

## **Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting 20 August, 2018**

Present were Jerry Leishman, Steve Hose, Lori Turner, Pastor Scott Summers, Pastor Walter Bowers, Janet George, Freeda Bowers, Vickie Elliott and Gail Carter.

Mission Statement: To make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

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

### **Old Business:**

- In continuing with the Gear Up program, Jerry has asked several individuals in the congregation to serve as 'connectors' who will work with greeters to welcome guests and answer questions they may have about our church. Members of the security team in the parking lot will serve as initial greeters and direct guests to the sanctuary.
- AA meetings will begin at the church on August 31. Matt Werhoff will also facilitate activities with Kevin Knowles from the Community Outreach Resource Center.
- The kitchen, fellowship hall and downstairs bathroom renovations are complete.
- The Missions Team community talent show will be September 8- rehearsal is set for August 25. The council will contact Tamara Cole and ask that she post this event on the BUMC Facebook page.

### **New business:**

- The council completed an exercise that Jerry had emailed to the group concerning the various ministries of the church and their overall impact. Some of the ministries examined included VBS, food pantry, quilting, spaghetti suppers, Appleseeds and Hope, Healing and Love. Jerry's assignment to the council centered around three questions:
  - 1: do these events grow a Christian's faith,
  - 2: do they help non-Christians who are attending church 'find their way' or
  - 3: are they primarily a way to reach out to the non-church community?
- The financial statement/ summary of cash accounts for the month was reviewed.
- Budget requests for 2019 should be submitted to the finance team by October 15 so the budget can be created and approved.
- David Alberding has been hired as the worship leader for the contemporary service. His remuneration will be reviewed in 2019.
- Jerry queried the council about upcoming leadership vacancies and urged committees to choose/ appoint a successor (if this hadn't already been done). He indicated that he will be stepping down as the council chair in the next year or two.
- Charge conference will be held on October 27 at 10:15 at St. Luke's Church.
- Vickie indicated that another Level I Healing Prayer Ministry class will start in September.
- The youth are currently planning the Harvest Party to be held in October.

Freeda closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be September 17.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Carter