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September 2014

Delavan United Methodist Church
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WORSHIP: SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. • FELLOWSHIP: 10:00 a.m. • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:15 a.m.
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m., Closed Friday

MISSION STATEMENT

We strive to love God with open hearts, minds and souls, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

VISION STATEMENT

The people of Delavan United Methodist Church are committed to deepening our understanding, living and sharing of our faith by worshiping God and reaching out to members of the community regardless of age, race, ethnic origin, gender, economic status, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability.

Website Links

Delavan United Methodist Church www.delavanumcwi.org • We're also on Facebook!

The People of the United Methodist Church *Live the Fruit of the Spirit*
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 OFFICE CLOSED  | 2 1-4p PROJECTS FROM THE HEART 5p TOPS 7p Hispanic Bible Study | 3 5p Girl Scouts 4:45p BELL CHOIR 6:30p CHOIRS 8p AA | 4 5p WORSHIP TEAM | 5 8:45a OA 10a AA 6:30p Hispanic Band | 6 8a MEN'S CLUB |
| 7 9a Worship 10a Fellowship 12:30p Hispanic Worship | 8 4p NURTURE TEAM 7p TRUSTEES TEAM | 9 1-4p PROJECTS FROM THE HEART 5p BIBLE STUDY @ CULVER'S 6:30p VITALITY TEAM 5p TOPS 7p Hispanic Bible Study | 10 1:00p FAITH IN MOVIES 5p Girl Scouts 4:45p BELL CHOIR 6:30p CHOIRS 8p AA | 11 5:00p UMW MISSION TEAM | 12 8:45a OA 10a AA 6:30p Hispanic Band | 13 |
| 14 9a Worship 10a Fellowship 10:15a Sunday School 12:30p Hispanic Worship | 15 Tower Articles Due! 5p READ'EM & MEET @ CULVER'S 7p CHURCH COUNCIL | 16 1-4p PROJECTS FROM THE HEART 5p BIBLE STUDY @ CULVER'S 5p TOPS 7p Hispanic Bible Study | 17 5p Girl Scouts 4:45p BELL CHOIR 6:30p CHOIRS 8p AA | 18 7p FINANCE TEAM | 19 8:45a OA 10a AA 6:30p Hispanic Band | 20 |
| 21 9a Worship 10a Fellowship 10:15a Sunday School 12:30p Hispanic Worship 3p Harvest Dinner Prep | 22 All Day-Harvest Dinner Prep | 23 All Day-Harvest Dinner Prep 5p BIBLE STUDY @ CULVER'S 5p TOPS 7p Hispanic Bible Study | 24 All Day-Harvest Dinner Prep 5p HARVEST DINNER/UMW MINI BAZAAR 5p Girl Scouts 8p AA | 25 | 26 8:45a OA 10a AA 6:30p Hispanic Band | 27 |
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Room Key: C=Chapel CR=Community Room FH=Fellowship Hall K = Kitchen L=Library S=Sanctuary

First of all I want to both thank you and challenge you.

Let me share the good news first. A member of our church, who wishes to remain anonymous, paid off the remaining mortgage on the church building's newest edition. This was done in memory of Marilyn Aldinger.

I want to thank all of you for your faithfulness in paying off the mortgage. That's the good news.

The bad news—and this is where the challenge for all of us is—so far this year we have paid only 24% of our apportionments.

Our apportionments are needed for many reasons. Yes, they do pay the salaries of our Wisconsin Conference staff but they also make it possible for our ministries and missions to take place all around the world, for people who are in desperate need.

Let me give you just one of many examples of global ministry that is made possible through our apportionments.

The World Service Fund is the essential core of our global outreach ministry, underwriting Christian mission around the world. By giving to World Service we empower United Methodist evangelistic efforts...stimulate Bible study and spiritual commitment...encourage church growth and discipleship...and help God's children everywhere.

