

Juniata United Methodist Nurture Meeting
March 11, 2014

Chairperson, Cindy Misitano was unable to be present. Lee Ann Peterman shared devotions from "Jesus's Love for All" from the Daily Bread using John 19: 17-27 as scripture. Pastor Brent agreed to chair the meeting in Cindy's absence. Members and guest present were Kathy Moser, Judy Hershey, Lee Ann Peterman, Sue Wenzel, Ruth Mastos, Pastor Brent Salsgiver, Lisa Ross, Sally Wenzel and Rosemary McCurdy. Minutes from our January meeting were read and accepted.

We began the meeting with new business so Sally Wenzel could share her proposal for a Devotional Retreat/Spa Day for the women of our church. The date is Saturday, April 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Attendance will be limited to 24 women and cost is \$30.00 per person. The program was borrowed from Sally's sister's church in Ardmore. She will have to purchase journals for use by participants. The program promotes renewal in body and heart. Sally will need to have persons sign up to make soup and salads for lunch time. Bob and Rosemary McCurdy have agreed to do an evening meal in the form of a Luau, open to everyone at a nominal fee following the retreat at 5:30 p.m. The nurture committee wholeheartedly encouraged Sally to proceed and put the date on the church calendar. Sally will place sign-up sheets on the gathering room table. Kathy Moser asked Sally about renewing a scrap-booking group. Sally hopes the group will start up again in the near future.

In old business, the Pastor's Bible Study on Monday evenings for Lent using the lectionary scriptures has begun and also the couples' Friday night Bible study: "Love to Stay". Child care is still needed for both of these studies. Pastor Brent suggested there might be groups that could be asked to help.

Sue Wenzel reported she had 17 at last week's "Kids Night Out With Jesus". She will probably divide the group. The children's Easter party will be held April 12th from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. There was discussion about including children who had used the Angel Feet Ministry. It was decided to invite them, although the number is large. Sue will need volunteers to help with invitations and food as well as for the party itself. This summer's VBS will be held July 14th to 18th. The theme is "Living Waters". The first planning meeting was scheduled for April 27th following the 10:45 worship service. The Street Fair is planned for July 26th.

Pastor Brent reported that Lenten Breakfasts begin tomorrow morning. Devotions are covered for all the Wednesdays through April 9th. Someone to do breakfast for April 9th is still needed. Pastor Brent volunteered the staff if no one else steps up. Holy Week services will be a joint venture with Mardorf and Whenwood. Maundy Thursday will be at Mardorf and Good Friday at Whenwood. Both services will be at 7:00 p.m. Our Sunrise Service will be at 6:00, however, it still isn't decided if it will be here at JUMC or at The Lighthouse. Pastor Brent will check on this. Breakfast will be here at 7:30 and both services and S School will be at the regular time.

Lisa Ross reported she needed to change a secret sender. She asked for the committee's opinion concerning the secret senders revealing themselves. Most of the committee felt if senders were willing they should keep their college people until graduation. Perhaps sending a revelation

letter and taking them out for dinner when they graduated. Lisa will have to call in the spring to make sure senders wish to continue and check on graduations.

Kathy Moser reported that the Cheerful Workers would be sponsoring the Mother/Daughter banquet at 6:00 p.m. on May 12th. The tickets will be 6 or 7 dollars for adults. A magician has been chosen for the program.

Ruth reminded the committee there would be an Undershepherd meeting next Tuesday, March 18th.

Under new business, we discussed the church picnic. The Committee suggested it should be in August. Ruth will check with Jim and Mary Hillard to see if they will host at Spring Lake and if there are any available August dates.

The choir's Easter cantata will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 13th during the 10:45 morning worship service.

Ruth requested the Nurture Committee pray for persons to assist the Pastor in the leading of Bible Studies.

With no further business, prayer concerns were shared and Judy Hershey closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Acting Secretary, Ruth Mastos