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Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

Vision Statement

Reach out to people wherever they are and receive them as they are.

Relate people to God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Nurture and equip people for Christian discipleship,
community and world.

A Most Generous Congregation

WOW what a way to go! You have done something seemingly impossible. When I sounded my call for help for the chairs/tables project you responded so generously, that on the very first Sunday you made commitments sufficient to acquire for me, the 120 chairs and 15 tables which will arrive the 1st week in July.

As of last Sunday a total of \$6,575 has been received of which an estimated \$4,500 (depending on tax) will cover the cost of the chairs/tables. The excess funds are being applied toward the purchase of new dishes, flatware, coffee maker, etc. for my kitchen. In this latter regard I want to give a special thanks to the Hospitality Committee for handling the selecting and purchasing on my behalf.

I don't know about you but I can't wait to see how I will look when all your hard work and generosity to make me look presentable is finally done. Gosh, I'll be in your debt forever.

Fellowship Hall



PLEASE SIGN UP.....
The citywide Yards & Yards garage sale will be Fri. Aug.6 and Sat. Aug.7. Proceeds will go toward the needs of our new annex. WE STILL NEED LOTS OF TREASURES FOR THE SALE. We will be accepting clean, gently used clothing this year. We will not, however, be able to accept any televisions or computers because of the disposal fee if they do not sell. The sale will be held in the lower level of the new annex. We will be accepting donations all the month of July on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS from 4 p.m. til 7 p.m. and SATURDAYS from 9 a.m. til noon. You may bring your things into the lower level through the door on the back side of the annex (look for the sign). We will have someone there to assist you. If you need help transporting your donations, please call Mark and Cindy Skaggs at 253-2825 or msskaggs@aol.com and we'll be happy to help. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A BAKE SALE, PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BEANS AND CORNBREAD LUNCH. So, needless to say, we need lots of volunteers to bring food and to work the sale. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

ECHO Clinic Meal and Shawl Ministry Program

In August, when our church has it's turn doing the ECHO Clinic meal, we are also going to distribute shawls from our Shawl Ministry Program, and we will also include small (16 or 17" doll or baby "blankees") to give to children as a comfort. Printed prayers also go along with these. Please help to knit, crochet or quilt, etc. these for us to give that night representing our church as a caring church people. Knitted and crocheted patterns are in the coat closet in a binder next to the shawls that have been completed. Contact persons are Rose Anderson and Sue Jones.

Prayer Concerns

Fran Taylor Jackie Fanning Jim Lemon
 Mike Rice Curtis Fanning Kim Patty
 Dave Jacobson Mimi Wilson Heather Smith
 Holly Schroeder Jim Tabor Bruce McElroy
 Joe Normile Mary Kranich Noelle Rodwell
 People in pain
 Charles Bess, Pam Hirschcock's friend
 Carl Willis, in the loss of his daughter & mother-in-law
 Allison and Reno Pawlowicz
 Denena Haley's daughter, Amity Pelfrey; and
 grandchildren, Morrigan and Tristan
 Debbie Dodson, Gwyn Gandy's niece
 Keith Horton, David and Sandy Dunn's friend
 Lew and Betsy Brummond
 Tom and Sherry Lord
 Ted and Jackie Dean
 Leah White, Woodie and Jane Acord's daughter
 Our men and women in the service
 We extend our sympathy to Fran Taylor and family in
 the death of her mother, Edna Cook.



Happy Birthday to those born in July!

2 Lamont Richie
 D Rude
 Jeanne Taylor
 3 Don Barton
 5 Peggy Way
 6 Janet Arnett
 9 Bill Ward
 10 Jerry Ahlman
 11 Gregory Beard
 Irma Steger
 Nancy Wood
 12 Ann Reed
 17 Elvetta Hysell
 19 Tom Freehling
 June Westphal
 20 Peggy Bracey
 22 Dick Johnston
 23 Lyle Slater
 24 Bill Brooks
 25 Bailey Featherstone
 26 Dennis Lykins
 27 David Anderson, Sr.
 28 Patricia Messer

Happy Birthday to those born in August!