In Wisconsin our apportionments support part of the cost to operate the two Wisconsin UM camp and retreat centers, as well as provide support for health and welfare agencies like Northcott Neighborhood House, UM Children Services, Harbor House, the Madison Chaplaincy Program and Hmong House of Good News.

In turn, our Wisconsin Annual Conference is able to meet the commitment of the apportionments that are sent on to our General

Conference who administers the money needed to support ministries and missions around the world.

A few years ago, I read an article concerned with the effects of not paying the apportionments. Our United Methodist Denomination, because of a lack of funding (apportionment totals not being met), had to lay off hundreds of people throughout the denomination. We all know someone, or remember for ourselves, what it feels like to lose a job.

As a United Methodist Congregation, we are part of a connectional system. What is impossible for one congregation to do in the area of ministry and mission, all the congregations of our denomination can accomplish together if our apportionment commitments are met.

I am challenging all of us to pray about what we need to do to give a little extra so that we can meet our responsibilities to our brothers and sisters in the world and in our own denomination.

I pray daily, that God will give us generous hearts and the ways and means to support all the ministries and missions of our denomination.

Considering the great need, I want to leave you with one last thought. We live in, if not the richest nation, one of the richest in the world. God has given this world all that is needed for abundant life. By comparison to the rest of the world, we in America are very rich—richer than we think.

We really do **not** live in a world of scarcity. We live in a world of abundance! We need to remind ourselves each day of that fact. God is good to us all the time; in Jesus name. Amen.

See You in Church. *Pastor Stan*

From
the
Pastor



In Our Prayers:

- ≈ **For Healing**—Van Brown, Virginia (Ginny) Carlson, Joy Nelson, Ann Borchardt, Joyce Davis, Maxine & Jerry Peters, Marlys Gallup, Erica Reddy, Ronlyn Bauer, Ann Scott, Jim Harrington
- ≈ **Those in the Armed Services**—Kelly Campbell, Jeff Demet, Nicholas Bell, Nathan & Shanean Borchardt
- ≈ **Our Homebound**—LaVon Adney, Don Boviall, Sue Edler, Jean Lees, Mary Leff, Louise McKinney, Grace Means, Bill Swoger



News Feed...

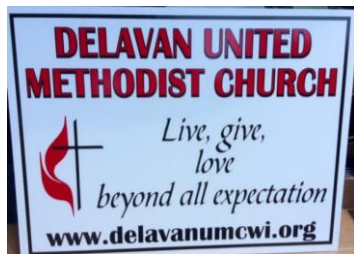
☞ Thank you:

- ☞ **Vernola and Ron Anderson, Van Brown, Jim Aldinger, Don Hummel, Don Miller and Dick Martin** for "refreshing" the Church landscaping with fresh pruning and mulch.
- ☞ **Anita Ryan, Jim Aldinger and Julia Meredith** for watering, weeding and maintaining our beautiful garden on the south side of the Church grounds.
- ☞ **Dick Martin** for keeping our Church grounds mowed and trimmed each week.
- ☞ **Jim Aldinger** for keeping our building running smoothly day-to-day.
- ☞ **Nancy Williams** for the beautiful handmade birthday, anniversary and get well cards that she makes for the Church to send.
- ☞ A big thank you to all who helped make the **2014 Pork Chop Dinner** a success. We sold 222 tickets and made \$1,781.49. This success is due to: many contributing items for the pork chop dinner; peeling potatoes; helping make the potatoes; serving; packing carry-outs; grilling; doing the dishes; helping with set up and/or clean up; and perhaps attending and enjoying the event. Every little effort helps make it a success which in turn helps our Church. Again, a sincere thank you to all who helped make it another successful event. The Fundraising Committee



- ☞ **Jan Shirk's family has donated a Grand Piano** to the church! However, the cost for moving the piano, placing it on a dolly, purchasing/ installing a humidifier and cover to protect it will total approximately \$1,700. So far we have donations of \$900 towards this cost. We need to have the remaining \$800 "in hand" before we move forward and are asking for your assistance. Thank you!

