

First United Methodist Church of Lompoc

Quarterly Conference

April 26, 2011

Call to Order & Opening Prayer – Betty Staight

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2010 Meeting

Written Reports Received

Board of Trustees – *Gary Berleue*
Building Committee – *Lynn Clock*
Christian Education – *Helen Talkin*
Education and Spiritual Growth – *Linda Bailey*
Family Ministries – *Sylvia Aguilera* (see last page)
Finance Committee – *Dick Shiers*
First United Methodist Foundation of Lompoc – *Betty Staight*
First United Methodist Foundation of Lompoc – *Rollin Bailey* (see attachment)
Joint Council – *Vern Kemp*
Lay Leader – *Michelle Berleue*
Lay Ministry – *Anne Anderson*
Membership & Evangelism – *Sandy Montgomery*
Mission and Outreach- *Royce Smith*
Organ Committee – *Lynn Clock*
Staff/Parish Relations Committee – *Judy Kemp*
United Methodist Men – *Ed Key*
United Methodist Women – *Janet Shiers*
Worship – *Sandra Lemon*
Update from Pastor G

Questions from the Membership

Next Meetings:

Joint Council – Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Quarterly Conference – Tentatively scheduled Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Closing Prayer – Adjournment

MINUTES

Quarterly Conference
January 30, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Betty Staight, who then led the group in prayer. The number in attendance was not noted.

Floyd Dameron moved that the agenda be adopted. It was seconded and the agenda for the meeting was adopted.

Board of Trustees: Gary Berleue advised Don Cook about termites in the buildings and the need to get rid of them.

Building Committee: Lynn clock – no additions.

Christian Education: Helen Talkin – no additions.

Education & Spiritual Growth – Linda Bailey thanked Helen Talkin, Lynda LaCombe and Michele Berleue for jobs well done.

Family Ministries: No Report.

Finance Committee: Dick Shiers explained the report.

First United Methodist Foundation of Lompoc: Rollin Bailey reported there will be deposited money for distribution this year.

Joint Council: Vern Kemp – No additions

Lay Leader: John Halfhill – No additions

Lay Ministry: Anne Anderson asked the congregation to save and turn in 1# coffee cans

Membership & Evangelism: Sandy Montgomery mentioned New Members Reception will be held on February 13th.

Mission & Outreach Committee: No Report

Nominating Committee: Don Montgomery, Trustees; Sue Hanson & Marion Greene, Membership & Evangelism; Judy Bowser and Marcia Wicks, Worship; selected . Pat Nuernberg selected to fill Bill Madson's term through June on SPRC.

Organ Committee: Lynn Clock – No additions.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee: Judy Kemp – No additions.

United Methodist Men: Don Cook – No additions.

United Methodist Women: Janet Shiers – No additions.

Worship Committee: Sandra Lemon has been granted Memorial Funds to purchase a new Christ candle and/or paraments.

Update from Pastor G: Thanked congregation for his appointment and is proud to be part of our unit.

The next Joint Council meeting will be February 22nd. The next Quarterly Conference was tentatively scheduled for April 26th. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m. with closing prayer by Yvonne Eric Smith.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Brodhecker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following were completed since January 2011:

- The sidebars for the front sanctuary doors were repaired.
- The purchase of 12 new chairs for the Noah's Ark room was approved.
- The church office window was replaced with tempered glass after the old window was shattered by a soccer ball.
- Four treatments for termites were completed.
- The tree growing over the parsonage walls was cut.
- The purchase of 32 plants for our landscaping was approved.
- The office bulletin board will hang on the closet doors during the week and on the outside of the office on Sundays. Special hangers were purchased for this.
- A new shelf for the office files and a hanging wall cabinet for the Pastor's restroom were approved. The church copier may now only be used for church material.

Respectfully by,
Gary Berleue, Vice Chairperson

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Since we have had a lot of people join our church, we decided to place an insert in at least three Sunday bulletins revisiting the question, "Wouldn't it be nice if" to encourage additional ideas from the all members of the congregation. In addition, members from the Building Committee sat at tables in the Fellowship Hall after church on 3 April and 10 April asking the question, "What should we build first and how should it be used?" The idea was to have a discussion at each table for additional ideas and concepts.

We encourage everyone to continue to give us your ideas for how to best use and develop our facility so that we can build on our church's mission statement: "Helping People Discover Their Life in Christ."

Lynn R. Clock,
Building Committee Chairman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Help with refurbishing Friendship House

As reported in the January Quarterly Report, the MYF are excited at the prospect of having their own space, and grateful that Friendship House has been offered for their use. However, it does need work, more than just a lick of paint. In response to the Building Committee's request for "brainstorming" input from members of the church for future projects, MYF and the Director of Christian Education would like to propose that major refurbishment to Friendship House be undertaken in order to provide a safe, secure, and appropriate space for MYF to meet. This space would not just be used for the Sunday evening meetings. It could also be used for a new Senior High Youth Group (to be established when human resources allow).

