

Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting 18 September, 2017

Present were Jerry Leishman, Lori Turner, Pastor Scott Summers, Pastor Walter Bowers, Freda Bowers, Forest Webb, Vickie Elliott, Steve Hose, Jan Adams, Dee Lafaber and Gail Carter.

Jerry opened the meeting with prayer and Walter shared a devotional. The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Results of the Readiness 360 survey were shared with the council on September 16- results will also be made available to the congregation. Church leaders should review the results and be prepared to offer suggestions on implementing recommendations in the report at the next council meeting.
- Pastor Scott will be meeting with the district committee to set his class schedule for the fall.
- A motion was made and passed to add a renter's insurance rider to the church policy for the parsonage- cost will be about \$85/ year. A second motion was passed to add worker compensation coverage to the church's insurance policy. This coverage would be for paid staff and cost approximately \$700/ year.
- Our new mission statement, '**To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**' will be added to the bulletin and to the church's web site.
- The 2017 Hope, Healing and Love event will be held on October 27, 28 and 29- the schedule of musicians and speakers is being finalized. The Sunday session will feature two speakers.
- The Mission Team will have their first Pancake Breakfast on October 7. Forest will be stepping down as mission chair and Denia Leishman will assume that role.

New business:

- The Fall Festival/ Harvest Party is scheduled for October 29 from 4-6 pm. Beth Sandy and Amanda Hague will coordinate the planning of this event- they will reach out to the congregation for help with the various Harvest Party activities.
- The New Seekers Sunday School class is off to a tremendous start with 17 people attending the first class.
- A motion to defer salary increases until the church conference meeting on September 23 was made and passed.
- Steve asked that committee chairs submit their 2018 budget requests to him by October 31. He is looking for help in maintaining the church's Facebook page and taping services on Sunday morning. Finally, he asked the council to consider purchasing a new video camera at some point in the future that would be used to tape worship services (instead of using the video feature on a smart phone).
- Reports were shared by the following committees:
 - Care Ministry* : The team has delivered 30+ meals this year to members of the congregation who were sick or recuperating from hospital stays. They have also assisted 15 families/ individuals with medical, utility and/ or food expenses. The pound auction is their only fundraiser- all other support comes from the congregation's generous giving.
 - UMW* : The UMW annual auction is scheduled for October 4. The group has sent quilts to Florida and will be honoring two members of the church for their service in October. The ladies will also be teaming with the Food Pantry to provide turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets.

Food Pantry: There are 18 families currently receiving food, cleaning supplies and hygiene products through this program. The food pantry team will be seeking donations of canned goods to include in Thanksgiving baskets.

Worship Committee : This group will be participating in the Thanksgiving food collection by designating an upcoming Sunday when canned food donations can be placed on the altar.

UMM: These dedicated men continue to sponsor spaghetti suppers and donate the proceeds to various groups within the church and the community.

Junior Youth: This ministry is really growing, averaging 15 junior youth in attendance every Sunday evening.

Youth Group : There is a core group of primarily young men who are meeting on Sundays with Kyle Sandy.

Emmaus reunion group : This group of Emmaus alumni have begun meeting on Monday evenings at the church. Meetings are open to anyone who has attended an Emmaus weekend.

Vickie closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be October 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Carter