

LUMC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

September 13, 2010

Those present:

Mike Gossage
Sis Rimer
Tim Crowe
Linda Stephens
Dawn Trapp
Charlene Elam

Mike Handley
Linda Teague
Dale Titus
Judy Nesselroad
Greg Albright

Bruce Dickerson
Rev. Valerie Waibel
Carrie Titus
Bob Nesselroad
Nancy Albright

1. OPENING of the meeting and welcome to us by Linda
2. Prayer for our meeting by Pastor Val
3. REVIEW of minutes of August meeting. Dawn requested one change: in the amount of meals & snacks served this summer at the 3 Summer Shine programs to reflect "over 3,000" as opposed to an exact number previously quoted. Greg made a motion to accept the amended minutes with Mike Gossage as a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote
4. TREASURER: Nancy reports for the actual month of August we ended in the black, but are still behind for the overall year. But the good news is all of our bills are caught up and the third payment was made on our District apportionments. We have exhausted all but a few hundred dollars of the Miracle Sunday Capital funding (our "surplus" that we held for a while had to be used to pay for microphones on new radio frequencies, per new US regulations)
5. TRUSTEES: Mike reports the Arlington Avenue house payment was received for June, but July, August and September were not. The renter has been very difficult to contact to try and determine her ability to pay. We had a lengthy group discussion on all the pros and cons of how we should proceed on this matter, and agreed to pray on it this month, as well as referring it back to the next Trustees meeting for further discussion. Mike continued that a church cleaning project was held on August 28 with seven members working at various cleaning jobs. The trustees recommended that we do not install signs limiting the use of skateboards and the basketball goal on the church grounds. This subject was also followed by a good long group discussion of all the pros and cons on posting signs, and a run in that our custodian Glen had with a false accusation by a skateboarder. We again referred the matter back to Trustees with a month of prayer to guide our decision. The trustees will be installing an alarm at the Parsonage. The cost of the system will be paid for by donations. The van is now fully insured for use by the Kettle Corn group as long as their trailer carries separate liability insurance. The A/C unit at the Parsonage is in need of some work. Bartels did some temporary work on it to get it thru the end of the summer, but we will need to make a decision on a larger fix or replacement come next cooling season. The chairlift

alongside the stage could not be used by Habitat for Humanity, so Linda has placed an ad in the next District newsletter to see if any other churches may need it.

6. FINANCE: Ed gave a power point presentation to our group updating us on the current financial situation of the church. Pledges have caught up some over last month, but overall income is still running behind for the year. The most striking stat was the Miracle Sunday funding is almost \$14,000 behind where it should be. We had a short group discussion on why this might be happening.

7. SPRC: Tim reports his committee held second interviews with 2 candidates for our Youth Leader Position. We will be meeting this WED to decide which candidate will be offered the position. A projected start date would be no later than OCT 1, 2010. Bruce Dickerson attended last month's SPRC meeting to ask for our endorsement for his continued educational process to become an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. The SPRC group voted unanimously to support Bruce in this process. Bruce is required to get the endorsement of our church to continue his candidacy process. Therefore, Tim made a motion with Greg as a second, to suspend the Leadership Team meeting and convene a called session of our Charge Conference for the purpose of approving Bruce Dickerson for candidacy in the West Ohio Conference. Pastor Val had requested and received permission from the District Superintendent to hold and chair this call session of our Charge Conference. This motion was followed by a unanimous YEA vote.

CHARGE CONFERENCE: Pastor Val opened the conference. Bruce gave the Conference an update on where he is at in his training etc. in his candidacy. The attendees then asked Bruce some questions and gave affirmations for his work. After discussion, Tim made a motion, with Sis as a second, to recommend Bruce as a candidate as an Elder in the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. This motion was followed by a unanimous YEA vote. Pastor Val then called upon our group to gather around Bruce in a circle and we laid our hands on him while Pastor Val prayed. After prayer, Linda made a motion to close the Conference, with Judy as a second. This was followed by a unanimous YEA vote.

8. NOMINATIONS: their committee met last week and will begin calling people this week to try to fill existing vacancies on various committees.

