

JUNIATA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NURTURE MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014

Chairperson Ruth Mastos called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: David Poole, Sue Wenzel, Lisa Ross, Cindy Misitano, Judy Hershey, Kathy Moser, Rosemary McCurdy, Pastor Brent, and Lee Ann Peterman

Dave Poole led our devotions talking about the fall months and how we prune our gardens, and this question came to his mind. Do we water a dead plant to see if it will come back to life? He read from John 15: 1-8, Dave talked about John the Baptist who baptized with water and who came in advance of Christ. Jesus is the vine and even when the surface is dead there is still life in the center; if we center our Christ in our life. Dave closed in prayer.

The minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Dave Poole reported for the youth, he said that they are looking into the possibility of trying to establish a Sunday school class for a 20 something crowd based on conversations from the planning meeting for 2015. Justin Barr has expressed an interest in leading the group.

Dave said the Jr & Sr high Sunday school was doing well, they are continuing to have some issues with Sunday night youth attendance.

November 22, 2014 is church-wide clean-up day, from 9am until ? The youth will be here to help out.

Sue Wenzel reported for the Children's Dept. The church-wide talent show was cancelled. The Children's Christmas program is coming together and will be presented on Sunday, December 14, 2014. The children will Christmas carol on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at 6pm.

The Discipleship Class is concluding their study of Dietrick Bonhoeffer.

There is an evening Advent Bible Study being conducted for four weeks starting Monday, December 1, 2014 called "Not a Silent Night" by Adam Hamilton.

Brent conducted a discussion about the willingness and ability of the congregation to start small groups. He discussed some of the groups that Sue Wenzel has started and the impact it has had on the groups and then in turn the church, specifically KNOW. Brent is asking for our help as the Nurture Arm to get this process started.

Worship Ministry reported that there will be a meeting Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 1PM, for those willing to help with decorating the church for the Christmas season. Decorating will occur on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 2PM. There has not been a Thanksgiving service planned at this time. Following the Children's Program on December 14, we will have our church-wide Christmas party. Cantata will be held Sunday, December 21, 2014. Christmas Eve services are as follows: 7PM - Family Service, hoping to have the children's choir perform. Also a 11PM - Candle light service.

The Cornerstone Sunday School Class had a discussion around the communion that we hold each first Sunday of the month. The suggestion was made by the class to see if communion could be held at the beginning of the service, Judy Hershey presented the idea to the Nurture Committee. Brent described communion as a response to the word, where would we place it if we made a change? Judy said to her line of thinking that communion is individual and we make ourselves "right" to take communion and it shouldn't matter at what time of the service it is placed. Brent said that it was something we could consider and possibly look into for the December 7th communion.

Hospitality reported that the birthday dinner party was a good success; they raised \$41 for the mustard seed.

Rosemary is working with the greeters on where they stand to greet the people as they enter the church.

Fellowship dinners tend to be the same people, we need to work on making sure that we invite "new" attendees.

Lisa said that she is currently having a problem getting addresses for Secret Sender.

The pictorial directory is coming together and quite a few members have set up times to have their photos taken.

There was a discussion about having a prayer chain meeting in January. The first Nurture meeting for January 2015 will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, at 6:30 PM with a prayer meeting in advance of the Nurture meeting.

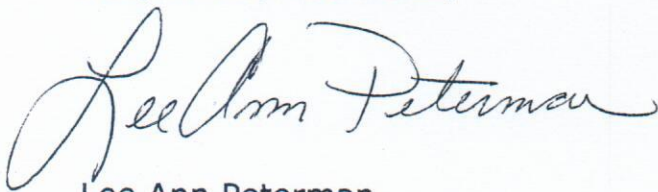
Charge conference has been scheduled for Monday, November 17th, at 7PM.

Prayer groups are continuing to meet on Sundays and Thursday nights, do we want to change or continue those times for now?

Ruth has made a decision to step down at the Steward of the Nurture Arm effective January 1; she will still be in charge of the Under Shepherd Program, and Home Communion. The nomination committee will need to work on a replacement for her as Steward of the Nurture Arm.

No new business to report at this time, prayer requests were taken, and Brent closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Ann Peterman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lee Ann Peterman

Recording Secretary