

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

July 15th, 2009

7:30 P.M. @ Church Library

Members Present: Pastor Karen, Marsha Braden, Frieda Davis, Susan Martens, Joan Hyde, John Yundt, Pat Floyd, Kay Dowd, Ron Dowd, Connie Ogier and Cathie Beatty

We Assemble in God's Name

+Pastor Kären offered an opening prayer

+Ron Dowd called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. by lighting the Trinity candle.

+We each share one thing for which we give thanks.

We Celebrate Our Past, Present and Future

+May Church Council Minutes – Connie Ogier

Council approved minutes, motion by John, seconded by Pat.

+ Treasurer's Report – Marsha Braden

Marsha reported that our cash flow is getting tighter but history suggests that this is normal for summer months. Ron suggested that all committee chair people present their next 6 month budget to Pastor Kären by August 1st. Committee has selected the Stewardship Program for this fall. It is called New Beginnings and can be viewed at www.nbontheweb.com.

+Old Business:

+New Business:

The 2009 Charge Conference will be October 11th, at Palo.

+Pastor Kären's Pastoral Report for May 12th to July 13th, 2009

Pastor Kären continues weekly Wednesday staff meetings, Bible studies and communion services at the Annex, writing articles for the Newsletter, phone calls and personal visits and attending many monthly meetings. In addition, during this time she attended Charge Conference, conducted a funeral and a graveside service, helped with the yard sale, and organized and helped run the In-Town Mission Trip. She also took 4 ½ days of vacation.

We Proclaim God's Word

+Devotion and Affirmation of Faith by Pastor Kären

A reading from the One Year Book of Praying Through the Bible based on Psalm 10. The reading was titled "Hide and Seek".

We Present Our Offerings

Learning – Cathie Beatty

No July meeting. In August committee will prepare for the Sunday School Rally Day on September 13th.

Service – Susan Martens

July Rainbow Selection (orange) is Habitat for Humanity, focusing on Benton County. August Rainbow Selection (indigo) will be Trinity United Methodist Church.

Welcome – Luanne Langstraat

Committee working on a brochure for our church which will be placed in the Welcome Visitors packet. Also working on giveaways for visitors – probably "chip clips" with church's name on them. We were advised that Palace Theater will be running ads prior to movie showings again. Ron advised that he will assign research on the matter to the Welcome Committee.

Prayer – Frieda Davis

Committee reports that the implementation of name tags is going well and children's names have been added. The Bullfrog project – praying for the neighborhood has been completed.

Love – Joan Hyde

Committee working on gifts for kids who will be starting back to school. Joan inquired about the possibility of taping our church service and putting them on t.v. Leadership Team thought it was a good idea and Ron asked Joan to pursue for additional information.

Trustees – Bill Newton

Committee reports wind damage to the roof hatch on the bell tower – it blew off and caused roof damage. Estimate for repair will be forthcoming. Radon remediation at the parsonage has been completed. Bill and Mary Hawk donated a 3 x 6 mirror for the library (Bride's room) which was mounted by Bill and Roger. A complaint has been made regarding thorough cleaning under the pews in the Sanctuary. The matter will be discussed with C & J Cleaning.

SPRC – John Yundt

Committee has been completing the staff evaluations and will be reviewing staff wages in preparation for next year's budget.

Lay Leadership – Mike Ferguson

Lay Member to Annual Conference – Pat Floyd

Pat requests we pray for the new Bishop and District Superintendent.

Memorials and Bequests – Marilyn Faust

Pastor Kären advised Team that there is a lot of Memorial money available and she would appreciate any ideas on how it might be used.

Foundation – Harold Knaack

UMW, including Altar Guild and Mission Stitchers

At Large Members – Kay Dowd, Randy Braden, Lexa Speidel

We Give Thanks to God

We offer our prayers of intercession – Ron Dowd

We Go Out in God's Name

Charge and Benediction – Pastor Kären

We share the peace of God with another

We adjourned to serve at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Ogier

Church Council Secretary