

Lay Leader Report
January 15, 2014

The Imagine No Malaria congregational effort kicked off on January 5 and continues through the end of January with the goal of raising at least \$2,500. The total given by the congregation to date is \$2,235.41 .

The next set of leadership classes is this coming March 1, at Camp Jo-Ota. There are several excellent classes being offered, including a class on Spiritual Gifts, United Methodist Heritage and a class on Polity. Please consider attending one of these classes – it's an excellent opportunity to learn more and spend some fellowship time with other church members from the Mark Twain District.

It seems to me that attendance from MUMC has been declining in the last several sessions so I really encourage you to participate! These classes are for everyone interested in deepening their relationship with Christ, not just for those interested in lay preaching.

Sign-up forms will be available at the Ad Council meeting and cost is only \$38.00. Breakfast and lunch are included and classes are usually over by around 4 pm.

Please review the team/committee handout at this month's Ad Council meeting so that I can finalize it and have copies available for the Sharing team to use. I'd also like to heighten the awareness of the teams and committees within our congregation by distributing these handouts during both worship services and asking members to get more involved. If anyone has other ideas of how to use this information to get more people involved, please let me know.

We talked briefly about Vital Congregations at the Ad Council meeting in November. I feel like we've lost the momentum we had when we created that document in 2012 and presented it to the congregation during the congregational meal in September, 2012. I'm reviewing that information and will have some ideas/plans at next month's meeting.