

UMCE Church & Society - Meeting Notes
Church and Society Team
April 17, 2018

“Living our lives and serving Christ in the contemporary world through faith, action and justice”

Present: Katie Zapotoczny, Ann Gerteis, Pem Dunn, Clyde Sacks, Robin Roberts, Jeanne Ambrosier, Jan Thurling, Donna Mullins, Bill Graf

1. Opening Prayer – Jeanne Ambrosier
2. Minutes of March 20, 2018 Meeting were approved.
3. Report on April 11 Evergreen LGBTQ support group meeting. Clyde, Ann, Jeanne, Jan and Bill reported on the April 11 (also attended by Susan Roberts, Bob Gerteis and Roger Ambrosier). All were impressed by the articulate way in which young people and adults present described their experiences and tribulations as members of this community. One man who describes himself as transgender told of being beaten up at Walmart and that law officers responding were not helpful. Some present expressed that a mentor or ally (friend) program would help LGBTQ people traveling a difficult road, frequently with limited support from family members. It was reported the next support group will meet on May 9.
 - a. **Action: All:** As this next date comes closer and is confirmed with a location, members are asked to share with other C&S members.
4. Update on JOY International.
 - a. Dr. Jeff Brodsky of JOY International (based in Conifer) will no longer be speaking at Men’s Breakfast October 6, but a later date is a possibility. Jeff will be asked to speak at the August 26 Adult Education session about fighting child sex trafficking.
 - b. Jan would like us to sponsor a Barefoot Mile walk to raise money after Jeff speaks August 26. Jan suggested early September as a date for this. There will be walks in Colorado Springs on June 9 and in Littleton on July 21. There was discussion that we should participate in the Littleton walk. After discussion, we decided to ask Jeff to speak approximately 9:20-10:20 AM at Adult Education on August 26, to be followed up in the spring of 2019 with a community meeting to promote a Barefoot Walk in our mountain community in summer of 2019.
 - a. **Action: Jan** will contact Joy International and confirm the Adult Education date of August 26 at 9:20-10:20AM. When this is confirmed Lorna Idol needs to be contacted.
5. Date Change for Family Movie Night originally scheduled for Friday, April 27 to now May 4. Jeanne reported that we need to reschedule the Movie Night due to a previous reservation of the Fellowship Hall for an outside group. We rescheduled for Friday, May 4, with pizza at 6:00 PM and the movie starting at 6:30 PM. The movie will be Coco.

- a. **Action: Katie or Jeanne** are asked to contact Carol and update the Church Bulletin announcement. Coordination and volunteer needs for movie night can be made via email.
6. Update on flat screen TV in Fellowship Hall for future Movie Nights. Bill reported that Trustees are leading this search and investigation of the cost and technology for this. Ultimately, it is hoped that this would keep Movie Nights in the Fellowship Hall, instead of in Sanctuary.
7. Mountain Backpack program date and details. Jeanne thinks that May 20 will be the date when food collected in church will be transported by the youth group to ELC.
8. Update on 2018-19 Adult Education classes. Church and Society will volunteer to lead the following sessions:
 - a. September 16, 2018: Ann and Donna will lead “The Nurturing Community and Confronting Bullying”
 - b. September 23, 2018: Katie will lead “The Natural World”
 - c. January 27, 2019: Katie will lead a further discussion of The Way Forward Commission, which will be a few weeks before the special General Conference that will decide how the UMC will proceed to address the risk of schism.
 - d. Open Date: Jeanne will contact Jerry Herships to arrange the timing of his visit to speak on economic justice. He could also speak in church for a Mission Moment.
<http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/professional-comic-turned-preacher>
 - i. **Action: Jean** is notify Lorna Idol of the confirmed date.
 - e. Open Date: Pem will speak on “War and Peace and Military Service”. This will be scheduled after we learn when Jerry Herships will visit.
 - i. **Action: Ann** will let Lorna Idol know of the committed dates of Sept 6, 23, Jan 23. Ann will also let Lorna know of the pending Jerry Herships’ date and the need to for a date for Pem’s program. These five programs will be the only Adult Ed sessions sponsored by C&S at this time.
9. Community Meal trial run in late May or early June – Clyde and Bill.
 - a. Clyde agreed to do the cooking.
 - i. **Action: Pem** and others will speak with “Pastor-Elect” Deb to brief her on the Community Meal and that we are interested in resuming it to seek her blessing.
 - b. Who will volunteer to help in kitchen or dining room? Pem and Bill expressed interest in helping at the Meal. Others in UMCE have already expressed interest in helping. A van shuttle to Rocky Mountain Village, Greenridge Meadows apts. is likely.
 - c. Promotion: Courier, EChO, Mountain Resource Center, etc.
 - d. Wednesday looks like the best day due to church use on Thursdays by AA and Al-Anon. God’s Green Earth (younger youth) meet until 5:00 PM on Wednesday, so the Meal would need to begin after that.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2018

Meeting Chair Needed for May 15: _____

Next meeting suggested agenda items:

1. Update on JOY International.
2. Family Movie Night update – May 4
3. Mountain Backpack program update - May 20
4. 2018-19 Adult Education classes update
5. Community Meal update
6. Other

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