9. STAFF REPORTS: Senior Pastor: Val reports an update on our 2010 Church wide Goals: A) In order to reach out to our community and to better become a "church without walls"---during 2010 we are going to pray for new souls who will enter our doors seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ AND the doors of other UMCs in our District. As lead pastor she knows God is answering this prayer on a weekly basis in worship and now thru our new Immersion Service, Bible study, AA, community meals, people who just stop by for help, weddings, Moms club, Pathways, and TASC to name a few. We made prayer journals during Lenten season earlier this year and we began praying for these new souls way back then. B) In order to create a more Christ-like community and to better become a "church without walls"----during 2010 we will establish a Spiritual Vision Team that will meet regularly on Mondays for prayer and dialogue. As

lead pastor she has been attending these regular Spiritual Vision Team Meetings on Mondays. We finished 2 books. We are getting ready to share in October some of our ideas/challenges about moving closer to Christ and growing in our spiritual faith. Prayer Warriors/Champions are going strong! C) In order to serve our community in new ways and to better become a "church without walls"---we want to explore the possibility of using the house next door for the purpose of being the Shepherd's Place; the feasibility of a second van; increasing our servant volunteers; and support for Bonwire Wesley Methodist Church in Ghana, West Africa. As lead pastor, she knows that our Outreach Committee is now working on calling together a working team to discuss the possibility of the Shepherds Place. The other ideas have all been discussed and acted upon.

Val then asked out Team for feedback on the David Wells Ministry from July 25. We all liked his music, but wanted to hear more of his testimony. On Sunday, SEPT 26, Dr. Jerry Lucas, former Middletown, Ohio, OSU, US Olympic and NBA basketball star will preach on Sunday morning a message entitled "improving Family Relationships". At 6pm we will hold a pot luck supper and at 7pm he will talk on Family Learning Made fun and easy, with child care provided. On Monday 9 - 27, he will talk at 7pm on Names and Faces Made easy, with child care provided. The Financial Campaign for the 2011 Operating Budget will begin at the end of October into the middle of November. A recent UM survey entitled "Vital Congregations Research Project: of some 32, 228 UM Churches of all different sizes, styles, geography, etc. found the following keys to successful/vital churches: Small groups and programs like Bible study, women's circles, missions, shared interests and support groups. Vital churches seem to have separate programs for children and youth. An active Lay leadership---the most vital churches had 25 - 50% of attendees in leadership during the 5 years (this is similar to our own goal of increasing our servant volunteer pool). Effective leaders rotate out their positions and they demonstrate a vital, personal faith thru prayer, Bible study, attending weekly worship, giving proportionally, and being a servant volunteer as they witness to their faith. Effective pastors: they serve lengthy tenures at churches, they provide inspirational preaching for this time in history, they coach and mentor the laity in leadership roles, they influence actions and behaviors of others to accomplish change, and they work with congregations to achieve significant goals. A mix of traditional and contemporary worship.....inspirational preaching is necessary in both styles of worship. However, contemporary should contain multi-media.

Youth: Linda and Dave continue to fill in while we search for a youth director.

Music: Charlene reports the choir has started back to work, and she will be meeting with them tomorrow to see what can be decided about not being able to use the choir loft for WED night practice. They may want to change the time, location or night of the week to practice.

DTM: Bruce reports the craft show for OCT 2 has been canceled due to lack of vendors. The Immersion Service started on SEPT 1, with 35 and 44 attending the first two weeks. A Baptism was held the first week, and Communion the second week. Ads are still going on and a mailing out of 2,000 postcards resulted in only 40 being returned

as non-deliverable. The new member's class has ended, and 3 folks will be joining the church on October 3.

10. MISSIONS/EVANGALISM: Sis reports they met on AUG 31 and decided to join their two committees together under the new title of OUTREACH. OCT 23 is the date of the next Treat Street from 4 - 6pm. Her group will be talking about our church activities and services to the attendees during these two hours, which are always well attended. We had a group discussion on the money we spend on Treat Street, what the rules were for spending budgeted monies/cash flow for treasurer's notice, etc. For the Jerry Lucas pot luck dinner, they will provide a meat and cheese tray. Sis continued that a Shepherd's House task force has been formed to examine possible uses for our Arlington Ave. house. The first 3 boxes of school supplies have been sent to our sister Church in Ghana, West Africa, with postage total of \$180.00, so we are waiting to hear when it arrives, and how we might ship future items.

11. UMW: donated a new chest freezer to the church kitchen being picked up and installed by Ray Kissinger and Bob Nesselroad.

12. UMM: OCT 9 is the next Fish Fry

13. STEPHENS MINISTERS: Judy reports a new class begins on SEPT 21 , with 10 - 11 students. All classes will be held at LUMC this session. They will meet each TUES from 7 - 9pm. Judy went to the regional meeting of Stephens Ministers in Milford, Ohio

14. SPIRITUAL VISION: Greg presented our Team a flip-chart presentation on the subject of how close on is to Christ drives his/her spiritual growth. In October there will be an outline in the church bulletin giving daily scripture readings to read which will lead up to the next Sunday's sermon. Similar to the same theory of "steps" in an ascending staircase that we used to increase our financial giving, we can use to increase our spiritual growth to get closer to Christ in small steps.

15. IT TEAM: no report

16. STATE OF THE CHURCH: temporarily tabled for further discussion later

17. Pastor Val led us in closing prayer.

Next meeting Monday, October 11 at 7pm