

**Newark United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Monday October 22, 2007**

Present: Mark Werrell, Michelle Koch, Kelly Stoneman, Ruth Oatman, Betsy Kent, Jim Faltot, Mary Hudson, Jane Savino, Bryan Everett, Deede Cataldi, Kathy Werrell, Roland Sharp, Chuck Mason, Mary Bell, Mary Haggard, Donna Hitchner, Dayle Thorpe, Barbara Chamberlain, Billy Cox, Jacob Sackett, Erika Grabher, Rich LaPointe

Opening Devotion – Mark Werrell

Advent Festival –

- Team Collaboration: Christian Education (on point), Worship Committee, Youth Council
- Table set up and clean up help is needed. Table set up is needed at 1pm. Clean up after the dinner is about 5:30pm. Volunteers are also needed for assisting children with the crafts.
- Youth Council will assist the kids with their crafts.
- Committees should ask within their teams for volunteers for helping out at the craft tables as well as set up and clean up. There will be 7 tables for crafts. At least 1 adult and 1 youth is needed for each table.

Ministry Fair –

- Team Collaboration: BIA (on point), All Teams
- The plan is for each team to have food at their table.
- After each service, a member of the committee will carry their sign into Heritage Hall.
- Each team should have a team sign up sheet. Membership and Congregational Care can have tent cards representing each of the sub-committees with sign up sheets.
- Teams should consider having sign-up sheets for an special events that you have coming up. People may not want to be a member of a team but they may be willing to sign up for an event.
- Lay Leadership will make copies of the sheets so that they can follow up.
- In an effort to get more traffic to the tables, each person will be given a card that they can get stamped at each team's table. They will get a stamp or a check for each table they visit. Once

they have a 9 stamps/checks they can visit the BIA table to receive a prize.

Phone-a-thon for Pledge Cards -

- Team Collaboration: BIA (on point), All Teams
- People are encouraged to bring pledge cards on Sunday 10/28.
- BIA would like to have a Phone-a-Thon to call those who have not submitted your pledge card.
- On Nov. 6 & 8 at 7pm we will be calling those people who normally pledge, but we have not yet received pledge cards. It will not be held on 11/7 so that it will not conflict with Taize.
- Mary asked to have the list so that she can identify the youth on the list.

Angel Tree -

- Team Collaboration: Outreach (on point), UMW, Youth Ministry, Music
- A group within UMW sponsors an Angel Tree child. The Youth wraps all of the gifts.
- Other teams could sponsor an Angel Tree child. Another group of people are adopting a family to sponsor from the Empowerment Center.
- It was suggested that we collaborate a service with the Angel Tree gift presentment. It was suggested that we invite the Angel Tree families to the Concert on 12/16. We could have a hospitality opportunity after the concert followed by presenting them with their gifts.
- Outreach should consider delaying the collection of the gifts if we are going to wait to present them until 12/16.

Prison Ministry Cookies -

- Team Collaboration: UMW (on point), Sunday School, G.R.E.E.N. Team & Youth
- We've been asked to supply more cookies this year. Cookies are needed by 12/4.
- The Sunday School will have their cookies by 12/2.
- Cookies are packed on 12/5.
- Share with teams the need for cookies. Volunteers are also welcome to pack cookies.

Prison Ministry Calendars -

- Team Collaboration: UMW, all Teams

- Drop off calendars in the UMW's mailbox. Calendars cannot have a spiral binder.
- List of Opportunities to Serve – It was suggested that we produce of lists of ways people can serve. This would be helpful especially during the holiday season. It would be good to have it organized by date. The initial list will include opportunities through the end of the year.
- The list could also include reoccurring needs like volunteers for the Empowerment Center, cupcakes, etc.

Action: Provide a list for the Ministry Fair. The list could also be included in the bulletin.

Shepards Needed for New Members –

- Inform teams that shepards are needed for the New Members

Communications –

- The Communications Team has been successful in getting articles published in the local newspapers. Getting press releases published is free advertising.
- In November and March the Communications Team will reach out to committees to offer help in promoting special events and programs. They will also ask for information that they can publish on the web site.

Blue Christmas –

- Team Collaboration: NBE, Worship

Final Exam Survival Packs –

- Donations will be requested 12/8 & 12/9

Parish Notes –

- Each month Finance contributes a column into Parish Notes. Possibly each team could provide an article for Parish notes. Perhaps each team could describe what they need/use their budgets for.
- Perhaps teams could contribute to the BIA column by providing a feature article on someone demonstrating how to Radiate God's Love

Singles Ministry –

- Marilyn Maurer has agreed to be the recipient of an interest questionnaire. All teams are encouraged to tell their teams about this emerging ministry. The next Parish Notes will ask for people who are interested in this ministry to contact Marilyn.

Nursing Home Ministry –

- Team Collaboration: CE, Visitation Team
- Christian Education is working on a bible study. The Visitation Team could help promote that initiative.

Lenten Study –

- In the past, we have had a daily devotion book comprised of devotions written by people in the congregation.

Action: Ask team members for testimonials. We can collect them and put in the BIA mailbox to collect into a Lenten Booklet focused on Radiating God's Love

Wesley –

- With Easter being early this year, we will have the Super Bowl Sunday Sub fundraiser before and on 2/3, followed by the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on 2/5. We are in the process of recruiting help from Methodist Men to assist with the Pancake Supper. Keep in mind that this is the weekend before spring semester starts.

NOTE: The next Collaborative session will be held in Jan. Think about how you have collaborated with other teams between now and then. We want to be able to share those opportunities at the next session.

Closing Prayer – Jim Faltot

Committee Representation at Church Council Meetings: Please be sure to send a representative in the event that Committee Chairpersons cannot attend.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Monday, November 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Koch
NUMC Council Secretary