

Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting 20 November, 2017

Present were Jerry Leishman, Forest Webb, Lori Turner, Pastor Scott Summers, Pastor Walter Bowers, Freeda Bowers, Jan Adams, Dee LaFaber, Steve Hose, Kyle Sandy, Gail Boarman, Janet George and Gail Carter.

Jerry opened the meeting with prayer. Lori shared the church's mission statement, **'To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world'**. The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- The Fall Festival, driven in part by a FaceBook ad boost, was a tremendous success with many youth and parents attending.
- Issues regarding the Building Fund CD and the church's safe deposit box should be completed soon- Jerry and Steve will go to the bank in the next few days to get the necessary signatures on file.
- It was suggested that the SPRC consider putting an ad on FaceBook to expand the search for a musician for the second service.
- A new video camera will be purchased this week that should greatly enhance the quality of recording for the morning worship services. Steve is still actively looking for another individual to help with taping Sunday services.

New business:

- Information was shared regarding the church's financial status, with giving expected to meet expenditures through the end of the year. Jerry will prepare a financial summary (including information on the building fund) to be published in an upcoming bulletin. A PayPal account has also been established- congregants may soon be able to tithe via FaceBook.
- Dee shared that the United Methodist Women will be discontinuing their membership in the conference. Paige Davis has agreed to be the new UMW treasurer. The \$15,000 that the UMW raised will be added to the FRAM offering and earmarked for the kitchen renovation.
- The trustees are planning two major projects for 2018- repairing the roof and ceiling of the pavilion and enhancing the UMW's kitchen renovation project by replacing the floor in the kitchen, stairway and fellowship hall. Estimated cost for the pavilion project is \$6,000; cost for the flooring is expected to be around \$10,000. FRAM funds will be used for these projects. Painting of the fellowship hall may occur in conjunction with these improvements as well.
- Safety measures during worship were reviewed. The council voted to establish a standing safety and security committee- this group will report to the council. The group also voted to lock all exterior doors except the front door once services begin on Sunday mornings, Signs will be posted on the locked doors directing worshippers to enter through the doors at the front of the sanctuary.
- The congregational survey/ evaluation is due December 1. This document is to be completed by the pastor, the SPRC chair, the Council chair, the Finance chair and the church's lay leader.
- Upcoming events on the calendar include a servant evangelism outreach on December 9 and the cantata and children's program on December 17. The church will go caroling in the community on December 17- the UMW will serve food to those participating in this event. Christmas Eve

services will be held at 9:00 am, 11:15 am, 5:00 pm (family service), 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm (candlelight service). Christmas decorations will be taken down on January 5 and the SPRC will meet on January 8. Quilting will be held on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, starting January 3 through March 28. Missions pancake breakfasts are scheduled for the first Saturday in January, February and March of 2018.

- Paige Davis has expressed an interest in re-establishing children's church during the 9am service- a notice will be put in the bulletin asking for volunteers. Volunteers must have Safe Sanctuary documents on file or be willing to complete the background check.

Freedra closed the meeting with prayer. The next council meeting will be January 15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Carter