Refrigerator News February 5, 2017



GOD'S LOVE

Could we with ink the ocean fill,

Were the whole sky of parchment made;

Were every stalk on earth a quill

And every man a scribe by trade;

To write the love of God above

Would drain the ocean dry;

Nor could the scroll contain the whole,

Though stretch'd from sky to sky.

- Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai

Notes from the Leadership Team Minutes of January 26, 2017

Present: Lori Linn, Jan Williams, Dave & Evelyn Bickel, Terri Woods, Marty Kaylor, Marv & Sara Loutsenhizer, Jan Ward, Judy Steckly, Carolyn Egolf, and Paula Sosenheimer.

Severe Weather Closings: If there is Weather Advisory, we will have services. If the level is a Watch or Warning, no services.

Service Time Schedule: Decision will be made once we have input from interim pastor.

Church Sign: Judy Steckly will check with Jack for process involved in updating information.

Search Committee: Profile is nearly ready to send to District Executive. **Interim Committee:** Terri reported committee will meet soon.

Calling and Discernment: Three of six open positions for Leadership Team are filled. Needed yet are persons for Property Management and a Stewardship Vice-Chair. Stan is serving as Stewardship Vice-Chair till July. It was suggested responsibilities for Property Management divide into lawn, parsonage, and church building. Howard, Marv, Stan, and others have offered to help.

Congregational Meeting set for April 30. District Conference delegate and alternate as well as persons with new or renewing terms on Leadership Team will be affirmed.

Property Management: A task clipboard will be reinstated to note matters needing attention.

Christian Education: Judy Steckly: 1. No materials have been requested.

- 2. A teacher is needed for the youngest children's class beginning in mid-Feb. Often no children are present.
- 3. **Spring Retreat**—Agape—April 22

Request has come for donation of \$25. Judy moved, Marv seconded, and it was agreed that budget monies be used for this.

- 4. **VBS**—First Christian Church has asked us to join them in providing VBS. Judy is sharing with them about materials. More information later.
- 5. **Center for Congregations Webinar:** Date is Feb. 9 from noon-1:30. Subject is Young Adult Ministries; Lori is willing to set up equipment if anyone is interested.
- 6. **IF Gathering** is Saturday Feb. 4. Lori will check with Heather.

Outreach & Caring: Jan Ward (See attached report).

- I. Outreach & Caring will meet monthly on the third Thursday at 2:00.
- 2. **Potlucks** will be held the second Sunday of Jan.—Mar.—May—Nov. and the $3^{\rm rd}$ or $4^{\rm th}$ Sunday in Aug. Dec. will feature light lunch following "Hanging of the Greens."
- 3. Easter Breakfast—Heather will coordinate this.
- 4. Appreciation was expressed to Terri, Lowell, and Sara for arranging Sunday services.

- 5. **42 hospital visits** have been made and recorded since Nov. by designated teams. This does not include unreported visits by others.
- 6. Jack continues to handle the **Food Bank ministry**.
- 7. Quilts were given to Monabelle, Margaret, and Alberta.
- 8. **Seventy-one persons** attended the birthday dinner. Offering was \$420.
- 9. Free bread is now available at Waynedale Baptist Church.

Reimbursement: Those doing hospital visitation are encouraged to turn in mileage expenses. The importance of tracking mileage, vacation, property, and other reimbursable expenses was stressed.

Membership records are being reviewed and updated. Membership stands currently at 121 with 4 associate members. Letters of intent are being sent to those who have not participated for some time.

Stewardship: Financial Reports were distributed, though not reviewed at the meeting.

Ordinances: Additional persons are needed on Ordinances Committee.

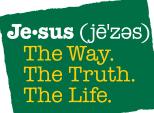
Communion will be every other month with Love Feast on Maundy

Thursday. Bickels, Jan Ward, and Paula offered to help with Love Feast.

Worship & Music: Terri Woods reports speakers are scheduled for February: Feb. 5-Lafayette Jordan—St. John the Baptist

Feb. 12—Dr. Steve Kane Feb. 19—Jeff Copp. The A-V Team is scheduled through 2017.

Meeting closed with prayer by Marv. Notes by Carolyn Egolf (This report has been abbreviated to accommodate space. A full copy is in your church mailboxes.)



This morning's guest pastor is Lafayette Jordan

Lafayette Jordan comes to us this morning from the St. John Baptist Church where he serves as an adult Sunday School Teacher, Associate Minister,

Teacher Preparation Instructor and Vice President of

the Men's Ministry. He retired in 2009 from NIPSCO where he served as Operation Center Manager. He also operated a restaurant named BJ's Fish and Chips which closed in 2012. He has been married to Beverly Jordan for 36 years and they have three sons and three grandchildren. He proclaims that "the word of God changed and continues to alter my life and I am looking forward to the return of our soon coming King of Kings, Lord of Lords."



In Our Prayers....

Bob Kaylor – surgery on February 6 **Becky Oetting** – is doing well following her first radiation treatment.

Paula Sosenheimer – hip replacement surgery on February 20.

Prayers of sympathy for **Marilyn Drudge** and her family. Marilyn's mother passed on January 29th.

Lori Linn's friend Michael passed and our prayers of sympathy for Lori and Michael's friends and family.



February 06 9:15 Women's Bible Study February 09 9:30 Calling & Discernment

February 11 8:30 – 3:30 Quilters



February 5 Avon (Scotty) Scott

February 8 Zoe Vorndran

February 9 Sharri Creed

February 10 Nathaniel Creed

February 14 Leonie Batalona

February 16 Rebecca Shearer

February 16 Tim Wages

February 18 Rebecca Kiess

February 22 Andree Kazee

February 26 David Bickel

February 26 Jack Steckly



February 8 Casey and Marilyn Drudge