Growth of MYF and use of "Burst: Green Church" materials published by Abingdon Press

MYF continues to grow and change. As we all know, change can be a challenge. Dynamics within the group must change when new members join, and this can be temporarily uncomfortable. I have noticed an increased restlessness amongst this growing group of predominantly Junior High youth. A large section of them will enter High School in the Fall. We would like to offer a separate Senior High Youth Group, but in the meantime, we are doing pretty well spanning the ages from 6th – 12th Grades. I am planning to use materials published by Abingdon Press entitled "Burst: Green Church." These materials weave together conservation and environmental issues with scripture.

Helen Talkin, Director of Christian Education

EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMITTEE

We are happy in the cooperation shown with the Sunday Schools and youth workers. Penny Lee has launched a successful youth Bible Study on 2nd and 4th Sundays. There are up to 12 coming. Michelle Berleue has restored the Noah's Ark room with lovely tables and chairs donated by the by the Men's Group. The Children are very enthusiastic.

Nursery: Samantha Masterson is working on a list of nursery workers duties to be posted in the nursery. She is also creating a nursery worker agreement to be signed by the worker.

Bible Studies: Each study was well attended in the spring. John Halfhill's Sunday Study and Penny Lees Bible Study will recess for the summer.

12 Hour Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil: It was appreciated by many of our members and music was provided by Lynn Clock during the 12 hour period.

Confirmation Class: Pastor G will lead a Confirmation Class series commencing in September 2011 on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. for all unconfirmed youth entering 6th Grade and up.

Children in Church: It was suggested to Pastor G to have moments with children after the choir's special number so the children can hear their parents sing. We have been working on activities for children in church. Michelle Berleue put together some bags with crayons and paper. Pastor G ordered a Sunday puzzle worksheet for ages up to 5 and another for older children. We need a list of Sunday school classes offered in the weekly bulletin and a card that can be distributed by ushers to families with children. It would be nice to have a "Kids Corner" with upcoming activities listed. It was suggested the list of Bible Studies could be condensed.

Vacation Bible Study (VBS): Will start on Monday, July 11th – Friday, July 15th 2011. Helen ordered "Shake Take It Up" by Cokesbury where kids carry out God's recipe. The first VBS meeting is Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Noah's Ark Room

Submitted L. Bailey

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Church operating budget		% Total Budget
Jan – March Income	69,704.03	22
Jan – March Expense	76,564.67	24
Difference	6,860.64	02

The church members and friends have spoiled the finance committee in the last two to three years. The income has been very steady and this allowed the church to meet all its expectations and expand beyond what had been budgeted, i.e. the Trustees were able to accomplish many major projects last year. The above information shows that we are about on schedule with our spending; however, we are falling behind with the income. We, as a church, need to get a better balance with income and expenses.

Submitted by Richard Shiers, Finance Chair

FIRST UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION OF LOMPOC

The Endowment Fund made money last year so there was some money to be given away. If a committee had a special project, which isn't budgeted, they were told that they could request money to complete it. The form for the request was in the church office or they were asked to contact me directly. The deadline for their request was the end of business day on Tuesday, April 26th.

Submitted by Betty Staight

JOINT COUNCIL COMMITTEE

The Joint Council met on the 22nd of February and March 2011. Committee and Organization leaders gave their reports of activities and the Church's Master Calendar was updated.

The new Church Directory publisher, Lifetouch, has provided a program which will allow FUMC personnel to arrange and layout the "all church activities" pages. This is the final phase of the project for which the Church is responsible. This effort is expected to be complete by the end of April. The "posed" photos of Church members and friends have been taken and are in the hands of Lifetouch. Estimated date of delivery of the directories is May of 2011.

At the request of the FUMC Administrative Assistant, a publicist was identified for each committee so that she might know whom to contact for articles and notices to appear in the Forecast, Bulletins or Posters for their respective organizations.

Reports for the Quarterly Conference Meeting will be compiled and can be obtained on the internet during the last week before the Meeting starting with the one on April 26, 2011. For those who don't have access to the internet, they can request and pick up a report at the office. Only a limited number of copies will be available at the Meeting in the Fireside Room.