- ☞ **Save My Starving Children Update**—Thank you for your support of the Ice Cream Social on August 16th...we raised \$205 and have now surpassed our Church goal of \$1,000! Efforts to complete the fundraising for the mobile packing event on October 4th continue in September. M&M tubes are available on a table in Fellowship Hall. After you enjoy the candy inside, fill them with quarters and return them back to the table on Fellowship Hall (or Linda Lemmen). A full tube of quarters (\$14) will feed one meal to 58 children...you can make a difference in such an easy way! Also, now is the time to sign-up for volunteering at the packing day on October 4th. Each shift will be for two hours and multiple shifts throughout the day are available. 400 volunteers are needed for this even and we are one of about 12 church participating. There will also be an organ concert at the First Baptist Church on September 6th at 2 p.m. with a free will offering taken to benefit FMSC.



- ☞ They're here!! Our **Church Yard Signs!** Show your love and pride for our church. Let everyone know about our church and direct them to our website for information about us!! **Suggested donation:** 1 yard sign with heavy duty stake **\$15.00** OR 2 yard signs with heavy duty stakes \$27.00. These are available for sale in the church office and after Sunday services. All profits will be used towards our Apportionments. **Thank you for your support!**

- ☞ Our **September Noisy Can Money** will go to the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**. This fund is used at the discretion of the Pastor to help those in need. Please give generously!
- ☞ **Lectionary Bible Study**—Our Bible Studies will continue on Tuesdays at Culver's Restaurant from 5-6:00 p.m. beginning September 9th.
- ☞ **Projects from the Heart**—Join us Tuesdays from 1-4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall as we work on our quilting project. The **sewing group** is making children's quilts for the Holiday Care for Children project. Talk with Chris Anding or Phyllis Almburg for further information.

Sunday School Page

Although We are Not Adults, We Can Do Great Things Through Christ

Welcome! Summer is nearing the end, the beauty of autumn is peaking out, and the new school year brings excitement along with an opportunity to reconnect with our faith and church family. As the seasons change, so do our schedules; however, there is no greater commitment one can make than their relationship with Christ. The Delavan United Methodist Church welcomes all children to celebrate the love of Christ and join our family. **Important Dates for the Upper Elementary/ Middle and Lower Elementary Classes include:**

Sunday School Begins—September 14th at 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Christmas Program—December 14th 9:00 a.m.

Winter Break—December 21, 2014 – January 3, 2015

Class Resumes—January 11, 2015

Spring Recess—March 29th

Easter Egg Hunt—April 5th

Lord's Prayer Presentation—May 3rd 9:00 a.m.

