

SUGAR CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP TEAM STATUS NOTES

August, 2017

Treasurer's Report: (Lois Frazee)

See separate report.

Education: (Terri Boyd)

No report received.

Care Giving: (Pat Lucas)

The Care Giving Team met July 31st because of the July 4th holiday. Birthday, anniversary, get well, and encouragement cards continue to be sent to those in our congregation. Chair yoga classes continue on Mondays with an average of 10 - 13 people attending at different weeks. New participants continue to be added. The Mission Work day held on Wednesday, July 19th had 6 volunteers from Sugar Creek and 7 volunteers from the Midwest Distribution Center participating. A home of an elderly woman in Chatham that had much needed yard work was completed while at the church, the children's play yard was weeded and the kitchen had a deep clean. In lieu of cards, over \$205.00 was collected for the Forever Feline Ranch in that was given in honor of Sally Behl's 90th birthday celebration on August 1st. Communion visits for our homebound will resume in September with Pastor Paul and the Caregiving team.

Prayer: (Pat Wright)

Nothing new to report.

Worship: (Pastor Jack Wolfe)

The worship committee did not meet in July but will meet on August 24th at 6:30 pm.

Missions: (Shelly Lewis)

Missions team talked about having regular breakfasts to raise funds for mission projects. The first breakfast will support Panther Pack backpack ministry for NorthMac, and was scheduled for August 20 after 1st service. Additional dates selected and put on the calendar include October 15, November 12, January 21, March 18, and April 29. It was discussed that we could do something different for the summer, possibly an ice cream social. We will be calling on getting scheduled for 2-3 meals at Hospitality House for the coming year. This is the ministry through Kumler where we cook, deliver, and serve a meal at Kumler. Currently Kumler is looking for a new coordinator for this ministry and is taking applications.

Operation Shoebox collection boxes continue to be available for year-round donations. August is school-supply month, and with the great back-to-school sales going on, this is very timely for filling that August box (or filling and filling again!). This year has some new regulations where we are no longer able to send toothpaste in the boxes. Any toothpaste already donated will be given to other agencies that accept it.

Cotton Hill United Methodist Church has contacted us to see if we are interested in joining them in staffing their Laketown Ministries Resale Shop at 2617 Stevenson Drive in Springfield. They need people to work one or two 4 hour shifts per month in their shop. From their letter: "The work is not all that complex. Sometimes it involves sorting or putting out clothes, shelving books, pressing a shirt, or running a cash register. Sometimes you will be required to lend a listening ear to someone who is hurting. Sometimes you will be called upon to refer someone to a helping Springfield agency, or help them choose (at no cost) clothes for their first interview after completing rehab. Sometimes you may be called upon to help a homeless person find a coat or other warm clothing. And there will be times when you will help a child find a pair of shoes that fit. This is just a partial listing of all the ministries that happen because of the Laketown Ministry Resale Shop. It's not earth shattering, but it does make a difference in people's lives."

This ministry is in danger of closing if they do not get the help needed. They are the last United Methodist ministry left on the southeast side of Springfield, which is a challenged area. Operating hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:00-5:00, Saturday 10:00-3:00, Closed Sunday and Monday. This would be a great ministry to support. We have brochures if anyone is interested, and if you want to volunteer, just go to the shop during business hours and fill out an application. We might want to consider how Sugar Creek could be a part of this.

Hospitality: (Michelle & Jeff Randall)

No report received.

UMM: (Jeff Koch for Gail Cannedy)

Nothing new to report.

Finance: (Steven Chase)

Lois Frazee started meeting by going over financial report. Pastor Paul Dinges noted that the youth director has been hired and will start 8/27/17.

Jeff Koch was absent but had sent financial report for the trustee's funds. Reported that Allied Plumbing document has been signed and sent and new HVAC unit will be delivered in September. Screen replacements for parsonage are being taken care of and the committee will be working on an inventory of big tickets items that may need replacing in the next several years based on 20+ year building.

Pastor Paul will be gone next week for TIMMS training. The conference will be paying all his expenses since the bishop is requesting him to attend this training.

Discussed how a stewardship program would be conducted. Pastor Paul explained how he has conducted stewardship programs in the past and is called to stewardship in his ministry. The finance committee decided to recommend supporting a stewardship program to leadership. Pastor Paul will get a hold of finance chair, Steven Chase, to find a date in late August or early September to set a meeting between both the finance and stewardship committees to discuss which program to use. A 4-week emphasis on stewardship and tithing will be conducted starting on October 29, 2017, with sermons and small groups ending on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19, 2017, with a Consecration Service and the signing of pledge cards being brought up front and blessed and possibly a potluck dinner. Pastor Paul introduced a few stewardship programs he has used in the past plus a new one. Youth and Children can even have a program to learn about giving. Letters along with the next year's proposed budget will be sent to introduce program. Also an article about giving would be put in newsletter. The programs have sample articles, letters, commitment cards, videos, etc. that can be used. Since Pastor Paul already has most of the programs on his computer he would just have to tweak them for Sugar Creek.

SPPRC: (Cheri Hoots) *No report received.*

Trustees: (per Jeff Koch for Kevin Johnson)

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(per Sheila Wilson)

1. The Sanctuary lights were replaced on Friday (8/4) by RB Electric, but the projector in the back of the Sanctuary was bumped, and now is not projecting on the screen. The Choir and Pastor Paul read from that screen. It will take two people to get the ladder down from the storage room, and carry it. I helped Mike on Friday...it's heavy!

2. The Toddler bathroom has had a light out for I guess some time. The fan light did not have a bulb in it, so Pastor Paul did replace that. Mike from RB Electric ordered the power bar that went out for the LED light. He tried to pick one up at Springfield Electric, but they were out of stock. Hopefully the part will be in this week.

3. The urinals in both men's restrooms were leaking. We had quite a mess during AG Day. Pastor Paul mopped up the floors in both bathrooms, but they continued to slowly leak. I contacted Bill Dickey, and he stopped by to see what was going on. He ordered parts, and fixed all the urinals last Thursday (8/3).

Youth Ministry: (Kathy Koch)

The Youth Council is excited for James Furlong to begin leading our Youth Ministry in September. He is working on his degree in Youth Ministry at Greenville University and plans to graduate in December of 2018. We will welcome his energy and new ideas for our Youth program.

Our youth spent a week in Paducah, KY experiencing Pump Camp under the leadership of Jennifer Smith and Robyn McDonald from July 16-21. We have heard from the adults that they did a number of things that week including yard clean-up for an elderly man, chipping off paint on a stone house and then priming it, experiencing meaningful fellowship every evening with a full worship service including communion. The adults received many compliments on what a good work team the Sugar Creek Youth made, and they believe this trip inspired our students to want to do more mission work! We are anxious to hear of our youth's experiences directly from those that participated in Pump Camp!

The Youth Council will be meeting soon with James and Pastor Paul to make plans and direction for the youth of Sugar Creek.