

LUMC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

December 13, 2010

Those present:

Pastor Val	Bob Nesselroad
Mike Handley	Nancy Risner
Tim Crowe	Lonnie Risner
Bruce Dickerson	Greg Albright
Charlene Elam	Nancy Albright
Dawn Trapp	Ed Gebhart
Sis Rimer	

1. WELCOME by Tim

2. OPENING PRAYER by Pastor Val

3. Review of minutes from the November meeting: on the Youth report, it should have read the Youth will be attending both men's AND women's basketball games at Miami-Hamilton for the Pep Club program. Charlene's name had also been mistakenly left off of those people who attended the meeting. After these corrections were noted, Nancy Risner made a motion to accept, with Greg as a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote.

4. TREASURER: Nancy Albright reports NOV was a challenging month. Contributions were approx. \$4,000 less than October. We also had an insurance bill that ran over \$3,000. We had to take \$5,000 from Miracle Sunday funds to meet payroll.

5. TRUSTEES: Val read Mike Gossage's report: Mike reports the Trustees met on November 18. Greg communicated the results of the painting trial on the ceramic tile in the corridors. He advised that the only method that yielded a good outcome was the etching/priming/painting process. The finish was strong enough to retard chipping and wall damage that could occur due to physical contact with the tile. He advised that the cost to do the 1st and 2nd floors along with the pastor's restroom would be approx. \$1,500. Realizing that funding was not available at this time, the committee felt that it would be advantageous to treat the walls in the pastor's restroom for approx. \$100.00 and get opportunity to see the outcome.

The Arlington Ave. property was discussed. The Trustees were advised that the renter had not made a payment for October, November nor December. The Trustees discussed the repeated inability for the renter to make the rent payments as well as back pay, and a motion was made and approved, asking the renter to find another place to

live that may be more affordable for them. On December 8 the renter began moving out of the property and as of Saturday, December 11, the majority of their items have been removed.

Two recycle bins were put into use to help remind our parishioners of our initiative and to help facilitate carrying the paper products to the recycle container in the north parking lot.

6. SPRC: Tim reports their committee is hard at work on the 2011 personnel budget. Their committee appreciates all of our prayers during this stressful time, and a final report will be made available next month.

7. NOMINATIONS: Val reports all slots are filled except for one slot left open on Trustees.

8. STAFF REPORTS: Senior Pastor: Val started with recognition for retiring Team secretary Mike Handley, with a much welcomed Giant Hershey's candy bar! She then reported an update on our 2010 Church-wide Goals. They have all been achieved. a) Prayer has been a significant emphasis this year especially on Sunday mornings praying for new souls entering the doors of our LUMC; b) the Spiritual Vision Team has been working hard all year; c) Dialogued about the feasibility of a second van and the Shepherd's Place; Servant volunteers have certainly increased this year; and we have sent boxes of supplies to our sister churchBonwire Wesley Methodist Church in Ghana, West Africa.

Worship for the remainder of 2010 and into the new year of 2011: Sunday, Dec. 19 is the 4th Sunday of Advent. The theme will be "All I want for Christmas is Love" with choir singing and Bruce Dickerson sharing special music and lighting of the Advent wreath. On Christmas Eve the theme will be "Emmanuel, God With Us"----at the 7pm service, the choir will sing, John Belanger will have a solo, there will be a children's message, lighting of the Advent wreath, and candles will be lit at the end of the service; ----at the 11pm service, we will have candle lighting and Holy Communion. Sunday, DEC. 26, we will have one combined service at 1030 am with Scripture lessons and Carols. Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011 a return to regular service times with Holy Communion being served in the pews and 1045 am Educational Time will be combined in the Fellowship Hall with all Sunday school classes celebrating their year of study and fellowship.

On Sunday, DEC. 19, from 3 - 5pm, we will hold "An Old fashioned Christmas" in Fellowship Hall with eating desert, sharing memories of Christmas, reading "T' was the Night Before Christmas", special music, and singing Christmas Carols with Kim and Darin Newcomer leading us.

Youth: Dan wanted to relay to the group how much he enjoys working at LUMC. He has worked a number of places in a number of ministries, but really appreciates the love

of our Church and the direction we are trying to move. He reports the Pep Club at Miami-Hamilton (MUH) has been going very well. About 5 or 6 of our Middle Schoolers have made a great impact on the players and staff at the basketball games. The Campus really appreciates what we have been doing. Currently each player gets a goodie bag with a short devotional in it prior to each game. The next step is to build in a devotional with the team in the locker room with the teams prior to each game. We have had positive feedback on this new program all the way around, and we plan to continue it next year. MUH has already asked if we will be coming to the baseball and softball games in the Spring. The MUH student-community service office has asked for a complete list of our church's activities where we can use some college youth to help us in our ministry activities to return the blessings that our youth have brought to their campus. Watch the local newspaper for a photo on this new wonderful program.