May Day Celebration and Final Class—May 3rd

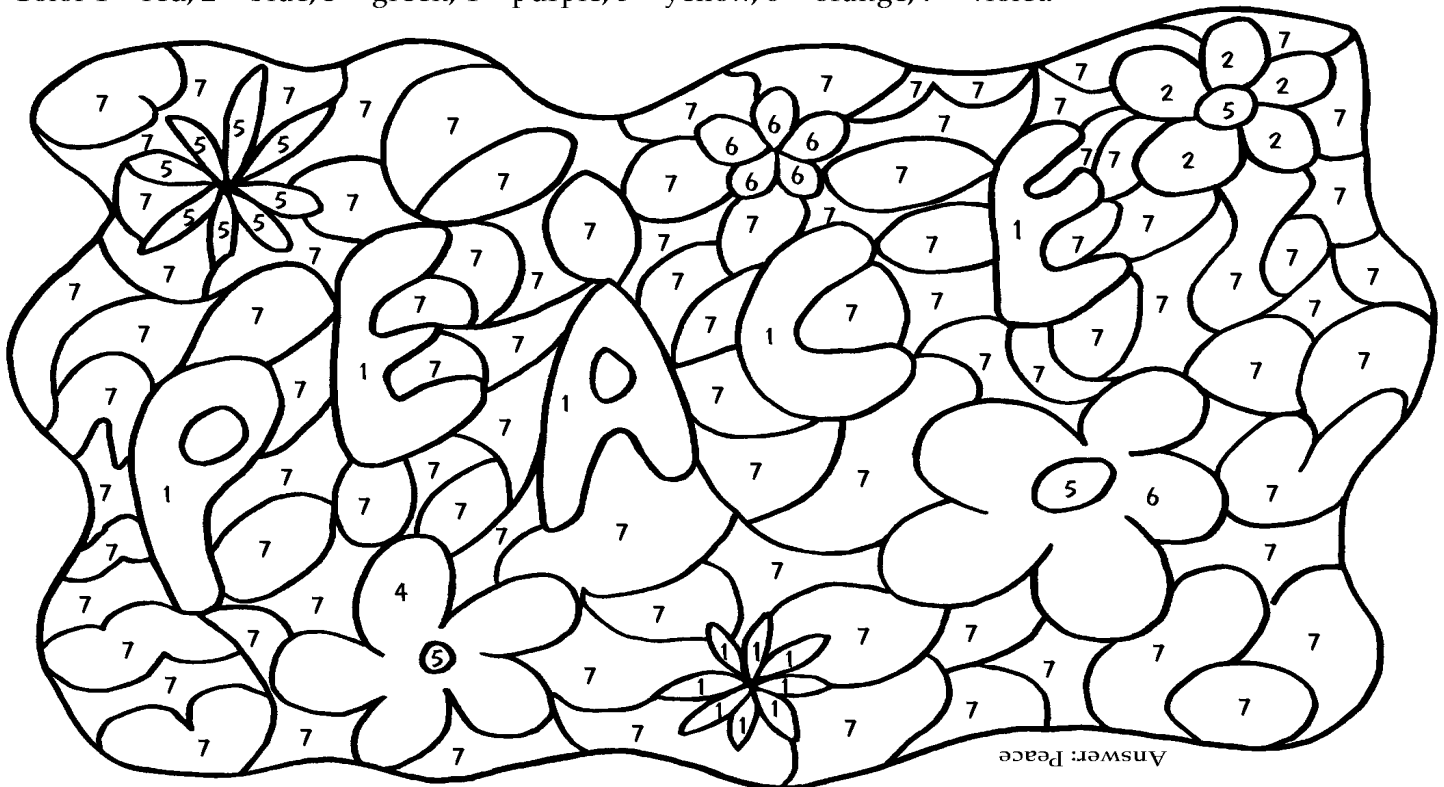
Be sure to follow our Facebook page. This page is dedicated to announcements, celebrations, and pictures to be shared with our congregation. <https://www.facebook.com/DelavanUMCSundaySchool>

We are interested in hearing from you if you have any questions or talents you would like to share with the Sunday school department and children.

Sincerely, Jess Rima, Martha Behlman, Leslie Pelnar, Cindy and Katie Gallup

What word do you find here?

Color 1 = red, 2 = blue, 3 = green, 4 = purple, 5 = yellow, 6 = orange, 7 = violet.



Answer: Peace

United Methodist Women
2014 Theme: "A Calling for this Time"
Beginnings: None This Month

Dates at a Glance:

- **September 10 (Wednesday)** Faith in Movies
- **September 11 (Thursday)** Mission Team Meeting
- **September 15 (Monday)** Read'em & Meet
- **September 24 (Wednesday)** Mini Bazaar/Harvest Dinner

September 10 (Wednesday) Faith in Movies

When/Where: 1:00 p.m. at Lorena's – 504 N Terrace

Movie: Due to a "comedy of errors," we will once again try to "Save Mr. Banks." It's true Walt Disney had many problems obtaining "Mary Poppins" but we can challenge him. Good acting and some good laughs.

