

## **Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting 16 January, 2017**

Present were Jerry Leishman, Steve Hose, Gail Boarman, Dee Lafaber, Nancy Deeds, Pastor Scott Summers, Kyle Sandy, Lori Turner, Forest Webb, Jan Adams, Freeda Bowers, Vickie Elliott, Beth Sandy, Connie Andrews, Joe Gift, Pastor Walter Bowers and Gail Carter.

Jerry opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Old Business:**

- The welcome packets have been updated and are ready to be given to visitors. Some follow-up still needed.
- Report from the nominations committee- individuals to fill the positions of adult education coordinator, Sunday School/ youth education, trustees and evangelism need to be finalized. Some volunteers have come forward- this should be complete by the February council meeting,
- Discussion continued regarding the projected budget shortfall for 2017. Strategies for sharing this information with the congregation were discussed. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Forest that a letter be sent to each family in the church outlining this issue and asking that families be in prayer about this concern. A summary of the letter's content will also be included in the newsletter. The chairs of all committees will also be asked to review their budgets/ expenses and report back to the council with any updated information.

### **New Business:**

- Nancy will be spearheading a card ministry campaign for members of the congregation who are sick, temporarily shut-in or who have missed worship for a couple of weeks.
- Leadership Days will be held on March 4 at Otterbein Church in Hagerstown- members of the council are encouraged to attend.
- Healing ministry Level I is going well- the ministry is now looking to expand to an actual healing prayer event.
- Pastor Scott shared some planned activities including a study in spiritual disciplines during the Lenten season. He was invited to participate in the men's Emmaus weekend in April.
- The January- June, 2017 calendar was reviewed. Upcoming events include an Ash Wednesday service on March 1, and an Easter egg hunt on April 9. Women's Emmaus will be held in May. A pre-Easter event similar to the God's Love is Free tape giveaway was also discussed. Apples of Gold is scheduled for April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1 and 8 with the celebration dinner on May 15. VBS will be the week of June 26.
- Steve moved that Connie be permitted to look for accounting software that can be used to process payroll and budget. Jan seconded the motion and it passed.
- A proposal to stream the second service live via Facebook was presented. The only item needed would be a tripod for the camera- the council will reach out in hopes of finding one that can be donated. Barring that, the council authorized allocating not more than \$100 to purchase a new tripod.

Joe closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be February 20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Carter