

Nurture Meeting Minutes 9/9/14

Juniata United Methodist Church

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Tuesday, September 09, 2014

Dave Poole called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members in attendance include: Lee Ann Peterman, Susan Wenzel, Cindy Misitano, Judy Hershey, and Rosemary McCurdy.

Judy Hershey gave Soul Food discussing Proverbs 18: 18-21 and Isaiah 50: 4-5: that we should be encouragers and not discouragers. Each day the Lord wants our first fruits of the day when we wake up and he will instruct us on how to speak to others through the day. Our words of comfort to others come from the Holy Spirit.

The minutes from our July 8, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Judy's report on Worship: Lynne Palazzi agreed to take over the decorating for December and would like a task force to work with her and call a meeting at the end of Oct/Nov. Judy suggested that some "muscle" would be needed to help with the tree and hanging large wreaths. Sue suggested asking the Youth boys to help. Lee Ann reports that Pastor Brent has found a Crismon book with 75 different patterns.

All Saints Sunday will be the first Sunday in November. We will keep the ceremony the same as always, but we need to make sure Lynne includes it in the newsletter.

Judy brought up concern about the candles not being lit for the Sunday service because we do not have enough acolytes. Rosemary suggested that the Sunday School classes be taught what the meaning/symbolism is for the lighting of the candles. The Committee agrees that 1) a short presentation on the meaning of "bringing in God's light" should be given to the congregation by a lay speaker to explain why we need/have acolytes (Bill Ellick nominated for this), 2) the Committee suggests that each Sunday School class be given the task of having a week that someone from their class will be the acolyte (i.e. Youth acolyte the first Sunday, K-6 acolyte the second Sunday, Discipleship acolyte the third Sunday...of each month, etc.), 3) K-6 kids doing acolyte can leave for Junior Church and will need to return prior to the end of service, 4) Dave will talk to Bill about these suggestions.

Cindy reports that the Birthday Bash is Saturday October 18 at 5:30pm. Sue Wenzel volunteered to decorate the table for April, Lee Ann will do the table for July. Last year we had too many meatballs, sloppy joe's, and buns. Hospitality committee for this year will provide beverages, meat, rolls, ice and cake. Lee Ann, Sue, and Rosemary are making two pound meatloafs. Vicki Rhodes and Julia Filer will be greeters to direct people with their dishes. Cindy will put information in the October newsletter and the bulletin approximately four weeks ahead of time. Cindy also suggests that people doing a table look up church members in the directory and invite individuals whose birthdays are in the month their decorating.

Rosemary reported on the Greeters. She is trying to make contact with some people who aren't showing up or doing what was asked of them. Greeters need to be in place 20 minutes before the start of the service.

Dave reports that the Youth Group has more of a structure now because of good parent involvement. Also the kids are starting to bond more than in the past. Kami Graham is going to take charge of Youth Group with the help of Teri Lion and Dave Poole. Vicki Fasick and Dave Poole are taking charge of Youth Sunday School with help from Trevor Robinson, Mark Fasick, and Teri Lion.

Sue reported on The K.I.M. Project having the first meeting on Sept. 27 from 12-1pm.

The Committee concludes that Trunk or Treat can replace the Children's Halloween Party. Therefore, we will not have a Children's Halloween Party this year, but will decorate more and hand out the church information fliers during Trunk or Treat.

The Children's Christmas Play will have rehearsals during the last 15 minutes of each Sunday School Class starting Nov. 2nd. The Play will be presented on Dec. 14th. Judy suggested that the Cantata will be the Sunday before Christmas (December 21).

Prayer requests: Brent and Liz, Judy Hershey, prayer of thanks for Princeton in remission, Debbie Robinson surgery, uplift those who hurt/steal/do wrong that they may know the Light and Love of God. Dave closed the meeting with prayer at 8:30pm.