

Administrative Council Minutes October 17, 2017

MUMC Administrative Council met on October 17, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were: Chris Nelson, Sherwin Dent, Rhonda Linsley, Julie Burden, Mandi Brown, Chad Smith, Pastor Carl Knapp, Pastor Meghan Riegerix, and Ellen Gehringer.

Pastor Knapp opened the meeting with a devotional to help us prepare for our revival based on Psalm 51:10 and Acts 1:6.

Business

Treasurer's Report: In Debbie Baker's absence, Pastor Knapp shared information on our current financial standing. The Reserve Fund is now depleted. We still have \$18,000 in the Ministry Fund. Scott Nelson has accepted the Financial Chairperson position. Different ways to improve our financial situation were discussed. Pastor Riegerix shared her comparisons of our financial status over the past few years which suggest that our years of highest giving were years in which our focus was adult discipleship. Our decrease in giving has occurred over the last 18 months.

Pastor Knapp led a discussion on thoughts and ideas to grow discipleship and stewardship. We will be moving forward with a sermon series on stewardship which will include individual commitment cards which ask us to state what our commitment will be in prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Revival: Roger Ross will be our speaker for the revival. He has requested that we find people who will share their testimony. Council members suggested the names of several members of the congregation who would have good stories to share. Pastor Knapp will follow up with those suggestions.

Pastor Knapp also shared information on expected expenditures for the revival. This included \$500 for the main speaker, \$25 gift cards for the members of the CMU musicians and Momentum Kids (possibly 10 – 13 individuals), and \$750 for the Nashville group. The Tuesday evening performers do not accept compensation. The projected costs were discussed and approved by consensus.

Charge Conference: Charge Conference is scheduled November 12, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, at the Methodist Church in Brookfield. Council members reviewed the local church officers for 2018.

SPRC: Pastor Knapp reported for Shari Dye. Pastoral Support Forms will be completed at the next meeting of SPRC on Wednesday, October 18, along with staff evaluations.

Trustees: Chris Nelson shared that appliances have been purchased and the floors in the sanctuary are scheduled to be refinished very soon

Before closing, there was further discussion of possible ways to reverse our loss of member ship and decreasing finances through relationship-building activities. These included dinners for eight, game nights, bunco, and expanded serving activities.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:45pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Gehringer