church participation is needed from serving food to leading the fun. Dana Phelps and Mary Clemons will ask groups to help with the event and hope to have the Marketing Committee to help advertise.

Noise in the Sanctuary. Members are concerned that the sanctuary has become quite noisy on Sunday Morning. Although we are a very friendly congregation, we need to respect the sanctity of God's house particularly as the music plays signaling the beginning of the service. An announcement will be made on the projector to remind congregants to turn off cell phones and respect the holiness of the sanctuary.

Same-sex marriage. The Book of Discipline prohibits any United Methodist pastor from performing marriage ceremonies for same-sex couples in paragraph 341.6. The Bedington United Methodist Church has always followed the tenets set forth in the Book of Discipline.

Bats in the church. The bat problem has diminished considerably, however some bats are finding their way into the attic. The company that is contracted to eliminate the bat problem will be adding screens to the outside of the vents to attempt to control the entry of the pests. Kyle Sandy wants to ask the company to continue the contract another year since the bats have not been eliminated from the attic as expected.

The Prayer Chain. Freeda Bowers and Lorelee Miller will update the prayer chain.

All landscaping must go through the trustees. Members are reminded that all landscaping must go through the Trustees so that they will know what is being done and how to maintain it.

Jerry Leishman closed the meeting in prayer at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Dana Phelps