

CENTRAL UMC NEWSLETTER

JULY, 2015

From the Pastor's Desk

Pray with me!

In the last two years, Central has been engaged in – well, let's just say many activities ranging from fellowship to fundraising. One lesson I learned from these many activities is we can do all things with God.

What am I about to propose we need every bit of God's help.

- I. Pray with me each day in focused discernment and reflection to know God's will for Central UMC and here are some specific prayers to know His will:
 - i. What are we doing [here at Central UMC]
 1. What are we supposed to be doing?
 - ii. Why are we doing it?
 1. What is our shared conviction that describes our action and strength?
 - iii. How are we doing, so far?
 - iv. When we are successful?
 - v. Where is God taking us?
 1. What is God's plan for Central in the short and long term?
- II. Keep a Central prayer book. The church will provide a bookmark with these questions to use in your devotional time* and a small memo book** to write down your thoughts, inspirations, and answers to your prayers relating to our church.
- III. During the first week of August you can either submit your book (legible please) or you can type it online (the link will be provided via email so that you can click and fill them out) with the same questions above.



IV. On Saturday, August 8th, 9:00 am to Noon, a team of Centralites will gather to compile the contents of the prayer books and to chisel out the answers to our prayers and the purpose and direction for Central UMC.

Our church needs to hear from you. This is an important process for the life of Central UMC as we discern and reflect on God's will for us in this time and in our place, Staunton, Virginia. I pray each of you will take this opportunity to rediscover the joy of praying along with rediscovering our purpose and direction.

*If you are looking for a devotional reading I suggest reading the Book of Acts.

**There are only 40 memo book. If you wish not to participate please do NOT take the memo book but welcome to take the book mark.

CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

- Monday, June 29: Noon Lunch at Trinity.
- Thursday, July 2, 11 am: Meeting for homecoming team at church led by Connie Davis, Tom Davis, and Anita Jackson.
- Saturday, July 4: No United Methodist Men meeting.
- Tuesday July 14, 6 pm: Lay Leadership Meeting-Connections classroom
- Thursday, July 30: Noon Lunch at Trinity.
- August 8, 9-12 am: Visioning Retreat. The month of July will be a month of prayer, discernment, and reflection. The newsletter will invite all members to participate and keep a prayer journal then to submit the thoughts to be condensed to a mission and vision statement for CUMC. Several questions will be ask in order to guide the prayer.
 1. What are we doing [here at Central UMC]?
 - a. What are we supposed to be doing?
 2. Why are we doing it?
 - a. What is our shared conviction that describes our action and strength?
 3. How are we doing, so far?
 4. When we are successful?
 5. Where is God taking us?
 - a. What is God's plan for Central in the short and long term?

- August 10-14: *Helping Hands*, 9:00 – 3:00 each day with a picnic on August 14. Volunteers are needed.
- August 12: Outreach meeting.
- August 16-23: Staunton Music Festival coming to perform during lunch hour.
- August 26: Noon Lunch at Trinity. Every following month we will help with the Lunch on the fourth Wednesday of the month.
- Saturday, August 29: Last Days of Summer Agape picnic.
- Monday, August 31: Noon Lunch at Trinity.

*****No Church Council until August. *****



Central Church Council Meeting -June, 2015

The Church Council of Central UMC was called to order by Chairperson Jim Printy at 7:03 pm on June 23, 2015 in the Wesley Fellowship classroom. Minutes from the May 26th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Jim Printy opened the meeting with a prayer.

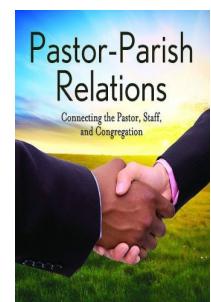
Those present included Jim Clemmer, Sandra Clemmer, Connie Davis, Madalyn Marshall, Susan Black, Won Un, Anita Jackson, Susan Sutton, Ellen DeLong, Jeff DeLong, Ed Pickett, and Jim Printy.

Council Reports:



Trustees: Jim Printy, on behalf of Ed Smith, reported that the air conditioner must be replaced in the 3rd floor play area (used to be youth room). There has also been a strong smell of gas in the stairwell. Pastor Won will be asking Ed to look into it. The Trustees will also be bringing the council a recommendation to have our grill available for rent. The 3rd floor indoor playground area vent holes have been patched.

