

## Mission Committee Minutes 1/6/11

Present: Ed Kemp, Marge Kemp, Ernie Vineyard, Stewart Arington, Barbara Walsh, Carol Krum, Phyllis Mudd, David Robertson, Debbie Robertson

Opening prayer - David Robertson

Ed thanked April and Carol for their work on the mosquito presentation as well as thanking everyone for help with the dinner that was provided at the presentation.

Ed thanked Barbara and Carol for doing the Breadbasket announcements.

April Gallagher and Stewart Arington are new committee members.

January 16th - Special Sunday - Human Relations Day - Barbara will do the presentation at first service and Phyllis will do the presentation at second service. Ed will send them more information about what to say along with the description in the meeting handout. Information can also be gotten off of the Methodist website.

Call Ed if you have any future agenda items for meetings.

Dates for the required Breadbaskets were listed on the meeting handout. Ed asked for someone to check the dates with him on Tuesday to make sure that they were correct. Ernie recommended changing all the dates to the third Sunday of each month except for World Communion Sunday. It should remain on the first Sunday. The dates can be moved around because it is only a recommended schedule. Ed said that typically we would look at last year's schedule to set the dates. He then asked who could come on Tuesday at 2:00. Ernie will be there. Barbara volunteered but then decided that it was not necessary for her to come. The dates will be moved to the third Sunday of each month.

A motion had been made previously by April to take a breadbasket offering for New Beginnings in April. Their rummage sale was a great success. They made about \$2000.00. April went out and visited New Beginnings. Their needs touched her. Pastor Rose is in charge and is working to help support the building needs. Women with problems are taken in. The program is in need of paper goods, food, and feminine hygiene products. Phyllis said that UMW might be interested in helping. She is the co-chair of UMW. New Beginnings is a local bible based ministry. A motion to take a Breadbasket offering for New beginnings on February 20th was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ed spoke of another charitable organization in town that is always looking for clothes.

Ernie reported that the district has challenged our church to be a leader in working with *Imagine No Malaria* in helping to stamp out malaria. We would need to raise \$100.00 per member over the next three years. Bill Gates wants to help wipe out malaria and is donating to UMCOR. Education, nets, medicine, and clean water are needed for this to happen. It can possibly be done in 3 to 5 years. Leia Williams with the general Board spoke to Ernie and Ed about how to make the challenge happen. Ernie decided that we needed to wait until after Christmas to begin looking at it. National Malaria Day is in May. Ed has the specific date and suggested that it would be nice to go community wide with this. He mentioned that for \$10.00 you can help save the life of a family for five years and that the infra structure is already in place so all monies go to needs. Ernie also mention that Grace Church in Alamagordo raised about \$30,000.00 in one day for this cause. He was not sure how but thought the funds probably consisted of a lot of

pledges. Ed would like to see the youth involved and suggested that we could begin letting others know about the challenge by talking about it or having it on the screen before each service. He ended the discussion by saying that he felt we would need a subgroup to be in charge.

Barbara received an e-mail from Sally Cooper letting her know about \$892.17 in the designated fund for community missions and \$136.04 in the craft fair account. Barbara feels that we need to go ahead and use these funds. After a discussion, Phyllis moved that \$400.00 be given to New Beginnings along with the funds from the Breadbasket offering. It was seconded and approved unanimously. The committee will decide later, perhaps at the next meeting, on what to do with the remaining funds. All felt that the funds needed to go to organizations that could use help as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be February 3rd at 5:30.

Carol closed the meeting in prayer.