

## **Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting 20 March, 2017**

Present were Jerry Leishman, Steve Hose, Nancy Deeds, Pastor Scott Summers, Kyle Sandy, Forest Webb, Jan Adams, Pastor Walter Bowers, Freeda Bowers, Vickie Elliott and Gail Carter. Bill Wareheim from the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Western Region was a guest.

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

Bill Wareheim discussed Readiness 360 which is a church self-assessment that looks at performance in four areas: spirituality, relationships, mission and culture. This survey is free and is available to churches to gauge their current performance and set goals for the future. The survey takes about 20 minutes and is administered on a computer.

### **Old Business:**

- Pastor Scott will meet with Rick and Paige Davis to set up the servant evangelism event for Easter.
- Additional individuals are still needed to serve on the nominations committee and the SPRC.
- Leadership Days was held in Hagerstown on March 4- materials from this event will be shared with Rich Hague..
- The UMW have raised more than \$1,000 for the general fund through their flower sales.
- Budget letters should be mailed to the congregation soon.
- The UMW has been discussing remodeling the kitchen with the trustees. They have about \$8,000 of the \$15,000 estimated to do the remodel. The group petitioned the council to lend them the balance of the money from the general fund. A motion to decline this request was made, seconded and passed.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to move forward with the Readiness 360 survey. The survey will start in early May and run for several weeks- more information to follow.

### **New Business:**

- Reminders about the Lenten project to raise funds for an orphanage in Haiti were shared. A choir from this orphanage will be coming to Bedington to sing on September 10. Housing for the children and their chaperones during this visit will also be needed.
- Discussion was held regarding the current status of the church's property and liability insurance including coverage for those participating in the Henderson trip- revisit in April.
- Apples of Gold starts April 3.
- Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, a tripod has been purchased to facilitate a Facebook live broadcast of the second service.
- There are four men signed up to attend the men's Emmaus weekend; participants for the women's weekend are being contacted.
- Jerry asked the council for their thoughts on what one thing Bedington Church could accomplish in 2017. Responses included growing the church and more participation by the congregation in the church's activities.

Vickie closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Carter