Who: Anyone. Bring a friend. Popcorn.....Candy.....Beverages.....Floats!



September 11 (Thursday) Mission Team Meeting

When/Where: 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Library

What: We'll be planning General Meetings for the rest of the year and learn about UMW finances.

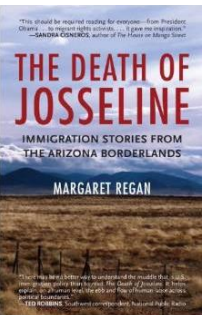
Who: All UMW Officers

September 15 (Monday) Read'em & Meet

When/Where: 5:00 p.m. at Culver's corner round table (Order off the menu)

Book: Cheryl Wolfe choice this month is "The Death of Josseline," a 2012 Nurturing for Community book by Margaret Regan. Fourteen year old Josseline from El Salvador was left to die alone on the migrant trail—one of thousands to die in the deserts and mountains. What is her story? Why did she leave? Who is really to blame? Come hear Cheryl tell us

Who: Anyone who likes a good read. You do NOT have to make a book report.



September 24 (Wednesday) Mini Bazaar/Harvest Dinner

When/Where: 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please have your donation here a bit earlier or give to Lynn to store in the office.

What: White elephants, craft items and baked goods...NO pies as they will be needed for the dinner.

Update: We made a little over \$500 at the Pork Chop Dinner. Thanks for all your donations. Krista Edwards guessed 317 pieces of candy in the elephant. There were 319! Judy Miller was next with 305. See you at the Harvest Dinner!



Birthdays

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| Phyllis Almburg..... | 9/1 | Susan Metcalf | 9/12 |
| Jean Robinson..... | 9/1 | Chris Lewis..... | 9/14 |
| Vernola Anderson..... | 9/3 | Lowell Holden..... | 9/19 |
| Bona Springer | 9/3 | Lynn Curtis..... | 9/20 |
| Don Hummel..... | 9/8 | David Behrens | 9/25 |
| Richard Burnes..... | 9/10 | Lindsey Duesterbeck..... | 9/27 |
| Margaret Pacolt..... | 9/11 | | |

Anniversaries

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| Ted & Lois Campbell..... | 9/3 | Jerry & Maxine Peters..... | 9/12 |
| Larry & Karen Maize..... | 9/5 | Edward & Ronlyn Bauer..... | 9/20 |
| Don & Sandy Edmunds | 9/10 | | |

**Turkey & Biscuits,
Squash, Beans, Jello Salad,
Pie and Beverage**

Adults - \$10

Ages 6 to 12 - \$7

Under 6 - Free

Carry-outs Available

Call (262) 728-3644 for Tickets

Harvest Dinner

September 24, 2014
Serving 5:00-7:00 p.m.
213 S. Second Street
Delavan, WI
 Handicapped accessible and
 air conditioned Fellowship Hall

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Around the Conference...

Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church

WHAT DOES OUR CONNECTIONAL GIVING (THROUGH APPORTIONMENTS) MAKE POSSIBLE?

CIRCUIT AND LOCAL CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Support for continuing missional churches, starting new churches, & new ministries/revitalization in current churches
- Training & grants for circuits & circuit leaders
- Ministries to ethnic minority individuals & groups
- Salaries & expenses for district superintendents, the Assistant to the Bishop, & district offices
- Moving expenses of pastors moving to & from appointments
- Assistance to clergy & churches with emergency financial needs

LOCAL CONGREGATION DIRECT SUPPORT

- Maintenance of communication & technology network & websites of districts & Conference
- Video/DVD/Study Resources from the United Christian Resource Center

CLERGY AND LAY LEADERSHIP

- Support for UM universities/colleges through the Black College Fund & Africa University
- Christian discipleship activities & resources
- Support of university & college campus ministries
- Leadership & other training for laypersons & clergy
- Assistance to current & future clergy through the Ministerial Education Fund
- Health insurance for retired & disabled clergy members & their families
- Assistance to churches to pay minimum compensation to clergy
- Youth & young adult ministries

