

## MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES – February 5, 2010

*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: Melissa Hiler, Pam VanKirk, Nadine Ogden, Mike Ogden, John Bowen, Dave Mengle, Jackie Murdough, Bruce Higgins and Adina Higgins

Devotions: The opening devotions were led by Melissa Hiler.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January's meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Bruce Higgins and seconded by Jackie Murdough. Motion passed to accept the minutes as written.

### MISSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

1. Backyard Missions: No report..
2. Mission Volunteers: Melissa Hiler reported that Tina Eaton is sending out email requests of mission opportunities to assist others with driving to/from doctors' appointments..
3. New Hope Ministries: The following report was provided by Kasie Wertz. Two announcements for the bulletin this month have been submitted. First, there is a Souper Bowl Special on Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM to close at Trindle Bowl. Bring three cans of soup and bowl three games for only \$6/person. Second, there is a New Hope Fundraiser on Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Present voucher to Hoss'. They will donate 20% of your total check to New Hope (no more cards; now ½ page flyers that will be placed in Narthex). The New Hope Ministries grocery list will be in the March Newsletter and is as follows: canned meats, drinks/juice, graham crackers, jelly, condensed/dry milk, hot chocolate, coffee/tea, mayo, salad dressing, margarine, eggs, milk and pull-up diapers.
4. Daystar: No report.
5. Mission Central: Eric DeWalt is at the Global Ministries convention. There were 20,000 health kits sent to Haiti already.
6. Bethesda Mission: No report..
7. UMHC: Jeff Hoffnagle was unable to attend but did provide the following report. Jeff had his first meeting with Kathy Eppley of UMHC on Jan. 28. Clean up days have been scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for this year. These days are set aside to get volunteers to help with outside or inside projects that need done at the Home. Activities include painting, clearing brush, yard work, etc. The Read Aloud Program is a program where an adults pairs with a resident to assist in developing their reading skills on a regular basis. More to follow later. Sponsorships is a program to enable residents to build a relationship with a "normal" family through a series of steps to help the resident become gradually more acquainted with the sponsorship family so the resident can experience a loving family environment. Sponsors are needed for some residents. There is a need for toilet paper, napkins, shower curtains, etc.
8. Neighborhood Center: Nadine Ogden reported that the Neighborhood Center is need of a person to organize a golf outing fundraiser. This person would plan the golf outing and acquire corporate sponsorship donations.
9. Sierra Leone Initiative: Nothing to report.
10. Habitat for Humanity: Bob Wertz provided the following report. Newville Build was dedicated January 31, 2010. This house is the 29<sup>th</sup> CV Habitat for Humanity build in the 17 year history of CV Habitat. Shippensburg Build: Drywall installation will begin February 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by painting, trim, and other interior work. ECD of home is end of April.2010 new builds: Duplex in Shippensburg in cooperation with the Franklin County Habitat for Humanity. Estimated start date is late spring but it is not to early to volunteer for the site. Carlisle site: rehab will continue this year. Enola build: this new build will start in September 2010

11. FUMC Missionaries: No report.
12. Youth: Report provided by Taylor Saraiva.
  1. Lisa McCaffrey, the newly hired FUMC Youth Pastor, is officially on-board as of this week. As a welcome, the Youth are preparing a Youth Directory and “pounding” her by donating a pound of a given item to help her set-up her new home.
  2. Planning is begging to take shape in regard to the Summer 2010 Mission trip to Lynn, Massachusetts from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The trip is being set-up through Youthworks. Located outside Boston, the city of Lynn “faces severe economic challenges. Fifty-three percent of the population is considered low-income. Lynn also has the fourth highest number of homeless individuals in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The number of homeless persons, in shelters or on the street, increased by 52% during the 1990s.” While in Lynn, Youthworks will assist us in the partnering with local ministries to serve at homeless shelters and to reach out to the children and elderly of the city.
  3. This Sunday is the “Souper Bowl of Caring” event. Money collected will be donated to New Hope Ministries.
  4. We have found out that Gerber, the Guatemalan student associated through Compassion International that we have sponsored for many years, will not age out until he turns 20. Therefore, the Youth have decided to continue supporting him for two more years.
  5. The Second Annual Variety Show will take place in late May/early June. Please start thinking as to how you can participate and show that FUMC has TALENT! Money raised will help support Youth Mission opportunities.
13. Children: Jackie mentioned that Kim Vensel is resigning. Cure International is helping with collecting donations for Haiti.
14. Salt ‘n’ Light: No report.
15. Daron Shelter: No report.
16. Ben Ober: No report.

Budget and Finance: The 2010 budget was reviewed. There was discussion to re-allocate \$2,000 from the line item 6409 Missionaries –First Church Scholarships to 6414 Youth Mission Trip and to notify Lisa McCaffrey that the funds are available for the Youth’s needs. Jackie Murdough made a motion to accept the budget with flexibility of changes and the motion was seconded by John Bowen. The motion passed to accept the 2010 budge with the understanding of flexibility of changes.

Mission Table Display:

- February – The Childrens Home – Jeff Hoffnagle
- March – Church Camps – Deb Noss
- April – Alternative Giving Options- Melissa Hiler
- May – Vacation Bible School - TBD

Devotions for March’s meeting will be led by Deb Kenes.

Transition: Melissa Hiler is asking for all to prayerfully consider being the co-chair person for 2010 and to take over for leadership for 2011 of the Mission Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Adina Higgins