

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

October 19, 2009

(Regular meetings on the 3rd Monday at Alice's)

PRESENT: Glennis Ducheny, Carol Hatch, Ann Niedringhaus, Bobbie Rooker, Alice Stauffer, staff: Lance Allen, Vanessa Combs, Paul McNeff,

EXCUSED: Pam Schneider, Dorothy Kiger, Harriette Jones, Tom Parsons(clerk), Leo Tamtomo

FOR SESSION APPROVAL: none

CALL TO ORDER:

• The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Alice Stauffer with a thought for the day by Alice Stauffer.

MINUTES: September Minutes were approved as written.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

• Pastor Lance brought us up to date on all the Bible Study classes. The Adult Class on Sunday mornings will be temporarily deferred as their leader Paul Smithson is needing some time off because of personal reasons.

CHOIR: Paul reported that everyone is very glad to have the choir back in the service.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Prayer Chain** - At the moment there is no one leading this group. They send out a weekly e-mail list of people who need prayers. Karen Butcher has been leading but is away traveling a lot.
- **Worship Assistants & Greeters** - It has come to our attention through Jeanne Park and Marcia Griffin that it is getting very hard to find people in the congregation willing to serve in these two capacities. After much discussion it was felt that we should continue to try to keep both of these opportunity to serve open. Marcia is not planning to continue on trying to find greeters and we are not sure that Jeanne will. The new Congregational Life chairman will have to deal with this problem.
- **Hymn Sing Sunday** - We have had a grand response from the congregation making requests for hymns and praise songs to be sung at the October 25 worship service. Everyone seems to be very excited about this service

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **November 22** - Committee will put up holiday decorations for Advent following services. Advent begins November 29. We also set up the Advent Wreath.
 - Patti Godshall has offered to put up the tree in the Gallery and see to the decorations. Alice will work with her. The Sunday school children make some decorations for the tree.
 - We have asked Marcia Griffin to dust off the creche and have the kids help her tell the story and set it up on this Sunday.

DECEMBER EVENTS:

- Alice passed around a sign up list for the **Advent Devotions Booklet** asking committee members to sign up to write a devotional for the Book. She will also contact members of the congregations to write daily devotional thoughts for our members for each day. Lance and

Danny will write the first and last entry. All will be formatted and printed by Alice to be sent out with the December Messenger and also given to the congregation by November 29 if they aren't on that list.

- **CHILDREN'S PAGEANT** - December 13 under the direction of Julia Appleton & Laura Rutherford.
- **KidSingers** will perform at the Nixon Library at 1:30 pm. Church is to be honored.
- **Choir Christmas Concert** - Presented on December 20. Lance will give a Christmas meditation that morning.
- **Poinsettias** - Glennis reported that there is a shortage of poinsettias this year. She is talking to Mainly Seconds and other places to see if we can order at least 50. The order form will be in the bulletins and December messenger. Price is \$7 each to be put in the Sanctuary on December 19th.
- **Christmas Eve** service will be at 7 PM. There will be two services, English & Spanish. Afterward there will be a Posada hosted by the Latino congregation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK** - Critic - All thought it was fun and especially enjoyed identifying the flags and having people stand from those countries. Only suggestion was to put the name of the dish, the cook and the country of origin on the different items to eat.
- Paul closed the meeting in prayer.

Alice Stauffer, scribe