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

- Part of the costs to operate the two Wisconsin UM camp & retreat centers
- Advocacy, social justice, & monitoring groups
- Support for health & welfare agencies like Northcott Neighborhood House, UM Children Services, Harbor House, the Madison Chaplaincy Program, and Hmong House of Good News
- Mission education & activities
- Support for ecumenical & interreligious groups & activities
- Salaries & expenses for Bishops & General Agency staff
- Jurisdictional expenses
- Salaries & benefits for Conference staff
- Costs of the Annual Conference meeting every June
- World-wide mission projects within the World Service Fund

CONFERENCE SUPPORT MINISTRIES

- Operation & maintenance expenses of the Conference Center in Sun Prairie
- Maintenance of the Conference Archives
- Costs of the Conference Office operations & elected Conference officers
- Production of the Annual Conference Journal/Yearbook/Directory
- Accounting, legal, & other support administration at the general church & conference levels

ADVANCED LAY SERVANT COURSE “Spiritual Gifts in Leadership”

- **Dates:** Sundays: September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2014 Time: 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
- **Place:** Stoughton UMC, 525 N. Lincoln Ave., Stoughton 53589
- **Teacher/Facilitator:** Pastor Dawn Jeffers-Ramstad
- **Theme:** This advanced course in Lay Servant Ministries focuses on being a spiritual leader and utilizing your spiritual gifts in leadership. **Prerequisites:** This course is one of the seven required classes for Certified Lay Speaking Ministry. Therefore, to be enrolled, you must have first completed a Basic Lay Servant course. **To register:** send an email to stoughtonpastor@wisconsinumc.org **Registration fee** is \$15.00 and can be paid on the first day of class **Checks made payable to** Stoughton UMC with the text “Each one a Minister” by William J. Carter purchased in advance. Preparatory homework for the first session will be sent upon registration. Please **Register asap.**

Nurture Team Minutes August 4, 2014

Present: Pastor Stan and Lynn Curtis, Van Brown, Kathy Walters, Cheryl Wolfe, Jim Aldinger, Jean Pippitt, Mary Ann Holt and Chris Anding. Pastor Stan called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer. Van moved to accept the minutes as read and Lynn seconded.

- ▶ **June**—Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry \$217.88
- ▶ **July**—Feed My Starving Children \$134.98
- ▶ **August**—School Supplies (Lynn/Jean)
- ▶ **September 2014**—Church Discretionary Fund (Lynn)
- ▶ **October**—Time is Now (Cheryl)
- ▶ **November**—Midwest Mission Distribution Center (Lynn)
- ▶ **December**—Imagine No More Malaria (Lynn)

Food Pantry Report

- Bags of donated yarn are stored in the Food Pantry room.
- Food Pantry needs to be staffed on Wednesday mornings and the two bag limit enforced because our supply of food is very low. Pastor Stan will talk about food pantry needs on Sunday during announcements.

Coffee Hour Report

Need someone for August 17 and September and on coffee hours.

Nursery Report

Cheryl will send thank you cards for recent donations.

Caring Ministries

Helpers now include: Jean Pippitt, Cheryl Wolfe, Chris Anding and Don Brick. Pastor Stan will take communion to Mary Leff.

New Business

- August 23, 11 a.m.-1 pm there will be a "Back-to-School Party" in Fellowship Hall for our Sunday School children and children of our Food Pantry visitors. There will be games followed by lunch games. Prizes will be the school supplies collected from the congregation.
- The Church Council wants the celebration of the 150th birthday of church building and 176th birthday of congregation to be the same time as the Harvest Dinner. An ad hoc committee with someone to be chairman to organize it is needed.
- Upcoming fundraisers for Feed My Starving Children include:
 - Saturday August 16, 1-4 p.m. Ice Cream Social in Fellowship Hall. Helpers are needed. See Pat Brown, Lynn Curtis or Linda Lemmen.
 - Bake sale at Harvest Dinner, September 24, 2014. Lorena Holman is in charge.
 - A Nigerian Supper by Lorena Holman on September 11, 2014.
- Mary Ann Holt will continue to be in charge of the Salvation Army bell ringers at Christmas.

