

Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting

19 March, 2018

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

Walter opened the meeting with prayer. The council listened to a presentation from Kevin Knowles, Berkeley County Recovery Services coordinator. Kevin shared information about the recovery services program and its goals, indicating that addiction knows no age, income, social class or family background limits. He also provided various statistics about the clients who utilize the center for treatment. Mr. Knowles said there is a significant need to provide services to those working through addiction issues. The church could support the center in any number of ways including hosting a Celebrate Recovery program, providing drivers to transport clients to meetings or giving financial support.

Following Mr. Knowles' presentation, the council continued with the regular meeting. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- The kitchen/ fellowship hall renovation project is still on schedule to begin May 21.
- The United Methodist Foundation is now managing the monies from the building fund.

New Business:

- There was a follow-up discussion about Mr. Knowles' presentation and the potential role that the church could play. A motion was made and passed that the church offer its facilities to host meetings for the Recovery Services organization.
- The financial report as of February 28 was reviewed.
- Jerry shared a report from the Leadership Days conference that was held in Hagerstown on March 17. The book, Gear Up- Nine Essential Processes for the Optimized Church, was used as the central topic of discussion during the workshop. Some key questions churches need to ask themselves include how do we make visitors/ guests feel welcome and how do we build relationships with them? Jerry urged the council members to acquire this book and read the first four chapters before the next meeting.
- Special recognition was given to Dana Phelps for the music she recently provided during the second worship service.
- The safety committee reported that an 'Active Shooter' training exercise will be held on April 8 after the second service.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Carter