

## **Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting 15 January, 2018**

Present were Jerry Leishman, Steve Hose, Lori Turner, Pastor Scott Summers, Pastor Walter Bowers, Freeda Bowers, Don Lafaber, Dee Lafaber, Gail Boarman, Nancy Deeds, Denia Leishman, Janet George and Gail Carter.

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

### **Old Business:**

- The trustees' and UMW kitchen/ fellowship hall renovation project is scheduled to begin on May 21 and is expected to last approximately three weeks. Scope of the renovations includes remodeling the kitchen and replacing the flooring in the kitchen, fellowship hall and stairs. If additional funding can be secured, the kitchen and fellowship hall will be painted during this period.
- Children's Church has not yet resumed- Pastor Scott will touch base with Paige Davis and Tierney Riner Mumpower for an update.
- The newly-formed safety committee has had one meeting. They will meet with a consultant on January 28- topics to be explored include purchasing an AED kit, stocking a medical bag for emergencies and installing security cameras.
- The contemporary worship service is still in need of a musician. If the congregation has knowledge of anyone who would be willing to lead music at the 11:00 service, please contact Pastor Scott.
- The new camera for taping Sunday worship services is reportedly working well.
- The servant evangelism/ scotch tape event in December went well- the two teams that went out were able to pray with a number of people.
- The decision regarding reinvestment of Building Fund monies was tabled until the February meeting.

### **New business:**

- A new program called The Church in Action has been initiated. It will spotlight different ministries on third Sunday of each month and include displays in the narthex and a brief presentation during the worship service. January, February and March will feature the Quilting group, the United Methodist Men and Apples of Gold, respectively.
- Interest was expressed in having each Sunday's sermon topic be included in the worship section of The Journal. Pastor Scott will reach out to Lorelee and Vickie about getting these submitted for publication each week.
- Church financial information was shared- average monthly giving in 2017 was \$25,163. A reminder was given to those making purchases asking that they turn in receipts promptly, especially any receipts for credit card purchases.
- Freeda shared that the Care Ministry served fifteen families in 2017.
- A letter has been drafted by the United Methodist Men to the men of the church outlining what the group does throughout the year and inviting them to be part of this group.
- The condition of the communion table was discussed- Don and Alfred will get a sheet of Plexiglas to protect the tabletop and replace the Plexiglas on the altar as well.

- For safety's sake, Jerry will reach out to Alfred about designating the area by the telephone pole and at the end of the parking lot (closest to the parsonage) as 'No Parking' areas on Sunday mornings.
- Jerry shared some principles from Church Awakenings by Charles Swindoll that he would like to see implemented by the church leadership. These principles, based on Acts 2:42, include being devoted to following the Apostles' teachings, fellowship, eating together (including communion) and praying together. Jerry urged the leadership to stay focused on biblical principles and not get side-tracked by extraneous activities and events.

Freeda closed the meeting with prayer. The next council meeting will be February 19.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Carter