

Hands-on Mission Committee

Cornerstone United Methodist Church

September 17, 2018 6:30p.m.

Minutes

Present: Brian Pitzl, Iona Arndt, Donna Vandeputte, Kathy White, Rennae Petersen, Doreen, Rhonda Maker, Lisa Olin

Welcome

A devotion was led by Rennae about United Methodist Church Mission and Ministries including the purpose and Vision

Kathy White agreed to take notes.

Agenda was approved with 2 additions.

Minutes – Aug. meeting were not available for approval

Rennae announced the **Mission Summit** – Sat., Sept. 29, 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., New Ulm Oakwood and encouraged members to go along.

A conversation was held about how to use the \$50.00 check that will be given to our church for attending the Mission Summit to begin a new mission project for our church. Two possibilities will be pursued. 1) Purchase Kitchen utensils for use by persons in the Refuge and 2) books for children in the schools that cannot order when the other children are able to order. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Fair Trade - the checking out of dates has not been done. Will pursue this

Volunteers - Sept. 23 – Donna

30 - Doreen

Oct. 7 – Brian

14 – Kathy

21 -

28 – Iona

Abundant Health Initiative – We will be serving a healthier menu for Coffee Fellowship on Sun.,

Oct. 14

Kathy – Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

Donna – Peanut Butter Cookies

Brian – grapes

Rennae – Whole Wheat Crackers

Lisa – Cheese

A discussion was done about what will be our next step / project toward a healthier congregation. Ideas thrown out were, an exercise opportunity, a Pre-diabetes Class, Prayer Garden, Prayer Labyrinth, classes on healthy cooking, other ideas were listed in the brochure from the General UMC. Rennae will take a request to the Leadership Council to cooperate with the Hospitality committee and Small group Committee to offer an option.

Solar Ovens Project –Marjorie Evans-De-Carpio has shared she has our name on a list of congregations that are interested and will be compiling a schedule shortly. (Note – not mentioned at the meeting would be the possibility of having her make a presentation at our church about the project.)

Reports

Sept. 4 – **Loaves and Fishes** – Donna shared 3 worked the first shift and no one worked the 2nd shift. The next date is: Oct. 2

Ruby's Pantry - Rhonda reported 275 were served and a shortage of volunteers at the Sept. event

Cathy sent a report that she had taken 5 **Welcome Baskets** to the Refuge Office and one was handed out while she was there. There is about \$100 left in our fund for future baskets.

Kathy reported a need at the **Food Shelf** that persons who come to get food sometime share they have no can opener, nor dishes to prepare food they might get. They do usually have a microwave oven. She will begin to collect glass bowls, spoons and can openers to have at the food shelf when she hears of that need. She will share with our congregation as she finds ways we can become supportive.

Lisa shared a new item for the **Marshall Food 4 Kids** program is not using plastic bags for safety for the Head Start Children. Paper bags will be used this fall. She reported we will begin this fall with 380 children and as the fall progresses we will be pairing with Middle School and High School to make food available for students. A \$1,000 grant for ADM has been designated to help with food for MATEC. Rennae also checked with the Sponsorship Committee for a fund request. She was informed that our name was on the list for awards.

Cathy got a bin for **Coats for Kids** for our church. It has been filled once already. She suggested our committee make a request to the sponsorship committee for funds for this project. We decided to request \$200.

Karen Rafson has made the sign up materials for Cornerstone serving the first two weeks of October with **Meals on Wheels**. The dates are filling in nicely.

Adopt a Highway – contact has been made with Larry Jeska and others to get this done within the next month.

Rennae shared a vital need for relief supplies for the victims of **Hurricane Florence** in the Carolinas. The UMCOR network will be making requests for funding. MMDC has already made a request for supplies for Cleaning Buckets, since their shelves were cleaned out with the flooding 2 weeks ago in Wisc. Rennae will make a request to speak at worship Sun. to give opportunities to our members.

Mission Moments (3rd Sun. of month)

Oct. 21 – Coats for Kids and Hurricane Florence

Nov. 18 – Children's Christmas Offering – Noisy Offering

Dec. ?

Drive through Living Nativity – plans are underway for a grand weekend beginning with Saturday, Dec. 15 a.m. - Christmas with Santa.
Sunday morning, Dec. 16 – Children’s Christmas Program and evening drive through Nativity.
There will be expanded scenes and a bigger event than last year.

Adjournment

Next Meeting – Sunday, Oct. 14 following serving Coffee after church.

