

March Leadership Team Notes:

In attendance: Pastor Val Waibel, Bruce Dickerson, Bob & Judy Nesselroad, Sue McPeek, Nancy & Greg Albright, Ed Gebhart, Mike Gossage, Sis Rimer, and Linda Teague.

Treasurer's Report: February was another challenge, using \$5000 from Miracle Sunday fund to meet payroll. February utility bill was \$4000 and taxes were due. First Sunday in March was best offering all year. In March we received a gift from Kugler-Bowling Realty for the amount of their fees from sale of Freeman house.

Finance Report: Ed gave power point report. We are down in income and about the same in expenses as February. Continue to use Miracle Sunday money to meet expenses.

Trustee Report: They met on 2/17. The Arlington property was discussed and they elected to wait on report from group who is doing a study for ministry opportunities. They reviewed steeple problem and have secured 2 quotes from different engineering firms.

Staff Parish Report: no report

Nominations Report: Still need recording secretary for Leadership Team.

Staff Reports:

Val: Making progress with Church Wide goals. 1). Create a Christ-like Community--building on Spiritual Vision Team's invitation to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. 2) Serve our Community--We want to grow deeper in our faith commitment by supporting Bonwire Wesley Methodist church in Ghana AND by looking into using the Arlington property for ministry. 3) Continue to impact and reach our community--what's next for Lindenwald?

Val meets every 6 wks with church leaders for team building and to check the Pulse of the church; and have discussed expectations (God's, pastor's & Laity).

Worship for March/April--Theme for Lent is "Journey to the Cross" with a sermon series and special music. Lenten devotional "The Sanctuary for Lent" has been given out.

Continuing Education on Monday 3/28/11 at Parkview UMC. Vacation last month was great--thank you from Val.

Youth Report: Working on idea to split youth in senior high and middle school groups. Youth has been very involved with Miami Hamilton as a Pep Club. Group from MUH came to LUMC

for a staycation event and worked with Dan, Bruce, and Dawn on several ideas for the summer. Dan working with Hamilton High on a Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which they do not have. Dave Vernet & Linda Teague continue with their leadership on Sunday mornings for education hour.

Music Report: Charlene at Handbell rehearsal. Will continue to provide special music and choir offerings to enhance worship service.

Children's Report: No report

Transformational Ministries Report: Tuesday Bible Study group @ 7PM---" 24 Hours that Changed the World". Lenten Immersion services-- "The Courage to Question". 4/3 Bruce to host "A Buckeye in Egypt". 4/8 Prayer Drive Thru. 4/18 Day of Prayer in sanctuary 7AM to 7 PM. First weekend in May will be a midnight breakfast for Miami Hamilton during their finals week.

Outreach Report: Have not met in March. Planning Easter egg hunt. Working with committee to donate to Shared Harvest to help kids in Hamilton receive backpack kits in August. \$6 buys one filled backpack.

UMW Report: Still need recipes for LUMC cookbook. Will sell baskets for Mother's Day fundraiser.

UMM Report: Pancake breakfast to be 3/18, 8 to 11 AM. 12 members attended Otterbein breakfast on 3/12/11.

Stephen Ministry Report: Class has finished. They will commission 4 people (2 from LUMC on 3/20.)

Spiritual Vision Team Report: Continue to meet each Monday (except Leadership Team night) and are supported by a dozen Prayer Warriors. SVT worked with Val on themed Sunday, "Why we go to Church". SVT completed study of 3 more resource books, focusing on the fall '11 church-wide book study. Chosen book is "Listen....for Heaven's Sake" by Dr. Gary Sweeten. This study will be accomplished with small groups and SVT is working on "what and how" small groups work for LUMC. SVT, along with Staff Parish has been monitoring congregation after staffing changes and is pleased that there seems to be no negative.

IT Team Report: Close to getting a schedule for Sunday morning soundboard. Carillon bells not working again. Greg & Bruce will check and work on.

Shepherd's Place Team Report: Made power point presentation of preliminary findings on Arlington Ave. property. Questions and answers back and forth. (Ed to send Linda more info).

Respectfully yours,
Linda Teague