

Evangelism Committee, BUMC
June 1, 2009

In attendance: Craig Czarnota, Kendall Lancaster, Becky Gezze, Ruby Ludwig, Dee Lancaster, Kathy Goebel, Karen Oehl

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

New member meetings. Thank you to those who met with new members on May 31. Craig, Kathy G., Karen T. will be present on the 7th. Members will be received in worship on June 7. Members of the committee will help to set up and serve cake and lemonade for reception following worship, Dan to help with tables, Kendall to order cake.

Starting in July, meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month, 6-7:30 pm, on the second Thursday in September of 2009.

The meeting was adjourned early to hear presentation of Rev. Don Richards, chairperson of the Conference Evangelism Committee.

Notes from meeting with Don:

Recommendations of programs that can help develop faith sharing included "Just Walk Across the Room" (can be done in 4 or 8 weeks), a Bill Hybels production; "Becoming a Contagious Christian" from Willow Creek.

Rev. Richards also shared his excitement about the Alpha course, which is an great entry point for the unchurched, new Christians, and uncertain Christians in your own congregation. Alpha has been running for 10 years at Grace UMC in Canton, and continues to help make and mature disciples. It also has spawned a thirst for further education and discipleship courses.

Don would be willing to come and do an introduction to faith sharing workshop, which we could then follow up with a course, perhaps offered as an adult education option. We will need to follow up with Don on dates and Betsy Wooster on adult ed plans for the fall.