2 Mara Adams
 Janet Epley
 Clint Martin
 4 Ben Martin
 6 Karen Halper
 Alexander Halper
 10 Marjorie Anderson
 Gary Johnson
 11 Al Anderson
 15 Trey Anthony Tisone
 16 Don Cole
 18 David Jeffrey
 19 Beverly Beard
 Kay Parker
 24 Terri Dunbar
 25 Sherry Tisone
 26 Zac Folker
 28 Jack Hause
 Fran Taylor
 29 Roger Walker
 30 Carlie Anglin
 Charles Beard
 31 Jane Hackley

Financial Information

as of June 22, 2010

2010 Budget: \$198,078.00
 Needed Weekly: \$4,042.41
 Rcv'd thru 6/22: \$9,368.45
 Rcv'd YTD: \$83,057.10

Rcv'd for Building Fund thru 6/22: \$2,529.00
 Current Building Balance: \$9,609.22



United Methodist Women

Lucie Clark/Ruth Circle

No meeting

Helen Wilson Circle

No meeting

July 29—August 1 2010 Arkansas Conference
 School of Christian Mission
 Hendrix College, Conway

Study Topics

- For the Love of God; John's letters
- Mission and Evangelism
- Sudan



Welcome to Our New Members

We welcome into our church family:

Rachel Love became an associate member on Sunday, May 30.

Kim Patty joined on Sunday, June 13.

Honorarium

The Library Book Truck/Display Cart was given in honor of Shirley Lykins by Pat and Bob Messer.



A REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGARDING IMAGINE MINISTRY

Two speeches were given during the conference regarding the process of the Imagine Ministry team. Dr Gil Rendle, consultant with the team gave the first address.

The church is in the midst of a change that is historic. It has been postulated that about every 500 years the Church discards the old and changes radically to meet the present age. 500 years ago was the Protestant Reformation. 1000 years ago was the East/West schism.

People now define themselves as individuals, not as part of a group. The church is built around the concept of truth, but we are living in a postmodern world that does not accept universal truth. We have been searching for years for the answers to our problem of irrelevance and an aging, declining membership.

We know more about who we were than who we are. We need to know who we are. That is why we have been holding the Imagine Ministry listening sessions. We will do well if we learn who we are and take our strengths with us. Once we learn who we are and identify our strengths, we can find out what God wants us to do next.

The conversation process will continue for at least another year before the Imagine Ministry team reports back to Annual Conference.

The second speech was given by Asa Whitaker, as the Laity Address to the Conference.

I am asking you to take the opportunity to engage in Imagine Ministry conversations in your churches. It is time to intentionally allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit to a place we know not, a place we have never been, a place where we can effectively share the good news of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world.

Our history is a Wesleyan culture which pushed relentlessly to spread the Gospel despite the twists and turns required to adapt. What drove John Wesley was an all consuming passion and relentless pursuit to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. He adapted to his circumstances and went where others would not go. He adapted. We need to adapt, as well. Some of us want to cling to what we have known in the past. Mary, at the tomb, had to let go of what she knew and prepare herself for what was to be. Reading the Gospel of John 16:12-15, you see the words: The Holy Spirit is going before you and will guide you into new pathways of truth. We must prepare our souls for the seeds of truth given to us by the Holy Spirit.

The Imagine Ministry team does not have the answers but has been charged to collect as much information as possible to shape and re-imagine the United Methodist Church of Arkansas.

