

## Mission Committee Meeting

9/3/10  
5:30 P.M.

Those in attendance:

Ed Kemp (Chairman), Ernie Vineyard (Pastor), Barbara Walsh, Carol Krum, Phyllis Mudd, Marge Kemp, Debbie Robertson (Secretary)

Ed called the meeting to order with prayer.

Ed would like the minutes sent to everyone. He will send Debbie the e-mail addresses for the committee.

Discussion followed on Bread Basket offerings:

- Barbara said that certain things had to be done on certain Sundays.
- The special envelopes for different offerings, such as Peace with Justice, do not have to be used. If someone speaks about a special collection at one service, someone needs to speak about it at the other service.
- It was decided to have someone stand up in the congregation and announce the results of each offering on the following Sunday.
- Ernie will explain what the pastor's Discretionary Fund is for.
- Special guests could be invited to talk about the special offerings (i.e. a student from Lydia Patterson's).
- No one wanted to lead a team to invite guests when Ed asked for volunteers to do this. However, Ernie suggested letting volunteers know that they would have the information ahead of time and someone might volunteer to do it. Ed said that we would work on a calendar of future events so that this could happen.
- Barbara asked why McCurdy was not on the list (because we have always taken an offering for them). Ernie explained that it was probably because they receive apportionments. He then suggested that not having it on the list would open up a space for something else.
- Ernie mentioned that we are a sister conference with the Congo and would like to see something done for them. For \$1500.00 dollars you can educate a seminary student and family.
- Disaster Relief was also mentioned as one that could be dropped because of its apportionments.
- Ed suggested having an offering for Pakistan.
- Ed then shared several of the offerings to be taken.
- September 19th will be for Pakistan and Houchen Center will be moved to October 17. Barbara will talk about Houchen center.
- October 3rd will be World Communion
- November 21st will be UM Students Day
- Ernie would like to have the offerings spoken about earlier in the service.
- Ed sent in pictures on Lydia Patterson.

Discussion followed on what the Mission Committee is all about:

- Ed suggested that we need to keep our minds on educating people about what we are doing.
- February 2011 would be a good time to have another presentation in the gym on what committees in the church do. Phyllis suggested that UMW be invited to be a part of this.
- Let's look at local needs like the Healing House, Love Inc., Helping hands, etc.
- Phyllis suggested that we need to spread our wings.
- We want to help all that we can. Perhaps the Mission Committee could become a source for information on all other committees and what they do. Committees would need to give the mission Committee their information so that this could happen. Ernie went on to say that this is a generous giving church and we need to let people know where the money goes and what people do. This is a way that it could be done.

Phyllis told a story about a couple that want to help but no one ever gave them anything to do so they left. Having a committee that knows what needs to be done might help this. Ernie said that sometimes all people want is permission to do something - whether initially or helping with something. Let people help!

- It was mentioned that we don't have a budget but that we should not be afraid to ask for funds if we truly need them.
- From Ed - "Our goal is your goal!" - now our committee goal.

Marge volunteered to do paperwork, etc., for committee.

Ed was pleased that he received some responses from the newsletter information. It was about the Autumn Festival. Vicki thought it was a good idea.

The diabetic classes will begin on October 8th. It will take place over six weeks with Ed as the teacher. The last class will be a one-on-one for members to ask questions. Beth Simpson will do the opening and closing.

April Gallagher will be offering a class on financial planning for young adults. She already has six people signed up. The class will start on September 19th. The vision is for this to lead to a ministry for young adults.

The next meeting will be on October 7th at 5:30.