

## MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES – November 1, 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, Bill Higgins, Margie Mengle, John Bowen, Karen McAuliffe, Mike McAuliffe, Jeanne Miller, Buddy Miller, Tiffani Miller and Adina Higgins.

DEVOTIONS: The opening devotions were led by John Bowen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by John to approve the October minutes and seconded by Amy. The motion passed.

MISSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

1. Backyard Missions: John shared that that he is thinking through the entire process of considering updating the talent cards of all church members. By doing this, there would be a greater pool of resources for opportunities to serve.
2. Missions Volunteers: No report.
3. New Hope Ministries: No report.
4. Daystar: Daystar is facing financial difficulties right now.
5. Mission Central: No report.
6. Bethesda Mission: Over 600 bags of groceries were bagged in October; a new record.
7. UMHC: No report.
8. Neighborhood Center: No report.
9. Sierra Leone Initiative: The Mission meal to benefit Buddy and Jeanne's upcoming trip to Sierra Leone was postponed until the following week. The recent square dance raised \$340 for Mission Central. In retrospect, it may not have been advertised as well as it could have been, but those that attended enjoyed it. The Miller's leave for Sierra Leone on Jan. 22, 2012.
10. Habitat for Humanity: No report.
11. Children: No report.
12. Missionaries: No report.
13. The Nichols – McCurdy School: No report.
14. Operation Christmas Child: The youth department assembles and wrapped 63 shoe boxes during the Sunday school hour. The children's department is also going to assemble boxes. The Guyer class has offered to donate \$200 towards shipping costs. All of the boxes that the youth department assembled were registered online so that we can track where they are being shipped. Dave and Margie Mengle are heading down to Boone, NC on Monday Nov. 28.
15. McCurdy School: Tiffani sent in year book information earlier and expected to have a response back in time for this meeting, however it is has not arrived yet. Mike Ogden said that the check memo line for the McCurdy school donation accidentally reference the Nichols (former missionaries that have since retired). The donation may have been sent to the wrong beneficiary in error.

EDUCATION: The mission display table will be as follows:

- Mid-October to mid-November – Operation Christmas Child – Dave & Margie Mengle **AND** Sierra Leone – the Miller's – will share the table
- November 20 and December – Backyard Missions – John Bowen
- January – Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis – Karen McAuliffe **AND** Volunteers in Mission – the Miller's

Tiffani expressed an interest in learning more about New Hope Ministries and Karen for the Children's Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Adina Higgins