Coffee Fellowship Helping Hands for May and June



When you get a chance please remember to extend a heart felt and warm "Thank You!" to Rose Anderson, Tom and Holly Freehling, Martie and Dave Davis, Gary and Peggy Way, Rachel Love, Tom and Holly Freehling, Virgilyn Oldham, Mark and Cindy Skaggs, Gwyn Gandy, and Dave and Martie Davis. These friends provided the snacks you enjoyed with your beverages during Coffee Fellowship in May and June. Do you see some duplications there? The Freehlings and Davis' provided snacks for Sunday for Both months! Please take a few minutes to look over the sign up sheet on the snack table. Is there a Sunday that you could bring something? Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

Music Notes

Summertime and choir vacation until August 8th brings a special opportunity for congregational hymn singing. June Westphal brings her special talent to lead. It is backed up by a special knowledge of group singing, respect for the theology and poetry of the individual hymn, also the history of the hymn and hymn writer. It is a great time for revival of our spirit. Congregational singing allows each worshiper to contribute to the celebration of the Order of Worship in the sense of jubilee. It calls for singing a new song (an old song in a new way) and to make a joyful noise. In doing these things there occurs a synthesis of our most religious senses. Just as it has been called a blasphemy to fast on a feast day or Sabbath, withholding celebration in congregational singing, being a group response, would be even moreso.

June would be glad to share her knowledge. Marcia has software about all the hymns in our hymnal that may be available for e-mailing. The library has at least two volumes on universally popular hymns and some information on Charles and John Wesley Methodist Hymnody. Go to the internet and call up **Congregational Hymn Singing** to find Whitley and Thiman's *Church Music* the first of 210,000 entries that offers the 267 page book (out of print). Avoid the microform and go to **Other Formats** and click **PDF file** to read the entire book. This book not only tracks the hymns but is a very special view of 2000+ years of Christian Church history. Have a good summer and sing your heart out.

Submitted by R. D. Messer

Choir begins August 8 and all singers are cordially welcome.

“America the Beautiful”

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “America the Beautiful.”

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.

Library Update

The church library continues to be blessed with donations that are timely and worthwhile for our pursuit of knowledge...or just for enjoyment. One new addition, *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (250/Sch) by Robert Schnase, complements the questions and our answers concerning the Imagine Ministry. The practices—radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity—are needed to plan for changes addressed in the Imagine Ministry.

Three volumes of the Bare Bones Bible series by Jim George are also new to the library. These include: *Bare Bones Bible Bios* (920/Geo), *Bare Bones Bible Facts* (220.3/Geo), and *Bare Bones Bible Handbook* (220.6/Geo). In ten minute sessions one can learn more about people, places, events and each book of The Bible.

The Holy Spirit and Power by John Wesley includes ten Spirit-empowered, original sermons from his “Standard Sermons” and parts of his testimony. An in-depth study guide is also included for those who want to understand Wesley and his teachings more fully. *The Sermons of George Whitefield* (252/Whi) is a sampling of sermons that launched the spiritual revival that flowed out of New England throughout the colonies, from New Hampshire to Georgia.

The first two volumes in Lauraine Snelling's Home to Blessing series are new on the fiction shelves. This return to the Red River Valley setting includes *Volume One: A Measure of Mercy* and *Volume Two: No Distance Too Far*. Readers who have enjoyed the earlier series will not want to miss these. Mitch Albom's *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* is also new to the fiction section.

The above titles will be on display in the Narthex during July and can be checked out from there. For other books and/or audio-visuals, please visit the library in the church office building.

Shirley Lykins
Library Committee Member

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Each Sunday 8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:55 a.m. Equippers Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Adult classes 11:15 a.m. Youth class </div>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
OFFICE CLOSED					8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	
Pastor's vacation June 21—July 7						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				5:00—8:00 p.m. ECHO Clinic	8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	
Youth Mission Trip to Jacksonville, AR July 11-17						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		5:30 p.m. Finance Committee		5:00—8:00 p.m. ECHO Clinic	8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
4:30—6:30 p.m. Youth Group					8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship	

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHUCH—EUREKA SPRINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2010

Attendees: Stan Adams, Rose Anderson, Bill Brooks, Don Cole, Phyllis Cole, Frank Cook, Marcia Grassel, Sara Knight, Shirley Lykins, Dr. Robert Messer, Ron Morrison, Ruth Morrison, Janet Rose, Cindy Skaggs, Judy Slater, Lyle Slater, Richard Stephenson, Peggy Way, June Westphal.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Don Cole. Pastor Stan opened the meeting with prayer.

