

**MISSIONS TEAM MINUTES**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF EVERGREEN**

November 6, 2018

Bill Graf gave the opening prayer and the meeting was called to order by November's Chairperson, Tracy Atlas.

**1. Attendees:** Marilyn Gildersleeve, Linda Schroeder, Tracy Atlas, Bill Graf, Pem and JoAnn Dunn Michael Eaton, and Janice Vickery

-- Minutes from the Oct 2, 2018, meeting were approved as written.

**2. Salvation Army Bell Ringers:** This year signup dates and times will be listed on SignUpGenius. The open days for UMCE are Tuesdays and Thursdays from Thanksgiving weekend to Christmas Eve. Bill inquired if any of tonight's attendees would be interested in managing this event. Bill or Michael will put an information article in *The Happenings*.

**3. Budget Request Revision:** Michael reported on Pastor Deb's recently-held Budget Round Table Discussion by saying the church does a good job in trying to keep expenses down. At this meeting, ways to economize or increase our income were discussed. UMCE needs ways to grow and thrive; ideas and suggestions are being actively solicited. If we need to, Missions Team could cut our request of \$1,000 over last year's budget—that is, go back to our \$9,000 without reducing our commitments.

**4. Alternative Gift Fair on November 10 and 11:** Bill reports the AGF is almost ready to open and everything is going very well. Linda Schroeder asks that all bake goods be at our church not later than 3:00 on November 9 or they can be delivered directly to the Fair also on Friday afternoon.

**5. EChO and MRC Toy Collection:** The toy collection box is stored downstairs, condition unknown. When it's displayed upstairs, people will fill it up with toys. No need to label for either EChO or MRC—toys can be for both. Marilyn will check out the box and set it up. Michael will put an item in *The Happenings* about toy collection. Collection will be active Nov 18 through Dec 2.

-- Regarding MRC, still needing a liaison representative between MRC and Missions Committee.

**6. Family Promise:** From JoAnn Dunn, Nov 30 and Dec 1 are available for an evening meal donation opportunity and a person to do an overnight for each evening. For Nov 30, Michael

volunteered to do the overnight, but we still need a dinner. Providing a pizza dinner was discussed if no other volunteers could be found. Bill offered to pay for the pizzas. JoAnn still needs an overnight volunteer for Dec 1 and a meal. It will be difficult for UMCE to provide volunteers on Dec 1 as this is our annual Christmas Party evening. JoAnn will talk to Family Promise and see if there are any substitutes because of our planned special event.

-- Family Promise Adopt a Family; JoAnn requested a family for us to adopt for Christmas as we've done in the past. We've been given a family of four and their suggestions for gifts. The mom is 35 years old with children of 9, 12, and 15. Tracy has kindly offered to do the shopping for their gifts and deliver to the day sight not later than Dec 1. As in past years, JoAnn will pass around a Christmas stocking during the luncheon on Consecration Sunday to collect cash/checks to pay for these gifts.

-- "The Warming Ways for Winter", Family Promise's yearly fundraiser, raised \$56,000 this year. In addition to all they do, they subsidize up to 30% of housing costs for some families.

**7. UMCE Alternative Christmas:** This yearly Missions event will be on Dec 2 between services and after the 10:30 service. Charitable organization's material will be displayed on tables as in the past for first and second service attendees to peruse; no new organizations this year. We'll keep track of donations on tally sheets for the various organizations. This is another item for *The Happenings*.

**8. Special Church Council Meeting:** Will be held right after the 10:30 service on November 18 to vote on items that must go forward to the Circuit Charge Conference.

**9. Circuit Charge Conference:** Will be on Dec 2 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Golden. Our District Supervisor will be there.

**10. Emergency Shelter Program:** From Bill, not too many are using this program currently.

JoAnn Dunn will be the Chairperson for our next meeting on Dec 4; no meeting in January. Michael Eaton gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janice Vickery