Dan continued that he wants to start a combined Hamilton/Fairfield Fellowship of Christian Athletes for players from both High Schools, to meet at LUMC which is about half-way between the two schools. With Charlene's help, he has started the String Quartet, the kids are excited about it, and hopefully will be ready to perform in about 3 months or so. He is also looking to start a daily texting ministry for the youth. Just to send them a short text each morning so they can start their day with a little inspiration. He likes the acronym of CHrist Is Risen and has Started Texting! He will have the 2011 TASC Force calendar of activities finished by our next meeting in JAN. He has a TASC Force Brochure in the works to be distributed at YMCAs and schools in our area. He will be making a joint presentation to the UMM/UMW groups to give an update on what the youth are doing.

Music: Charlene reports the Advent music has been going very well. She has also started rehearsing the Hand bell Choir, which now has 8 members. She hopes they may be ready to perform in early JAN. She has been working closely with Dan on his new music endeavors, and has lots of good ideas to explore this coming year with the youth.

DTM: Bruce reports he has been focused on the SUN morning and WED Immersion worship services. Pastor Val will be covering the WED services when Bruce is gone on his Holy land Trip later this winter. We will holding a prayer drive-thru on Friday, DEC. 24 , Christmas Eve, from 4 - 530 pm, prior to the Church Services that same evening.

Children's: Dawn reports: A) J-zone: The kids have been participating in the Advent prayers, continue to study about the prophets and the coming of the Christ child. The kids have also been coming on WED night, helping with Pathways and/or attending the Immersion Service. The kids will help read the Christmas story of Luke 2 to the folks at the Community Meal on DEC. 18. We will be going to look at Christmas Lights next Monday, then have a week off due to Christmas Break.

B) Pathways: The kids went Christmas caroling to several homes in the neighborhood around the Church. We have been learning about the birth of Christ and will have our Christmas party this WED. Pathways will be performing at the Community Meal on DEC. 18. They will then take off DEC 22 and 29 for Christmas break.

C) K.B.A.T. : Kids continue to learn about the Advent Sundays and on DEC. 26 the Christmas Story will be acted out by the children.

D) Mitten Tree: Thank you for your help, but we still have 3 mittens left. If anyone would like to take a mitten they are available on the tree in the parlor.

E) Summer Shine: As of January, we start into training, organizing for the coming of summer. We did receive a grant for \$3,500.00 from the District for Summer Shine/Rays of Hope 2011. Lisa Gebhart will be the director of Summer Shine, and Stacy Picklesimer will be the co-director of the Rays of Hope. Our program grows each year, and these two ladies are a big help to Dawn to coordinate all the activities and groups that are needed to make this program the success that it is each year. The dates this year will be July 6 - August 5. As usual, many volunteers will be needed, so watch for sign up sheets. We are working over a 3 year track of material....last year we taught mostly about Christ. 2011 will be God, and 2012, the Holy Spirit/Church. Dawn is looking into copy writing the material.

9. FINANCE: Ed gave the group a power point presentation on our Church's current financial status. We are hitting about 93% of our pledges. We have made 3 District apportionment payments with 1 more to go before the end of the year. We also plan to make a partial payment to the Conference. We notified them that we would be sending money to cover Pastor's pensions, administrative and ministerial Health Insurance, but could not afford the entire amount that they are requesting.

We then entered into a group discussion of what could and could not be considered expenses for Miracle Sunday monies. During the course of this discussion it must be noted that two Grants listed in Ed's presentation are for specific uses.....and cannot be used for general fund purposes. After discussion, Ed made a motion, with Greg as a second, to: A) Propose the use of Miracle Sunday monies to help pay the Conference payment, and B) to allow the Treasurers to utilize up to \$7,000 (instead of the current \$5,000) in Miracle Sunday funds to cover payroll shortages.....up to a maximum of \$50,000 for the year 2011. The motion carried on a unanimous YEA vote. Ed hopes to have a finalized 2011 budget proposal to present at the JAN Leadership Team meeting.

10. OUTREACH: no report

11. UMW: just completed their annual cookie sale

12. UMM: the men have decided to move their SAT morning breakfasts to Perkins. At this past meeting, Roy Peters gave a presentation on the Honor Flight program for WWII and Korean War VETS.

13. STEPHENS MINISTERS: no report

14. SPIRITUAL VISION: Greg reports his team is praying for the submitted Christmas wishes every Monday night. The received prayer requests are getting more and more personal, making this a very Holy activity. At Sunday worship on DEC 12, SVT had a ministry moment, and included bookmarks of the Spiritual Continuum in Sunday bulletins. Magnets will also be handed out at Christmas Eve Services. His Team has also begun working on Special Lenten programs.

15. IT TEAM: Matt Hoffman has checked and found our church does not need to update our servers after all.

16. The Team closed the meeting in a group prayer circle.

17. NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2011 at 1900

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Handley