

## **Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting**

20 February, 2017

Present were Jerry Leishman, Steve Hose, Gail Boarman, Dee Lafaber, Shelly Hinchman, Nancy Deeds, Pastor Scott Summers, Kyle Sandy, Lori Turner, Forest Webb, Jan Adams, Pastor Walter Bowers and Gail Carter.

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

### **Old Business:**

- A follow-up meeting will be scheduled with the welcome committee- this will probably take place in the next two weeks
- A report from the nominations committee was shared- additional individuals are needed to serve on both the nominations committee and the SPRC.
- The 2017 budget information was reviewed- Steve has asked committee chairs to examine their budgets for possible opportunities to reduce spending.
- Leadership Days will be held in Hagerstown on March 4- Pastor Scott, Lori and Nancy are registered to attend.
- Pastor Scott expressed an interest in doing an evangelism event for Easter- the specifics of this event have not yet been determined.
- The second level of training for the healing ministry is being held now- it is about half complete.
- Pastor Scott indicated that Lenten studies will center around Richard Foster's book, Celebration of Discipline. Messages given on Sunday mornings and during weekly Bible studies will examine this information in depth.
- Apples of Gold begins on April 3 and runs through mid-May.
- There has been an increase in the number of children attending Sunday School- this is a positive sign for our church.

### **New Business:**

- Pastor Scott discussed Readiness 360, an on-line survey to rate our church and its strengths, and weaknesses. This survey will be introduced to the council on April 17 and to the congregation on April 23- completed surveys would be due around May 5 with feedback presented at the May council meeting.
- Another session of Financial Peace University will be offered this year and may be opened to include members of the community. Follow-up at the March council meeting.
- Lori presented information on a fundraising effort organized by the UMW to sell cemetery flowers. 100% of the proceeds will go to the church's general fund. A motion to approve this project was made, seconded and passed.
- Jerry and Forest discussed this year's Lenten project to support a children's orphanage in Haiti.
- The council discussed sending a letter to the members of the congregation outlining the church's current budget status and including a follow-up statement in the May-June newsletter. Motion to send this mailing with subsequent newsletter follow-up was made, seconded and passed.
- Jerry reviewed the congregational prayer and indicated that take-home prayer cards would be available.
- Steve challenged the council to come up with small group projects that could be used to reach the community. These projects could range from giving away bottled water at events to sponsoring a car wash to another scotch tape giveaway. The idea will be presented to Sunday School classes- each class could then come up with their own project and the plan for implementation.

Pastor Bowers closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be March 20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Carter