

**Administrative Council Meeting  
February 6, 2012**

**Present:** Clay Andrew, Don Allison, Gann Clarkson, Ted Cornish, Jeff Grimm, Gayle Helmcamp, Susan Jensen, Ben Lawrence, Penny Naki, Marcie Petrick, Winona Phelps, Kevin Proctor, Christine Webb.

**Opening Prayer** was led by Kevin Proctor

**January minutes were approved**

**Pastor's report:**

There is a lot of anxiety over the state of the church. In 1968 the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to create the United Methodist Church. Up until 1965, the church grew but since 1968 only 80% of Methodist churches are still here; worship attendance is down and membership is down. Professions of faith are only 57% of what they were in 1968 and children/youth are 44% of what they were in 1974.

Clay has been reading a book named "Focus; the Real Challenges that face the UMC" by LH Weems. Clay asked how are we making disciples and how are we changing the world? What is the reality of where we are versus the hope to change?

**Finance report by Jeff.**

Jeff spoke and also handed out a copy of power point slides regarding our finances. He pointed out that the number pledges are down but money pledged is up. The vote was unanimous to accept the budget as proposed by Jeff.

**Trustees report by Don**

Don said the doors were unlocked and lights were left on recently. He said he has spoken to Nancy Cullers' son who lives nearby about checking on the church to check that the doors are locked and lights are off. We all agreed this was a good idea. He also reported the tree by Clay's office needs to come down due to it contributing to the basement flooding. It was unanimously agreed that the tree should come down.

**Family ministries report from Christine.**

She reported that the team will meet next week. There are lots of adult education classes going on. Barbara Schultz and Christine are starting a Lenten study group.

**Youth report** was not heard because Kevin Love was not in attendance.

**Lenten dinners and movies are being planned.**

Christine and Susan reported that some of the movies being considered are "Billy Elliot" and "Bend it Like Beckham". The dinners are scheduled for 6:15 and will consist of sandwiches and salads.

**Ash Wednesday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>):**

Susan reported that we will be having an Ash Wednesday service. Susan will make soup for Ash Wednesday. People are needed for both set up and clean up.

**Search for new migrant ministries coordinator and food backpack volunteer.**

There is a problem getting things here to fill the backpacks. Perhaps the Nominating Committee can help with this?

**Examples of radical, fearless hospitality:**

- The muffin ministry
- Two homeless people are living with one church member

**Easter:**

There will be two services; one at 9:00 and one at 11:00. Hospitality committee will plan the breakfast at 10:00 and there will be an Easter egg hunt too.

**Who do we want to give thanks to:**

- Christine for Thursday nights
- Scott for playing the piano
- Mary and Katie Foote for planning and hosting the shower for Sarah. Mary adds that they had help from about a dozen awesome United Methodists with planning the shower.

*Minutes by Winona Phelps*

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