

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CURCH  
MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM  
February 21, 2017**

STAFF:

Daniel Hilty  
Jerry Kelly

MEMBERS:

Doug Bartley	Anna Holt
Katie Doman	Christina Barnett
Darryl Engelhardt	Dee Dee Shelton
Ryan Freeman	Julie Allen
Mark Holzem	

VISITOR:

Dave Harris

WELCOME:

Dee Dee Shelton, chairman, welcomed 9 members, 2 staff and one visitor to the February meeting of the Ministry Support Team which was held in Room 107. Dee Dee reported that, due to scheduling challenges, Peggy Palmer may not be able to serve as secretary this year. A replacement will be considered by the Lay Ministry Committee.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT:

Daniel Hilty reported regarding the ongoing work with Woodruff Sweitzer in discovering how our church is viewed by members and community members with the goal of identifying a brand for the church going forward. He has received a second revision of the report and is in the process of reviewing it.

Daniel reported on the plan to revise the stage area in front of the sanctuary. Briefly, a plan is being considered to make changes in organ position (completed), risers for the choir with railings for the risers, and kneeling rails for communion. The cost of the project is unknown and Ryan Freeman will represent the committee as things move forward.

Daniel also reported that the plan for Common Ground self-sufficiency is proceeding. HALO has moved their offices and a board of directors is in place

for the transition. The hope is to have Common Ground independent from the church by the summer.

Daniel also was excited that the First Care Team, which is intended to identify and minister to the needs of members and friends in the congregation, will meet for the first time on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Daniel concluded by reporting that the District Superintendent has agreed to allow that live stream followers can now be included in weekend worship attendance.

#### JANUARY FINANCIALS:

Jerry Kelly discussed the January month-end figures (attached) and noted that the sampling is so small that no conclusions can be drawn nor trends identified. It was noted that last year we had an exceptionally strong January from an income standpoint due to some unexpected gifts.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:

Dee Dee expressed her desire for the committee to examine and construct a social media policy using other churches' and related organizations' policies as guides. The need for such a policy has been requested by insurance carriers in the past and it just makes good sense to have something in writing as a guideline for appropriate communication on church social media platforms.

#### POLICY FOR USE OF CHURCH PROPERTY:

A proposed Building Use Policy was presented by Jerry. The policy has been needed for quite some time, with nothing previously in place to be used as a guide for both staff and members. Considerable discussion took place on several items contained in the policy, most notably property use outside the church and staff communication with the committee regarding building use activities. Several amendments were proposed and accepted. Christina Barnett moved and Julie Allen seconded that the policy be accepted as amended. Motion passed.

#### STAINED GLASS:

Dee Dee brought before the committee a future issue regarding the long-term care of the stained glass in the church. Several folks, most notably Doug Bartley, have done quite a bit of background work to try to identify the best course of action going forward. It is hoped that the committee can visit this issue in the near future with some idea as to how it can be accomplished.

FIRST PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Praises included Dinner for 8, a young adult Bible study, and First Connect.

Concerns included health issues for congregation members.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Discussion as to whether a March meeting was necessary, especially given that the regular meeting date falls within the public school spring break. It was decided to forego the March meeting, with necessary communication taking place via email.

**Mission JC – Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**MST serves Community Dinner – Thursday, October 26**

Meeting was adjourned

Jerry Kelly  
Acting Secretary