Staff Parish: Ed Pickett discussed background checks. Ellen DeLong offered that the people doing the background checks should stay within the committee for confidentiality reasons. The person doing the background checks will have to be trained. Ed Pickett made a motion for the SPRC to select among its membership two individuals to perform background checks for Safe Sanctuaries. The motion carried 12-0.





Finance Report: Susan Sutton discussed the lunch program taking place at Staunton City Schools this summer. The children participating in the program must go to the schools and eat the lunches on site. The schools are partnering with a program in Charlottesville, and it will take place June 23- August 18.

Treasurer Jim Clemmer reported that for May the total receipts were \$13,506.13 and total expenses were \$22,563.99. The bills were paid for May. Receipts for this year have not been quite up to par. In the months of summer please remember your church to keep up with your gifts and talents.

United Methodist Men: No report

United Methodist Women: No report

Lay Leader: Anita Jackson reported about the number of each type of kit taken to Annual Conference. There was an offering of \$128,890 collected with an additional \$28,560 for the Imagine No Malaria campaign. This translates to 91,000 lives saved. She also shared the results of the elections. From this district, Beth Christen and Vicky Bulgar were elected to the Jurisdictional Conference.

Pastor Won was elected as Jurisdictional Conference alternate. There were 11 new appointments in this district, and one person who was already in the district was relocated. Two pastors received their full elder status—Don Gibson and Sarah Lock—and Pastor Won was reappointed to Central.

Outreach: No report

Witness: Connie Davis reported that the Witness committee will not be meeting on July 7th because of the July 2nd meeting for homecoming. She will bake some items for Queen City Market in June, but she will need help for July. She also discussed our welcoming the previous two Sundays after usher training. It was discussed that there needs to be ushers dispersed throughout the church including the parking lot.

Nurture: No report.

Young Adult: No report

Pastor: At AMP'D Camp there were 22 campers. The dance and music classes had to be dropped. There were three volunteers—Anita Jackson, Mary Douglas, and Ellen DeLong—and Millie Brown who graciously provided snacks each day. Council will have to look into evaluating what will be offered next year. Most of the art and performance campers were returners and two or three were new. They all had an excellent time.

Pastor Won shared highlights from the Annual Conference. The theme for this year was “From Members to Disciples,” and there will be a display table set up in the gathering room on Sunday for the items brought back from Annual



Conference. Anita Jackson was our representative to Annual Conference. There was an election of delegates to General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference next year which took up about half of the time. Pastor Won discussed petitions that came up at annual conference—numbers 2, 11, and 14. Petition number 14 passed Annual Conference and will continue on to General Conference. There was Resolution #2 (investment of coalmine) that was voted and passed with slight modification.

On behalf of Susan Obaugh, Pastor Won discussed the Methodist churches' Trunk-Or-Treat planned for October 28 or 29. The plan resulting from the planning team's meeting was that eight United Methodist Churches will set up cars loaded with candy at Gypsy Hill Park. It was suggested that each church and a monetary contribution personalized candy bags for ask for volunteers to help Council stated that the was a little high for candy, and the goal for numbers of volunteers may be high as well. Pastor Won will raise the Council's concerns at the July meeting for this event.



have a certain number of cars to go towards candy and each church. Each church will direct traffic as well. The monetary amount suggested

Jim Printy discussed potentially building a display for Gypsy Hill Park during Christmas. The display would need to be ready to be lit by the Staunton Christmas parade which will be the Monday after Thanksgiving. Anita Jackson made a motion to explore the idea of making a display in the park for Christmas. The motion was seconded by Ed Pickett, and the motion carried 12-0. Anita Jackson, Connie Davis, and Caroline Jones will be on the team creating the display. Susan Black also suggest that we consider putting our display beside the large church parking lot.

Jim Printy asked for suggestions for the next Council Chair as he will be ending his term.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 25 at 7:00. Devotions will be presented by a representative from Witness.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Madalyn Marshall

(Disclaimer: June minutes has not been approved but the Council thought it might be practical to receive the minutes before the next Council meeting.)