

## DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

### Members:

Lisa Bansen-Harp (Deacon)

Sheila Svoboda (DCFM)

Marian Wahl (Deacon)

Mallory Gray (Youth Coordinator)

Jon Hauerwas (Pastor)

Ed Labbe (Elder)

Cathy Melver

Rae Leonard

Opening Prayer

Approval of August minutes

### UPDATES:

#### **YOUTH EDUCATION/ACTIVITIES – Mallory Gray**

- Service event update
  - Delay in planned event at Ohio Living Rockynol (playing bingo and doing interviews with residents in the Memory Care Unit). The idea may be revisited later in the year.
- Hike/Campfire – 10/13/19
  - Firestone Park is a possibility because of its bonfire area. It was suggested that Mallory check with Jim Shriner and Don and Marge Rearick about amenities at other Metro parks.
- Vision Team status - Looking for two new members
  - Mallory is planning to overhaul the youth team, so there will be 3 point volunteers: one behind-the-scenes person to organize venues and logistics and to communicate with the kids. Two other volunteers would serve as chaperones, provide transportation, and help with food, etc.
- Youth Coordinator Office Refresh. The refresh has been scaled back: Mallory has made a café corner for the youth in that space. The sink plumbing will not be redone, as it is rather complicated.
- 2020 will be a Confirmation year – primarily for children in grades 7-9.
  - 10 sessions in winter / spring, as for the last Confirmation class
  - Jon suggested that families with a 7<sup>th</sup> grader might want to wait until 9<sup>th</sup> grade for maturity reasons.
  - There are 4 potential confirmands this time.
- Mission Trip 2020:
  - Discussion of options and goals. One goal is to afford the youth opportunities to experience other cultures. A mission trip to an area where there are Native American populations who are also Presbyterian is a possibility. Areas where Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is active are also possibilities.
  - Funding is a concern. There are some funds (\$7600) available in the Discipleship budget for youth programming. We can disburse part of this, but would want to avoid completely depleting this fund in one year. At present, the submarine sandwich sale is the only youth fundraiser. In the past, funds have also been raised by Christmas cinnamon roll sales and by a work auction where church members hired youth for various tasks.

#### **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY – Marian Wahl**

- September meeting.
  - A quilt is currently up for Marge Beatty.
  - Marian will contact Susan Shellito and Phil Keller to see if they would welcome a prayer quilt.

### **ADULT EDUCATION - Rae Leonard**

- Jon and Rae are working together for the first 8 Sundays in the fall to team teach a discussion of Wisdom Literature.
  - Rae is doing three weeks of intro
  - Jon will do the next three in detail
  - Rae will do the last two (New Testament)
- 10 members participated in the first class (others were working Rally Day activities...)
- There will be a video series on Buddhism for the 4 Sundays in November. We will need a blurb for the upcoming Script.
  - Space - Ohio Living? Room 205? The Ohio Living space would need to be professionally cleaned before use.
- Rae will be teaching in December. Tentative topic for Advent: how Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to His people.

### **CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES - Sheila Svoboda**

- Children's & Family Ministry Team - September meeting
  - the team needs to be rebuilt now that the Ministry Architects phase is over.
  - besides planning (what activities and when) Sheila needs to know what the Expectations for the team should be going forward.
- Book Study for teachers (Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ*). Sheila is looking at Wednesday evenings, twice monthly, beginning October 2.
- Library Conversations
  - 12 participants the first Sunday. The class is more interested in articles than in books.
- Rally Day (First Day of Sunday School).
  - Good attendance and high energy from teachers and children!
- Tween Event at Get Air – Chapel Hill – 9/29 11:30 – 2:00
- Reverse Halloween Party at Rockynol – 10/26/19 – 3:00-5:00
- Tween schedule handout – Claudine
- A “bookmark” containing a version of the message about welcoming children in worship will be placed in the pews with the envelopes.
- *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith* training plans for three teachers/facilitators.
  - Mallory Gray; Andi Jopperi
  - Looking for a Male (Brian Rodabaugh?)
- The toddler room at times only has 1 teacher. It has no video camera—we need to either install a camera or hire another teacher. Discipleship recommends we install a camera.

### **LIBRARY REFRESH - Cathy Melver**

- Survey on library use – Cathy has sent a copy out to the committee, for comment by Sept. 17. The survey will be sent to the members in the Script. An insert will also be in the Sept. 29 or Oct. 6 bulletin.
- Cathy will write a Script note about the survey.
- Complaints thru Session on current condition of library. Cathy will neaten up.

### **CHURCH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP EVENTS**

- Ice Cream Social – 8/18 – Review
  - Very good crowd. The event was publicized in the newspaper and followed the Third Sunday Dinner.
- Keep in mind for next year: Soup Fest and Jeopardy, Westminster Edition.
  - Deacons will be in charge of the food side of the equation

- Lisa will not be able to lead this due to family health commitments.
- Fellowship: Goal is to gather people every two months or so for an outing or dinner.
  - Some adults are attending the Murder at the Mansion at Stan Hywet on October 11. Advance tickets are needed for this.
  - We could always do an Adult Fellowship dinner
  - Erin Spring may organize Dinner Groups

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Artistic/Educational Program at Weathervane Playhouse about Teen Suicide.
  - The program is \$200 (Shelly Koutnik will donate this fee).
  - We can use the local Pentecost funds for expenses and advertising (\$386.40).
  - Scheduled for November 3 – Session approved.
  - We will plan for a luncheon after the church service. Maybe chicken with salads. Our planning for food amounts will need to reflect that the event is open to the community and will be widely publicized.
  - Leftover Pentecost funds would be donated to a directly related charity.
  - Need to plan advertising now. Newspapers, radio, banner, flyers to PTA groups, other...
  - Ginny Melder mentioned that WPC has a relationship with the Akron/Summit Convention & Visitor's Center. They also help publicize programs that would be of interest to the community. She can put us in touch with them.
  - Request Minute for Ministry on 10/20 (Mallory?)
  - We will need a Script article (Mallory?)
- Eberts Lecture – June 2020
  - Will Willimon - June 6-7, 2020. He could lecture on Sunday morning before worship, preach, and lecture again after worship.
  - He usually does not receive less than \$1,000 to \$2,000. We have \$2500 in the Eberts Lecture budget. With anticipated distributions over the next year, we should have almost \$3,500. We can also reach out to other congregations for participation and funding assistance for a well-known speaker.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Andi Jopperi inquired about the possibility of Westminster offering a family camp next summer. We request that she propose any ideas to the committee. An alternative discussed was a retreat at a park shelter (like Sand Run).
- Karen Elvin inquired about a study group on Prayer (including a study book). She could co-lead such a group in the Spring. This would be separate from Sunday School, perhaps during the week. We will invite her to come to a Discipleship meeting or send a proposal.
- Claudine Schooley's disability class has been approved by Session through 3/15/20.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting – October 8, 2019 @ 7 p.m.