

## **Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting 10 July, 2017**

Present were Jerry Leishman, Gail Boarman, Lori Turner, Nancy Deeds, Pastor Scott Summers, Pastor Walter Bowers, Freda Bowers, Dee Lafabre, Vickie Elliott, Rich Hague, Kyle Sandy, Jan Adams and Gail Carter.

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

### **Old Business:**

- The Readiness 360 survey is still available to the congregation. Pastor Scott said the survey will close soon and that the results will be shared by the conference.
- The Haiti children's choir will sing at the September 10 worship services; arrangements are being made for drivers and volunteers to pack lunches for the group during the week. Denia will send Lorelee a schedule of the group's activities during their stay.
- The church's insurance policy has been reviewed- Kyle shared that Steve Hose has made inquiries into Workers' Compensation coverage. Follow-up will be at the August meeting.
- Another mission trip to Henderson has been completed- although described as challenging, the tasks assigned to the 17 participants group were finished.
- A reminder will be sent to those on the prayer chain asking that, other than emergency requests, members be mindful of the work and sleep schedules of others.
- Lori shared that the Safe Sanctuary policy had been amended to include language specifically prohibiting the use of any type of physical discipline.

### **New business:**

- Pastor Scott has completed more of his scheduled classes. He continues to meet with his mentor and is making progress toward ordination.
- Financial information was discussed including a review of the voucher procedure, protocol for using the credit card and an increase in tithing since the first of the year.
- A six-week class for new members will be scheduled and most likely start in September; a new Financial Peace class may be starting in September; the youth Back-to-School bash is scheduled for August 27; the 2017 Hope, Healing and Love event is slated for October 27, 28 and 29; the Harvest Party is scheduled for October 29.
- Pastor Scott indicated that he would like to implement a training program for weekly greeters which could include introducing any visitors to members of the congregation, giving them a visitor's packet, etc.
- Pastor Scott also shared that Rick and Paige Davis will be doing a back-to-school evangelism event.
- Jan requested that a note could be put in the bulletin asking for volunteers to landscape and maintain the small garden at the entrance to the church.
- With Matt Tabler's departure for college, there is a vacancy in the teaching slot for the teen Sunday school class- Rich indicated that he and Ruth James will be co-teaching this group.

Pastor Scott closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Carter