Jean moved to adjourn and Jim seconded. Next nurture team meeting Monday, September 8, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. (rescheduled due to Labor Day) in the Church library.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Wolfe

Delavan United Methodist Church Council Minutes, July 21, 2014

In Attendance: Vernola Anderson, Ron Anderson, Don Miller, Jim Aldinger, Ronlyn Bauer, Jean Pippitt, Stan Curtis, Julia Meredith, Jessica Rima, Jeff Neiger, Mary Rima. Meeting was called to order by Jeff Neiger. Pastor Stan opened with prayer. Minutes were approved as corrected. Motion to approve by Ron Anderson, second by Jean Pippitt.

Treasurer's Report – Pastor Stan

\$1,672.14 Balance in checking account as of today. Several bills totaling approximately \$5600.00 coming up beginning of August including quarterly taxes of around \$1500.00.

Pork Chop Dinner–Total NET profit \$1,781.49; \$35.00 more than 2013. Total served 222 with 70 being carry-outs. In 2013 249 served with 78 being carryout. Thank you to all that helped in anyway and those that purchased tickets

Pastor's Report

Pastor attended a Circuit Leader Training on July 12th. Bishop Jung wants several changes implemented immediately. As of July 1, 2014 there are five Superintendents instead of four. Every circuit will have a laity group to develop ministries for building communication and relationships within their community. Outreach meetings begin in October, to reach out to the community.

Team Reports:

Nurture (Pastor Stan reporting for Chris Anding)

- Noisy Can collections for August are for School Supplies.
- 176th Birthday of congregation and 150 years for building celebration ideas had been discussed by the team. After further discussion within the Council a suggestion was made to piggyback the celebration with the Harvest Dinner. A leader and committee for this event is needed. Notice will be put in Tower and bulletin.

Trustees (Jim Aldinger)

- Kitchen cleanliness guidelines presented. Change ice cream bucket to 1 tablespoon of bleach per 1 gallon of water. Motion by Ron Anderson and Jim Aldinger, second by Jessica Rima, Carried.
- Security cameras still in discussion and pending.
- Change key lock set on resource room.
- New floor runners are installed. Thank you to Joyce Francis for donating these.

Sunday School (Jess Rima)

- Sunday School will begin on SEPTEMBER 14th after church service 10:15 a.m. It was pushed back a week due to parents' request. Last Sunday school class will be MAY 4th. Spring break March 29th resume April 12th.
- Focus will be David & Goliath; Mission based – on-going mission services; adult members of the congregation will be asked to visit monthly to read, talk on specific topics, do question and answer time; cards for shut ins will continue. May Day baskets, Easter Egg hunt APRIL 5th. Christmas program will be December 14th.
- Information on Church camps available will be presented as the children are getting older and may have interest. Also, church yard signs were discussed and ok'd to proceed. The signs will be sold to congregation.

Worship (Julia Meredith)

Reported on the garden and how people are enjoying it. Thank you to Anita, Jim and Julia for maintaining it – watering and weeding. Julie would like to have a bench placed in the garden. If done, would need to be anchored. Motion made for Trustees to purchase and install bench in the garden. Motion to approve by Jess Rima, Second by Julie Meredith Carried

Music (Ronlyn Bauer)

Presented information on Shirk piano donation. Further information is needed before decisions can be made.

Motion to adjourn by Jess Rima. Approved by consensus.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mary Rima
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING – AUGUST 18th 7:00 P.M.