

LUMC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2010

Those present:

Ed Gebhart	Bob Nesselroad	Judy Nesselroad
Mike Handley	Mike Gossage	Linda Stephens
Dawn Trapp	Linda Teague	Bruce Dickerson
Pastor Val	Charlene Elam	Tim Crowe
Dan Dennis	Nancy Risner	Lonnie Risner
Sis Rimer	Nancy Albright	Greg Albright
Sue McPeek		

1. Linda Teague opened the meeting with a warm welcome and a prayer for our group

2. REVIEW of minutes of last month's meeting....no changes noted. Bruce made a motion to accept, with Nancy Albright as a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote

3. TREASURER: Sue and Nancy Albright report that we ended the month of SEPT in the red. About \$6700 for the year (not counting Miracle Sunday contributions), but the first two Sundays in OCT were better than the first two Sundays in SEPT. The renter on the Arlington Ave. house did pay us some, but is still behind for SEPT and OCT, as well as some for 2009. We were able to make a third quarter payment to the District for apportionments. Their 2011 figures are going up a couple of hundred dollars over 2010 up to about \$5,900.00. We have not made a Conference apportionment payment, but are going to try to do what we can in December before the end of the year to at least make a partial payment. Conference apportionments for 2011 are actually down slightly over their 2010 request.

4. TRUSTEES: Mike Gossage reports they met on September 16. At that meeting, Greg Albright discussed his recommendation to paint the ceramic tiles in the corridors. Trial tests have been implemented and are under evaluation. After Linda delivered a letter to Terie and later discussed the late payments, a money order was promptly delivered to the Church for \$1,500, which pays her rent thru August, 2010. The committee voted to approve the start up of a community paper recycling program to become more environmentally friendly. A 7 cubic-yard bin will be put in the North parking lot closest to Pleasant Ave. for our congregation and the community to put their newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office paper and junk mail. The paper collected will be recycled back into newsprint within a few weeks of it being collected. In addition to keeping the paper out of the landfill, we will be paid for the paper by weight. If we get good use of the program, we anticipate a revenue of \$1,500 a year. We hope that the community will also support the program. The delivery of the bin is anticipated to occur the 3rd week of October. The trustees attempted to acquire competitive proposals for our Preventive Maintenance contracts on our mechanical equipment. We offered 3

vendors bid requests. One presented a bid but shortly afterward requested that their bid be retracted due to a conflict of interest on their part. The other two bidders backed down because they felt that they could not properly service our account due to their size and number of employees. The committee decided to remain with Debra-Kuempel for another year for the new rate of \$4,620.00, and request new proposals again next year. The trustees will be acquiring a comparative quote for our liability insurance coverage. The present policy expires NOV 8. The feedback regarding the churches that have "No Skateboarding" signs is 6 do not and 1 do. The one that did is in Milford.

5. SPRC: Tim reports Daniel Dennis has been hired as our new Youth Minister. His official start date was 10/1/10. The SPRC group is currently working on the 2011 budget.

6. FINANCE: Ed gave a power point presentation to the Team on our current financial status, and it will be available on line as well. On OCT 17 pledge/stewardship packets will be handed out and on NOV 14 they will be turned back in during Sunday worship services.

7. NOMINATIONS: Val reports they are meeting this THRS and have started to make calls to Church members to serve on various committees for 2011.

8. STAFF: Senior Pastor: Pastor Val wants to again express her appreciation to all of the Team members as we continue to give leadership in so many different ministry areas of our church. Thanks for our faithfulness and our witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She continues: "I sensed the movement of the Holy Spirit as I served Holy Communion at the SEPT Community Meal in the chapel to folks who were asking for forgiveness. Recently I have seen God's Grace and love at work as we moved thru the 930 am worship service yesterday without electric power---for the servant volunteers who helped our older members to their cars because the elevator was not working. I saw Christ in 6 year old Dillon yesterday during Kid's Time really provided wisdom and insight. I so loved the UMM's fish fry this past Saturday as Christ was present at the tables in the breaking of bread, and in the fellowship of new friends and old friends. I saw Christ in the actions of our youth under Dan's guidance help set-up, bus tables, and tear-down. I hear songs of faith again playing thru the carillon speakers out into the surrounding community. I see God's spirit working thru our staff every day and thru our dedicated treasurers every WED. I always experience grace and care at our Spiritual Vision Team meetings on Monday evenings...to name only a few places where God's love and mercy have been experienced."

2010 Church Wide Goals: (1) Prayers for new souls entering our doors here at LUMC and those souls entering other UM churches in our District. God continues to answer this prayer each Sunday and at our new Immersion Service. In the last 6 weeks, 3 new people have joined our church, 2 by profession of faith and 1 by transfer, and 3 baptisms, 1 baby and 2 immersions. (2) The Spiritual Vision Team has been faithfully meeting and has begun sharing their insights and challenges to our church family concerning walking closer to Christ. Immersion Service is off and running as well. (3) In order to serve our surrounding neighborhoods, we are still exploring the use of the

house next door as "The Shepherd's Place", the possibility of a second van, increasing our servant volunteers, and sending additional packages to Bonwire Wesley Methodist Church in West Africa. Our first packages arrived in good order.

