

Committee Reports **Ad Council May 18, 2010**

Finance

Wonderful news, we are getting close to completing the debt reduction. After a \$4500 payment in May the debt is now at \$21,000, Dawn thinks that we should have this paid off by this September or October. What a relief that will be to have that over and done with.

We also should be in good shape with the stained glass windows. The money from the sale of Grace should cover the bill. Right now they have told us that we have one change order of \$1,600 to cover the cost of the epoxy on the existing frame and one area that the wood will have to be replaced. As long as we do not exceed this to much more we are in good shape. We are now working with the contractor to get estimates on repairing the small stained glass windows. We are hoping we can get individuals or maybe small groups to step up to pay for a window.

Other than January our giving has been down each month this year. We continue to keep all of our bills paid each month but we have not been able to put anything towards our apportionments since February.

In summary we are keeping our heads above water and paying all of our bills but are not where we would we had hoped we would be at this time.

Co-Chairs Daryl Gilmore and Kevin Miller

UMW News

- The Salad Luncheon on April 29th was a big success. Many were served with approximately \$2,500 made for missions. Two groups were served in two other rooms in the church and carry outs were used more this year.
- 200 Salad Luncheon/Cookie Walk Cookbooks were made and approximately 110 have been sold @ \$10.00 each. They will be available for purchase in the office and will be @ many events during the year for sale. These would make nice gifts for family, colleagues, friends, special occasions, etc.
- UMW voted to give \$50.00 a month during the school year for the meals the Youth have on Wed. nights. On May 19 the UMW board will be making a lasagna meal and serving the youth.
- On May 6, UMW hosted the CWU @ Binford House serving a breakfast brunch. The board donated egg casseroles with rolls/koloches. Bethany ladies donated orange juice. Mary Quam, Janice Springer, and Edie Hodges served.
- The Easter Lilies donations and deliveries went well for the homebound members. Easter cards were made to be delivered with the lilies. The alter flower donations are filled for all but three Sundays in 2010. Call and check with Pam Vinson if interested in one of those Sundays to donate flowers.
- UMW made a change in board meeting time from 10:00 to a 12:00 noon time on the first Thursday of each month (except Jan. and July) in 2010.

- This seems to have been successful. The Unit meetings have been changed from a luncheon meeting to refreshments and program at 2:00 pm in 2010. We will need to evaluate this with members for another year.
- UMW Board and the Local Church Responsibilities Committee met to update the Funeral Luncheon Policy for Members and Non-members. If interested in this change of policy, Pam Vinson has a copy or any board member has a copy. Copies are going to be given to the local funeral home directors also.
 - Mary Long, Program Resources, will be in Fellowship Hall on June 29 from 10:00-3:00ish for people to turn in their reading reports for the Reading Program. She will take them earlier if finished. The School of Missions topics for this year are "Joy To The World" and "Mission In the Age of Global Christianity" or Sudan. More readers from FUMC are encouraged to read for the Reading Program. SOCM is July 18-21 and MEE is Oct. 15-17 at IVCEC, Marshalltown. Youth and first timers have scholarships available.
 - Bev Sloppy attended "Welcome the Stranger at Staves UMC, Des Moines on Saturday, March 27 with two ladies from Hope Methodist. That day it centered on "Bloom Where You Are Planted with different people speaking about what they do within their church. At the end they planted seeds.
 - Bev Sloppy and Ruth Jackson attended a Mission Study led by Judy Marnin on Sudan on Saturday, April 17 at Grace UMC, Des Moines. That day First UMW received an Iowa Conference Platinum Award for our Mission Today Study.
 - The Greeting Card Ministry has been donating lovely cards to be given out to members. UMW donated \$25.00 to help on some basic costs and others have donated items for decorating the cards. Members have commented how lovely the cards are.
 - July 15 will be a Work Day at Riverside Bidwell. Anyone is encouraged to join in helping there. We will be encouraging members to donate good used clothing to be placed under the coat racks in the old East Entrance of Fellowship Hall.
 - Co-Chairs are still needed for the Soup Supper. Val Clark will be chairing the Cookie Walk. Reva Roland is willing to help any new chairs for this.

Missions

- Soup Kitchen numbers have been lower this spring.
- Diapers were collected in March for Stork's Nest.
- Supply Closet items were collected in April.
- George Taylor headed up the Shoes & Socks program for the Women at the Well.
- Carroll's were here for potluck and program prior to departing for Uganda.
- Residential Center Items were collected for the 11 women. We had their names printed on fabric bags donated by Staples to put the items in.
- Bill Wilson visit in March 2011
- MS Bike Ride will be in Marshalltown Saturday, August 28.
- The Mission team has gone back to meetings with the entire group.

Donations:

\$100.00 Haiti to IA Ann Conf
\$150.00 Africa Eye Surgery
\$25.00 Spec Olympics IA
\$250.00 Power Team
\$500.00 Red Bird
\$1,000.00 Haenze's
\$500.00 Dick Speight
\$500.00 Carroll's (partly from potluck collection)

Youth & Children's Ministry Highlights:

February 2010:

Saw the amazing movie, *To Save A Life* at the theater.

March 2010:

March 4th-5th – Ebenezer's Sponsored Peder Eide Taste Worship & Concert

March 19th-21st – The Church van packed with kids traveled to Chicago for the Dare to Share Conference, where they worshiped with 5000 other students and learned how to share their faith.

March 24th - 28th – Power Team in Marshalltown

March 27th – Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt, this was a great time, with many kids from the community!

March 28th – Awaken Drama at the Coliseum

April 2010:

April 4th – Easter! Youth did a drama at all three services

April 11th – Camp/Mission Trip Sunday

April 18th – Children sang at the first 2 services.

April 22nd – Rock & Worship Road Show in Cedar Rapids – filled the church van and got to see David Crowder Band, Family Force 5, MercyMe and other bands!

April 25th – Saw the movie *Letters to God* at the theater.

Overall Highlights:

We raised over \$4000 through our envelope fundraiser! WOW this is so amazing!! Thank you to all who contributed. We have been very blessed!

We continue to meet weekly for youth group – we have new students every week!

We get to serve dinner to each and every student! It has been an awesome experience, and kids love the home cooked meals. Thanks for all your support in this.

We have many great upcoming summer events, including summer Sunday school, summer youth group meetings in homes, Summer Games University, Group Work Camp mission trip, and Vacation Bible School. Please be watching the bulletin and newsletter for details!

Thanks for your support, please continue to lift us up in prayer!

Elizabeth Flickinger

Trustees

Last Saturday we cleaned the parsonage yard and cleaned up around the church. We have received our first bill for the windows and the work on them is continuing. Outdoor lighting on the church has been repaired. We sent a report to the church insurance company of small repairs and changes that have been addressed. Leon Townsend checked the north narthex leak. This is still being looked into. The leak in the sanctuary going down the east side is being investigated to see how it should be fixed. The flat screen TV has been mounted to the wall. Lyle Springer moved the handicap sign back from the curb so that people wouldn't run into it any longer. Ray McNeece will set the stool at the parsonage next Monday.