

## MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES – December 6, 2011

*Mission Statement for First United Methodist Church Mission Committee:*

- To EDUCATE First Church and improve awareness of available local, national and global mission opportunities
- To EQUIP First Church to serve in Mission
- To DEVELOP and support missionaries within First Church—and around the world
- To BE GOOD MISSION STEWARDS

Attending: Nadine Ogden, Mike Ogden, Amy Ogden, Margie Mengle, Dave Mengle, Buddy Miller, Tiffany Holland and Eric King, Barb Strock, Lucretia Browning and Adina Higgins.

DEVOTIONS: The opening devotions were led by Dave Mengle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Buddy Miller shared some typographical spelling errors and misspelled names on the November meeting minutes. The misspelled names were noted to prevent it from happening again. A motion was made by Margie to approve the November minutes with the typographical errors noted and seconded by Eric. The motion passed.

Lucretia attended a UM video conference recently regarding Eastern Europe and the Balkans. As her role as a partner in ministry congregation and theological education for clergy, Lucretia witnessed the offering of communion over a video conference. Technology and its capabilities offers a whole new perspective on what is possible. During the discussion, we were asked if we will consider being a partner in mission using this technology. Perhaps we could become a partner with our sister church in Sierra Leone. Buddy has an upcoming meeting with Jeff Fisher and will discuss the opportunity with him.

Nadine discussed our mission committee members for 2012. Below is a list of the opportunities for service and their 2012 representatives.

- Co-Conveners – Nadine and Mike Ogden and Margie and Dave Mengle
- Secretary – Adina Higgins
- Amy Ogden – Neighborhood Center
- Eric King – Bethesda Mission
- Barb Strock – The Crop Walk
- Volunteers In Mission – Buddy and Jeanne Miller
- McCurdy School – Tiffany Holland
- New Hope Ministries – Tiffany Holland
- UMCH – Karen McAuliffe
- Mission Central – Mike Ogden
- United Methodist Women – Adina Higgins
- Backyard Missions – John Bowen
- Daystar – Bill Higgins
- Operation Christmas Child – Margie and Dave Mengle

Available opportunities to serve:

- ❖ Sierra Leone
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity
- ❖ Children Representative
- ❖ Youth Representative
- ❖ Salt n' Light
- ❖ FUMC Missionaries

MISSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

1. Backyard Missions: No report.
2. Missions Volunteers: No report.
3. New Hope Ministries: No report.
4. Daystar: No report.
5. Mission Central: No report.
6. Bethesda Mission: On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 525 bags of groceries were packed with a record of 30 volunteers in attendance.
7. UMHC: No report.
8. Neighborhood Center: No report.
9. Sierra Leone Initiative: The Miller's leave for Sierra Leone on Jan. 22, 2012. There will be 11 or 12 people on the mission trip. Buddy and Jeanne will be visiting out sister church in Sierra Leone.
10. Habitat for Humanity: No report.
11. Children: No report.
12. Youth: No report.
13. Missionaries: No report.
14. McCurdy School: No report.
15. Operation Christmas Child: There were 227 shoe boxes shipped. Dave and Margie just returned from Boone, NC. There were 656,000 shoe boxes processed and shipped from the Boone, NC center, which is the smallest processing location.
16. Volunteers in Mission: There will be combined Sunday school on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> and the Volunteer in Mission coordinator for the Altoona district, Ron Hoover, will be at our church. There are some upcoming VIM mission trips scheduled for March 25-31 in NC, April 15-21 in PA and September 8-16 in Joplin, MS. Buddy asked that we all prayerfully consider them. Margie will make sure it is in the February church newsletter. These dates will be advertised as VIM opportunities.

FINANCES: Everything has been vouchered to pay out as much as we can for 2011.

EDUCATION: The mission display table will be as follows:

- January – Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis – Karen McAuliffe; Kairos -- Murph **AND** Volunteers in Mission – the Miller's
- February 15 to March 15 – Church camps – Amy Ogden
- March 15 to -- ?

Respectfully submitted,

Adina Higgins