New Business:

- 1. Youth Director.** Rose Anderson, representing the Staff Parish Relations Committee, stated that Doug Nall has applied for the job of youth director. This is to be a funded position—not salaried. Doug is a recent graduate of the College of the Ozarks with a Bachelor of Science in Philosophy and Religion. He is a resident of Branson and has a full-time job, but with notice can be available for special youth trips, mission work, etc. Doug will be paid a set amount for work each Sunday. He will report to Pastor Stan who will give him instruction and guidance. It was suggested by Robert Messer that in future times (when this position can no longer be funded) our church consider working with other churches to fund a youth pastor. Rose Anderson moved that we hire Doug Nall as youth director. Seconded by Robert Messer. Motion passed.
- 2. Janitor Salary.** Rose Anderson, representing the Staff Parish Relations Committee, stated that the janitor's salary would need to be adjusted when the fellowship hall is completed. The time needed for janitorial services would increase from approximately five and one half hours now to approximately eleven upon completion of the fellowship hall. Rose Anderson moved to increase the janitor's salary when janitorial hours worked increase. Seconded by Janet Rose. Motion passed. Bill Brooks stated that the increase must go through the finance committee. Janet Rose said that the salary increase has been before the finance committee, reviewed, and passed. Ron Morrison moved to increase by \$291.67 per month the janitor's salary after completion of the fellowship hall. Seconded by Lyle Slater. Motion passed.
- 3. New Kitchen Guidelines.** Peggy Way stated that there needs to be guidelines in place for use of the fellowship hall kitchen. She read a kitchen protocol proposal consisting of three major points...list of simple rules to follow, classes conducted by a professional food service expert, and the organization of a group to check on the kitchen each month. Don Cole asked Peggy Way to form a committee consisting of representatives of groups most likely to use the kitchen. This committee will formalize the kitchen guidelines and present them to the trustees for approval.

4. **Fall Financial Campaign.** Pastor Stan stated that pledges for the new fellowship building end in December, 2010. After the consecration service on September 12, 2010, a new three year campaign will begin to extend pledges for the building.
5. **Financial Status.** Bill Brooks stated that the current deficit of \$14,000.00 is projected to be \$33,000.00 by the end of the year. E-tithing was suggested as a means to decrease this deficit. Comments concerning e-tithing included its convenience for people who are not in church each week, but its lack of recognition in prayer to please God.
6. **Imagine Ministry Plan.** Don Cole requested comments about actions to be taken to implement the Imagine Ministry Plan. Ron Morrison stated that this is a conference-wide program and that later we will have a program to follow. Suggestions that we can consider now included the following: 1.) Shepherd new members for their first year in church. 2.) Contemporary service in the new fellowship hall. 3.) Youth representative at all major committee meetings. 4.) Youth night on Fridays for the MYF members. 4.) Members in training for chairmanship positions within the church.

Pastor Stan stated that a contemporary service in the fellowship hall is planned to follow the youth meeting each Sunday. This casual, music-centered service may draw parents as well. Larry and Rachel Brick will be working with this service which could begin as early as this fall.

Comments:

The consecration service for the new fellowship hall is planned for September 12, 2010.

It was suggested that all members be called to remind them of this service.

The UMW district meeting will be held in our church on October 9, 2010.

Garage sale items are now being accepted. A pancake breakfast and beans / cornbread lunch are planned. The youth will help with the sale.

Peggy Way stated that the FRANK project was not as successful as planned.

Pastor Stan closed with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Lykins, Secretary

Handouts:

Agenda

Answers to the three questions stated in the Imagine Ministry plan