

Church Council Meeting

Date: Aug. 14, 2016

*Being the authentic Body of Christ, by receiving God's love and abundant life,
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
To reach, gather, welcome, heal and serve others so that Christ is lifted up.*



Vision Picture by Bill Asman

Church Council Covenant

1. Listen with intention
2. Respect others opinions
3. Speak for yourself only
4. Speak from prayerful discernment

Attending Aug. 14, 2016

Pastor Duane Corle (Presiding), Terrie Scarboro (Recording), Elizabeth Corle, Peggy Rice, Lorraine Asman, Pat Farris, Carol Young, Phyllis Linscheid, Penny Brown, Walt Farris, Brad Pippinger, Jane Pippinger, Rich Downing, Don Nagel, and Jake Morrow.

Meeting was called to order at 6: 01 by Pastor Duane.

Opening Prayer and Devotion

Pastor opened with prayer and then gave a short devotion. The scripture was from Colossians 1: 3-14. The devotion was regarding Christian ministry. We have been reflecting on holy habits for the past few weeks and it is hoped that you/we have been living into prayer and meditation so that we can be infused with the power and the life.

Preschool: Beth Stevenson not present (No report submitted) (Pastor Duane reported some items)

- First day of school is Sept. 1 (Thursday)
- Meet and greet teacher will be one night prior to that
- The school is full for the coming year.
- There is one more week of the summer program
- We will continue with the four rooms

Children's Ministry: Pastor Duane reporting

- Continues to operate as a team model
- We meet once a month
- Curriculum is discussed to see how it is going/if we need to order
- We are talking about opening Wee Worship back up to have a younger and older class
- We also will be talking about Trunk or Treat and any other activities for the fall (will discuss at Witness Outreach also)
- Movie Night coming up in Sept.
- In Nov., we will focus on Operation Shoebox Ministry
- Pastor and Kayln are looking at the feedback regarding VBS and will compile a report

Youth Ministry: Kayln Wiley not present (No report submitted) (Pastor Reported)

- Post card sent out to youth families
- Aug. 28 is a Parent Meeting
- Also on that evening, there is a bowling kickoff event
- Sept. 11, youth will officially kick off.
- There will not be a break for the fall breaks for the schools
- We will continue to partner with Salem UMC and their youth
- There will be a 30 Hour Famine even coming up in November. She will be soliciting the help of the congregation. (Nov. 18-Nov. 19). This possibly could be in conjunction with the packing party. The blessing for the boxes would be that Sunday. This is contingent with Sue and Don's participation
- There will be a youth retreat in January to Camp Cedar Cliff (Martin Luther King weekend)
- Kayln is asking for mentors for the youth. There will be a meeting regarding this.
- Sign up for Youth Dinners is in the Narthex.
- Positive experience on the Manna Food bank outreach

Worship, Choir, Praise Team: Terrie Scarboro, Carol Young reporting

- Worship planning meeting held on April 20.
 - Ideas, visuals, songs, scriptures were discussed for Sunday's through Sept. 11 following the Holy Habits series. The upcoming theme will be Olympic Sized Faith.
 - The next worship meeting will be on Sept. 21st.
 - Looking at planning a special service on Sept. 11 for the 15th Anniversary of Sept. 11.
- Choir.
 - Planning on choir starting back on Sept. 20
- Praise Team (No report)

Witness Outreach: Elizabeth Corle reporting

- Last meeting was in July
- Many participated in VBS
 - Cook out on Friday and had about 100
- Decision made to support the Vineyard church in the back to school clinic.
 - 9:45-12:00, need about 6 people to assist
- Next Outreach meeting will be tomorrow night (Aug. 15) and discussion will be on
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Other fall activities
- Family game night last night and there were about 15 people attended which included a new family
- Movie night on Sept. 10
- Will be discussion a few new ideas submitted by the congregation
- Supported the joining with Salem for the prayer walks for the schools
 - Had the first one last week and there were about a dozen persons participating

Prayer Ministry: Don Nagel

- Continue to meet weekly
- Don was struck by Pastor's sermon this morning
- The prayer ministry of the church covet the participation of others to assist in prayer
- Found that the sermon this morning was supportive of the prayer team's ministry charter/mission
- The prayer team has thoughts that would be in conjunction with the Witness Outreach team and he will get with Elizabeth

