

**Port Charlotte United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Monday, March 4, 2013**

Terry Hixson opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Bob Burr requested comments on the PCUMC Church Council Leadership Covenant. A lengthy discussion followed. Due to the lack of a majority vote on this matter, it was tabled for the Church Council Meeting in April.

The minutes from the February 4, 2013 meeting were approved.

**Old Business**

None

**Council Reports**

**Salty Service – Mike Hald**

- . A meeting was held on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- . Meal tickets for Kairos ministry will be sold on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>; Kairos weekend will be April 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.
- . The Bloodmobile will be at church on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, during WNO. The next Lunch and Learn session will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- . The Apostles Build house dedication will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Salty Service has approval to fund its third home for 2014.
- . Meals on Wheels has asked PCUMC for financial assistance. Mary Howard, executive director of MOW for Charlotte County will address our congregation on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Discipleship – Doris Hixson**

- . The Grief Share program has begun under the very capable leadership of Ann Van Hoose-Oleson. The participants have expressed positive feedback regarding the help given them.

**Hospitality – Marcie Marshall**

- . Recruitment of greeters and Welcome Center staff is ongoing. Anyone interested should contact Marcie.
- . Pastor Brian and Marcie met with greeters and Welcome Center staff on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Chris Burr will be coordinating the Welcome Center.
- . Sid and Dottie White are coordinating the Sunday morning fellowship in the lobby. Lucy Leavitt and Marge Lawson are doing the fellowship time for Church@6.
- . The Radical Hospitality Committee welcomes all who want to extend the hand of fellowship to our members and visitors.

**Staff-Parish – Tom Marshall**

Due to salary inequities, increases for three individuals totaling \$4900 were requested. Approval was granted via Church Council motion.

**Finance/Treasurer – Frank Hansen/Tom Wenck**

Payment of conference insurance has been made for the entire year of 2013. While this was a cost-saving measure, it has resulted in expenses currently running about \$30,000 higher than

income. Gifts/tithes are also about \$12,000 less than budget. Hopefully the Easter season and the five Sundays in March will help to alleviate this shortfall.

#### **Trustees – Mike Sniecinski**

- . All projects are on hold until the Ministries Facility Usage survey is completed and mapped. All Chairs and Group Leaders should have received this survey form from Chuck Kinter's Sarasota Church Planners and should be completed and returned to Carol Hansen ASAP. A brief meeting with Chuck will then be docketed.
- . The Stations of the Cross for the New Beginnings Park should be installed by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Worship – Karen Wenck**

- . Twelve members of the committee met on February 25th.
- . Plans were made for the dedication of the Stations of the Cross in New Beginnings Park on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Jim Kuse and his wife Kathy will be honored at that time. There will be only one morning service and no Sunday School. A light lunch will be served at 11 a.m. At noontime the St. James congregation will join us in the park for the dedication.
- . Plans were finalized for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Palm Sunday will include a program, "The Proclamation of the Passion of Christ", directed by Linda Brown. The new Children's Choir will walk in procession with palms. During Holy Week, there will be lunch and devotions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. A solemn foot-washing service is planned for Maundy Thursday, and at the Good Friday service, the altar will be stripped. There will be a prayer vigil in the park at the Stations of the Cross on Saturday morning. Easter Sunday will begin with a sunrise service in New Beginnings Park at 7:00 a.m. with St. James Church. The United Methodist Men will be providing breakfast on Easter morning.
- . The possibility of redesigning the Sunday bulletin was discussed. Katherine will give the committee several new design ideas from which to choose.

#### **Men's Ministry – Joe Wilcek**

- . The pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, served 204.
- . Installation of the Stations of the Cross was discussed at the Men's breakfast meeting this morning. This should take place on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Also discussed was the breakfast on Easter morning.
- . The Boy Scouts would like to have their yard sale on our property during the pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. This matter was then brought before the Church Council via motion and carried.

#### **Youth Representative – Mike Hald for Paul Kisner**

- . The youth and family ministry small group are currently studying Adam Hamilton's new series entitled "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" during Lent.
- . Spring Break Youth Week will kick off on March 9<sup>th</sup> with a 3D movie night at Regal Cinemas.
- . There will be a community service day at the church on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- . On March 13<sup>th</sup>, the youth will have a bowling night at Bowland of Port Charlotte.
- . The youth will be serving as volunteers for East Fest on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Port Representative – Barbara Pennington for Dawn Kisner**

- . Easter Fest is Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed for registration, greeters, crafts, tattoos, popcorn, food games, snow cones, egg hunt. Just an hour in each area would be so helpful. A sign-up book was circulated among Council members.

- . Also needed is a team to take the registrations and split the names of the unchurched to contact that week to invite them to our Easter services.
- . A handout at the door showing all the fun things to do, egg hunt times, and our Easter week schedule has been produced for distribution.

#### **CWM Representative – Barbara Pennington**

- . The workshop at the UMAP conference (United Methodist Association of Preschools) was sold out. The teachers did an awesome job sharing some of the great ideas they use in the classroom. Because several teachers were unable to go, there was a “preview” workshop for our VPK staff. It was presented so well that a local school has requested that we do the workshop for them.
- . Registration for next school year for our waitlist families has begun. It is already filling up. We prayerfully hope that we can accommodate all the families on the list.
- . Spring break begins March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- . The book fair will be held during the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>. In the past, several very expensive bookcases were purchased by only paying shipping. Everyone’s support is requested.

#### **Lay Leadership – Pastor Brian**

Pastor Brian has been quite encouraged by the number of people considering leadership positions in our church. Unfortunately, it has been difficult finding a mutual meeting time for all concerned. Several ideas were proposed. Pastor Brian will get back with Church Council regarding this matter.

#### **Pastor’s Report – Pastor Brian**

Pastor Brian is concerned about items in the church bulletin on which he has no input. In particular, an item concerning a class on Jainism scheduled for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> has caused some disapproval among church members which was relayed to Pastor Brian who did not have an opportunity to decide whether to be on board with the program. Was protocol followed? He suggested that in the future we should let folks know that items such as this should be passed through Intentional Discipleship.

#### **New Business**

- . Frank Hansen spoke about the Wills & Memorials Committee which is chaired by Bob Burr. It was decided that it should be a subcommittee of the Trustees. A motion was made to Church Council and carried that this should be accomplished.
- . The Donor Gifts: Policies and Procedures form was then discussed. Of particular interest was 4e which states: “Funds may be invested in order to grow income, upon agreements of Wills and Memorials and the Finance Committee for concurrence of the Church Council. The interest may be used yearly in full or in part for outreach of the Church and may be budgeted in such a manner.” Because this is actually creating an endowment in perpetuity, Guy Emerich offered to prepare the necessary paperwork. Frank Hansen then requested that The Donor Gifts form be approved. Motion granted.

#### **Closing**

Terry Hixson closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Joan Sniecinski, Secretary