Val continued in thanking all who attended and supported the visit of Jerry Lucas and asked for feedback on that weekend. The Pre-school has successfully moved upstairs on the second level. Their 4 year olds program is filled and the 3 year olds program is nearly full. Thanks to Bob Nesselroad, Dale Titus and Ray Kissinger for building and installing the new Ministry Opportunity Information Center in Fellowship Hall. The financial campaign will begin on OCT 17 and run thru NOV 14. We will celebrate ministries, gifts, talents and our promises of money to the operating budget of 2011. There will be a Cluster Charge Conference on SUN November 7 at 230 pm at Park Ave. UMC. All are welcome to attend with Val. 5 to 7 children are training to become acolytes. Youth Sunday will be held on NOV 28, Dan will be preaching and the youth will serve where they can during the service. The First Sunday in Advent theme will be "All I want for Christmas is Hope".

Youth: Dan reports his fall theme for the Youth will be "Taking the Plunge" (into the life of Christ). He hopes to get some T-shirts made up with an exclamation point splashing into water to follow this theme. He has 3 areas of focus: 1. Education: he wants to increase the learning of youth thru possible Bible study either at LUMC or local schools, a youth book club and retreats/lock-ins. 2. Social: they hope to continue to be a part of the Immersion Service once a month, canoeing, camping, and skating, possibly with other church youth groups and/or our own "Alumni" of church youth. 3. Mission: he hopes to be able to do some inner-city work, Indian reservations etc. There will be plenty of opportunity for adult volunteers to help out.

Music: Charlene reports the number of Sunday choir members is down compared to last year at this time, but the current members are working hard to adjust to offset the voice imbalance; the choir feels strongly to keep going to praise God thru song.

Children's: Dawn reports the WED Pathways continues to grow and is now up to about 30 kids. She needs some help with the group which is children 3 years - 4th grade. J-Zone for 5th and 6th graders meets on Monday nights that she has a wonderful group of 5 mighty kids. Stacey is leading and Dawn is assisting. They eat dinner, discuss scripture over the meals and the kids are growing stronger in the Lord. They went over how to speak to the Community meal diners, and will be doing this activity this coming SAT. They plan on going out in the neighborhood to collect canned food for our pantry. Sunday School, she has found some folks to help take turns teaching on Sunday mornings.

DTM: Bruce reports 135 attended WED Immersion services the first month which included lots of exciting events. His next theme will be going deeper with God and where each individual is going in their own journey with God. The next prayer drive-thru will be held on NOV 5 from 430 - 6pm. He also hopes to set up "prayer booths" at community events such as the public Christmas tree lighting etc. He is also working on

a rolling soup kitchen to take food to the homeless during the winter. He and Dawn will be attending a grant writing seminar in Sharonville this coming Sunday.

9. OUTREACH: Sis reports their committee met on September 28 and received a thank you email from the Bonwire Methodist Church: "I write to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to your congregation and management for your prayer support during my surgical treatment and also kind gesture that is, stationary supplied to our school kids'.....Yours Faithfully, Very Rev. Richard K. Amankwa. Their committee is looking to do a walk thru in the neighborhood community to gather canned food for our church pantry. Most of their committee's time was spent discussing Treat Street. This year "Biblical Characters" will be telling their stories at the various stations/games. They will hold a meeting on October 24 after church to discuss future plans for the Arlington Ave. house.

Our Team entered into a group discussion about the funding for Treat Street. After a good exchange of concerns and ideas, Sis made a motion, with Greg as a second to spend a maximum of \$1,200 on Treat Street expenses, with 600.00 coming from the Becker Estate funds, and 400.00 from the Kettle Corn sales, with a possibility of another 200.00 coming from that same source. The motion carried 17 - 1.

10. UMW: Judy reports their cookie sale will be held on DEC 11, and they will be holding a planning luncheon on Sunday

11. UMM: no report

12. STEPHENS MINISTERS: Judy reports that classes have begun for new minister trainees. There are 11 students.

13. SPIRITUAL VISION: Greg reports his team is in week #3 of our October Launch. This week is the Analogy skit, how each of us visualizes "going deeper" with Christ. Week #4 will introduce the "Spiritual Continuum". This will be an insert in the bulletin each week to facilitate folks walking closer with Christ. These first 4 weeks of presentation are just the beginning. We will examine "Where Am I?" on the spiritual continuum. Our philosophy is God absolutely accepts us wherever we are on the continuum. However, with just as much certainty, God has no intention of allowing us to stay at our present level....He wants us to move toward the top level. The Team will NOT be making a "to do" list for the congregation. Our purpose is to help people fall in love with Jesus. The guiding principal will be: If you want to build a ship, don't send people to collect wood or dividing up the work to be done. Instead instill in them a love of the endless sea."

14. IT TEAM: Bruce reports they are still working on previously discussed issues, and that he and Greg got the steeple music playing once again.....at noon, 3 and 6 pm.

15. Pastor Val closed us in prayer, with the next meeting scheduled on MON. Nov 8, 2010 at 1900