

First United Methodist Church
Nurture Committee Minutes

April 7, 2019 at 10:45a

Members present were: Sharon Hagy, Sandy Stombaugh, Brandi Gathe, Gwen Johnston, Barb McCart, Dean & Elloise Black, Deb Durbin, Julie Dunn, Sandy Leidner, Dennette Guyer, Gene Schwarm, Rand Craycroft, and Terry Westerfield.

Absent were: Diane Adams, Joyce Staff, Sharon Lee, Rick Eyman, Brian Kern, Beth Kern, and Jill Tarkington.

The meeting began with Brandi Gathe reading the previous meetings minutes. They were approved without any additions.

Sandy Leidner opened with prayer.

Committee Reports:

Acolytes/Children's Ministry – Barb McCart discussed Vacation Bible School that will be 6/10-6/14 this year. Casey Kistler volunteered to coordinate. Theme is "To Mars and Beyond" Barb is needing Summer Sunday School teachers and is wanting to divide into two groups Pre-k-1st grade and 2nd-4th grades. Last year all were in one group. We are hoping to get several to volunteer for 2 weeks at a time. She is also looking for a Fall Sunday School teacher for 2nd-4th grades since Sharon Mueller is retiring. Susan Casey will continue for Pre-k-1st grade.

Altar Care/Flowers - Gwen Johnston has lilies ordered for Easter. She is wanting volunteers along with the youth to make crosses out of palm branches on Wednesday, April 10, at 6:00p.

Camping Coordinator – Joyce Staff emailed Brandi Gathe that the Spaghetti Dinner was a success.

Church Historian – Sandy Leidner talked about the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration over Father's Day Weekend. There will be a community church service with meal following on Father's Day downtown. Dr. Ivan Filby from Greenville University will be the guest speaker.

Communion Stewards – Sandy Stombaugh resolved the communion tray issues with the felt. Rand Craycroft found some felt to replace the old.

Greeters – Elloise Black said everything was doing well.

Hospitality – Sharon Hagy and Deb Durbin have the Lenten Luncheon all set and ready to go. They served 91 people at the Spaghetti Luncheon. They are coming up with packed lunch ideas for EPIC's trip on June 1, 2019. They are also working on the VBS snacks menu.

Lay Leader – Gene Schwarm has organized the May 5 Worship Service while Terry is on vacation. Guest Speaker Ginger McKee will speak, and the Voyagers group will sing during the service. Gene mentioned that he would like to get more people to be liturgists during services. He is wanting to cut it back to two times a month per person instead of the whole month, making it easier for people to commit.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Dennette Guyer reported that 19 shawls have been handed out in 2019 so far. May 12 will be the Blessing of the Shawls.

United Methodist Men –Dean Black has sold most of the pork burgers and all of the remaining sausage via Facebook. Sixteen pounds remain of the pork burgers. The Pancake and Sausage Supper served around 250 people. They donated \$500 to CEFS to give to a family in need. CEFS reported that they were able to help a family with an electric bill. UMM is now helping on the fifth Thursday at 6:35 Pantry to cover a relinquished time slot.

Ushers – Rand Craycroft needs some more volunteers for ushers. Not too worried, several will fill in if they are present.

Discussion:

Friends in Faith program were updated. Brandi Gathe will have Casey update list and send via email the people on the list needing a friend and post on the bulletin board.

Meals on Wheels program have a new volunteer, Sandy Stombaugh. Gwen Johnston is going to write up a letter to post in the Weekly Pew News and possibly an email to be sent out.

Palm Sunday is ready. EPIC is going to stuff the Easter Eggs and hide them for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Sunday school kids will join a choir member to hand out palm branches.

Maundy Thursday Supper and Service is all planned. Brandi Gathe is getting volunteers for the 12 Apostles for the Hand Washing.

Easter Sunday will start with the Sunrise service with drama at 7:30a. Terry has found all the cast and will have a practice soon. White grape juice will be used for Communion. Breakfast is planned. Worship will be at 9:30a.

Mother's Day will be the Blessing of the Shawls.

Father's Day will be slightly different schedule to accommodate the Bicentennial Community Church service. He is thinking FUMC will start at an earlier time so people could go to one or both easily. Terry will check with the Ministerial Alliance on the times.

Barb McCart reported that Bucket Buddies is starting a new program for school aged children. They are going to collect socks and underwear for students. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. This is a budding program, hoping to be as successful and the Coats and Shoes Program. Thinking they will give out at Back Pack 2 School.

June 2, 2019, will be Graduation Sunday.

Brandi Gathe is working on College Care Boxes. They will be sent out the last week in April. Casey will send out an email updating student list and asking for donations.

Next meeting will be May 19, 2019, after worship to not overlap Mother's Day.