Membership Care: Jane Pippinger

- The membership care with the help of the membership was able to have a meal prepared and Jane took to Debbie Shriner
- Phone calls have been made to other members and reach out
- They appreciate calls to let them know when someone needs help

Lay Leader: Peggy Rice reporting

- Three handouts given (see attached)
 - Read all if you can but particularly the letter from the Council on Bishops
 - Peggy pointed out several things on the letter.
- She went over the Summary of General Conference
- Peggy reported additional facts
 - She obtained from the Interpreter or researched them
 - There are some constitutional changes that need to be voted on by member of annual conference
 - Two new social principles presented
- Annual then reported on Annual Conference
 - Reported on a campus ministry in Boone (in a saloon)
 - Talk on missional networking
 - New bishop is Paul Lealand (from Western Fla and Alabama)
 - Annual conference next year will be June 21-25 (Friday-Sunday)
 - Budget is almost identical to last year
 - Reduction in the cost of pension benefits without any reduction to the pastors.
- Peggy reported that she needs supplies for the back to school

Pastor's report: Rev. Duane Corle reporting

- Penny spoke about the Aaron project (See attached Newsletter)
 - So far we have had 7 people participate in
 - We have a homeless person we are working with.
 - Will give information to the preschool families
 - Looking at some sort of emergency food pantry
 - Need hand soap/shampoo
 - She needs a locking file box for records
 - She needs someone for a "ride along" this coming Wednesday
 - Continuing to research grant funding
 - If you know of someone who needs assistance, contact Penny

- Pastor reported on the Enhanced Small group Initiative (See attached)
 - Trying to build upon the small groups we also have here
 - Branching out groups (short lived—between 4 and 8 weeks)
 - Rick Phillips has volunteered to take this on for a while
 - This will begin in Sept. and will be focused on the movie War Room
 - This will be on Sunday nights.
 - Deep roots group
 - This will be a long term small group
 - This will be digging into some of the deep route questions
 - How is it with your soul
 - Kathy Whorley has expressed interest in facilitating this
 - This one will not be beginning immediately
 - Duane will be doing another offering of the class meeting beginning in Sept.
 - This will be on Tuesday nights (Sept. 6) Run Sept. – Oct)
- Looking at how we can build up on what we already offer.
- Duane has been participating in a Deep Roots group in a pastoral group (NB Missional Network)
- Moving into Charge Conference mode soon
 - He feels good about where Nominations and Leadership are right now
- Weaverville has had a transition in their pastor in the past three weeks. We need to be in prayer for them

Business reports

Minutes:

- Brad moved that the minutes be approved. Lorraine seconded. The motion carried.

Finance: Brad and Carol reporting

- See attached report
- July was a good giving month
- Pastor reported that we will be having a stewardship campaign beginning Sept. 18th running through Oct. 9th.

SPRC: Jake reporting

- Jake reported that they met last week
- They will be working on annual evaluations soon
- They will be reaching out to the staff and nursery to see how they can be prayed for.

Trustees: Rich Downing reporting

- We picked out the blinds for two windows in the sanctuary. A member of our church wanted to purchase them. They have now been installed, and they are a nice addition to the sanctuary.
- A new heating and cooling unit for the lower floor in the education wing has been installed. The unit has a programmable thermostat.
- Beth has put new mulch on the playground. The well house has been painted.
- The John Deere and Craftsman mowers have been repaired.
- There has been a list posted on the bulletin board (by the restrooms) of different maintenance projects that we could use some help with. Let Richard Downing know if you are able to help with any of these projects.
- We have a plumber who is going to fix the outside faucet if the church wants this done. (Walt will get estimate)
- The St. Paul's Methodist Church had a 1993 church bus for sale. The Trustees decided not to purchase it, because of the age of the bus, and it would also require a chauffeur's license to drive it. We are on the lookout for a newer/more modern van.

- Saturday morning, Rick and Rich will be going to get mulch for the front.
- The next Trustee's meeting is September 13, 2016 at 7:00.

Closing:

Duane continued the conversation regarding “how is it with your soul”. Duane is aware of the attendance. He is appreciative of everyone here. He asked for any input of ideas and willingness to support/be engaged in it. Don asked if the church has a community reputation and what “is it”? This may be something that needs investigating. We need to be asking. The pre-school recently got an award. Don has had the sense that he personally and others in the prayer group, that there has been an inhibiting spirit here and with him and his growth.

Pastor Duane closed in prayer.

Next Mtg.: Oct. 16th 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Scarboro, Recording Secretary