

## **Evangelism Committee Meeting Minutes**

April 6, 2009

6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dee Lancaster, Craig Czarnota, Ruby Ludwig, Pastor Karen Oehl, Catherine Vastartis, Liz Frederick, Kendall Lancaster and Karen Thielman

Meeting began at 6:10 p.m. with Pastor Karen leading us in prayer.

Reviewed minutes from the March 2, 2009 meeting. There was a correction to the minutes which was: "There was a discussion about possibly doing classes on Faith Sharing."

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The committee updated the Evangelism contact list to include the terms – Craig's email address was added which is [max@clevelandvalve.com](mailto:max@clevelandvalve.com).

The Evangelism budget: Current balance \$245.06 as of 4/7/09

Bread signup sheet was passed around to add and change some names.

Dee reminded the Committee to send out Easter cards to our parishioners in nursing homes or to those you cannot get out to go to church.

Unattending Members: We went over a list of members whom we have not see for a while and asked our Committee Members to call them and let them know that we miss them and are thinking about them.

Mona and Ray Carlisle – (Nov) – Possibly snowbirds

Matt & Shirley Harper – Catherine Vastartis

Sharon Hotaling – (Nov) – Liz Frederick

Pam & Jim Johnson – Kendall Lancaster

Karen & Mike Memmer – Craig Czarnota

Michelle & Jeff Mihalich – Dee Lancaster

### **Recent Visitors to be contacted:**

Kim and Doris Novak – Pastor Oehl

Chris & Julie Lant – Pastor Oehl

Ellen Rank – Catherine Vastartis  
Julie Johnson – Liz Frederick

## **Faith Sharing Workshop**

Catherine Vastartis attended Leadership Academy a class (Alpha) where Don Richards, Pastor of Evangelism at Grace UMC in Canton, was the speaker. She tried to contact him but he was on vacation through this week. He shared the program information on Alpha which consists of a series of talks addressing key issues related to Christian faith. (information attached). It was felt that this is not what we are looking for at a faith sharing workshop. It was decided that Catherine should call and get more information on the Faith Sharing Program, and see if Don Richards would be available to come to our next meeting to talk with our Committee on

June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## **Evangelism Mission Statement:**

The Committee approved the statement and should read:

“To proclaim the gospel and to welcome people into the congregation, to lead people to a commitment to God through Jesus Christ, to nurture people in our faith community, and to equip them to share the good news of Jesus Christ.”

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Evangelism Committee Strategies for Ministry – Goals, assignments, and target dates.

Faith Sharing Workshop – Catherine Vastartis, Becky Gezze and Ruby Ludwig

Study/Class on Faith Sharing – Pastor Oehl

Review and update brochures and visitor materials – Liz Frederick and Marilyn Schillo

Review and update BUMC website for Evangelism – Dee Lancaster, Karen Thielman and Kathy Goebel

Discuss and plan ways to assimilate new members into life of the congregation – Kendall Lancaster & Craig Czarnota

Committee members are to bring a plan with a target date for sharing their proposals and for completion of their project to our next meeting in May.

### **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED NEXT MONTH**

Pastor Oehl mentioned that Sally and Gerry Becker have volunteered to send birthday cards to members of the congregation. The committee agreed for them to go forward with this outreach.

The Committee will have a discussion at the next meeting as to when and what time they will be holding their meetings for the upcoming new term. Craig and Becky have agreed to be co chairman for 2009-2010 term.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting will be on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Thielman