The scope of the custodial duties has been visited by SPRC. Trustees and other staff all seem to agree that more items need to be added to the job description. In view of the new custodial staff and their limited hours allocated, a plea was made to consider having several volunteer "work days". The need for the service was almost unanimously agreed, but with the busy schedules of the able bodied and the physical limitations of those with less busy schedules, little hope was offered for a significant turnout for work days. The Joint Council agreed to encourage and participate in such work days, but advised the Finance Committee to budget for more custodial hours at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Vern Kemp, Chairperson

LAY LEADER COMMITTEE

Being one of three lay leaders, our job is to take concerns and problems to Pastor G, when we meet once a month. So far, things have been going pretty smoothly and no one has approached me with anything. Our congregation has received nine new members since January. God has truly blessed our church, and all of us in it.

Many Blessings,
Michelle Berleue

LAY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Lay Ministry Committee has met regularly on the first Wednesday of each month. We've continually reviewed the needs of those congregation members we currently serve, and have modified our assistance according to any changes in those needs that may have taken place. In addition, we began serving other members of our congregation, whose situations had changed, warranting the need for our assistance during this time.

Several significant actions were taken by our committee this quarter:

1) Our plan to make donated altar flower 'vases' from coffee cans, that would not need to be returned to the church after the flowers were delivered by a Lay Pastor, was carried out successfully. The congregation 'heeded the call' for can donations. The youth decorated the cans so that we now have a supply on hand to be used as needed. Many thanks to all who are participating in this important on-going ministry!

2) We initiated a vital new 'branch' of our Prayer Request system within the church. Don Montgomery and Bert Langdon make up our 'Emergency Weekend Prayer Request Team'. They have set up a computer network to get any urgent prayer requests that are phoned in to them on a weekend out to our members via email.

3) We began updating our telephone 'Prayer Request' list by asking that any new or existing members who do not have access to a computer but would like to be informed about church prayer requests contact the church office. A new telephone 'Prayer Circle' will then be created to keep those people up to date on the prayer requests that come in to the church.

4) We held a Lay Pastor Training Session on Saturday, March 26, 2011, in which nine people participated. It was an informative session, outlining and reinforcing the basic skills needed to serve as a Lay Pastor, but also highlighting the diversity of skills that our Lay Pastors bring to this ministry. We trained two new Lay Pastors, Alexa Langdon and Jack Jones. Welcome to both of them!

5) We have begun to address the future development of a document, a "Packet of Essential Information" that would assist interested congregation members in recording information that is important to have on hand in case of an emergency. This information will be useful not only to members and their families, but will also be very helpful to the Pastor, and to this committee, as we strive to assist members in as many ways as possible.

The Lay Ministry of First United Methodist Church of Lompoc grew out of the vision of a handful of people into a very real and constant presence that is alive within our entire congregation. God is with us and has blessed us all.

Submitted by Anne Anderson, Lay Ministry Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Membership and Evangelism committee sponsored two Inquirer's Classes with lunch served to the attendees. Three new members were received into membership. Cake receptions followed to welcome Anna Whittington, Carolyn Gentry and Victor Terrones. The next class will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. This class is open not only to new members, but for any church member who is interested in learning more about our church.

Cookie Sunday has remained very popular, thanks to Jackie Brodhecker and Zoeanne Daniel. Members have been encouraged to sign up to bring cookies on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

The church website continues to be updated by our web mistress, Beverly Wolf.

Marion Greene has done a wonderful job co-coordinating the guest book and greeters. We've had smiling faces welcoming people every Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Montgomery, Chair

MISSION OUTREACH

Warming Shelter

2011 started with a bang! The warming shelter at Bridge House continues to be utilized frequently and thanks to Pat Guthrie, our contribution continues to serve this mission. It is appropriately funded at this time.

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\$112.00 was spent to supply needy students clothing needed for school at the Junior High and La Canada elementary thanks to the effort of Martha Hicks. This program continues to be adequately funded.

Feed the Hungry

Thanks to the coordination of Pat Guthrie and a willing Congregation, we are continuing to feed between 45 and 50 people once per month at St Timothy's. We are still within budget but most months a last minute call for volunteers is needed to staff this program

Sharing Trees

Thanks to the continuing compassion and generosity this program continues to demonstrate that we are a Sharing Church. This congregation gave \$1,390.00 to Books for Guatemala, \$1,215.00 to Meals on Wheels, and \$2,155.50 to UMCOR (\$167.50 for Haiti, \$727.50 for Tennessee, and \$1,220.50 for Pacific Emergency UNCOR). In addition \$134.50 was collected for One Great Hour of Sharing. All months for 2011 have been selected with the exception of August.

We ask for your continued prayers as this committee continues to review and sort the many needs, not only locally, but around the world.

God Bless,
Royce Smith,
Chairman, Mission Outreach Committee

ORGAN COMMITTEE

On Saturday, 12 March we had an organ concert, titled, "The Music of Two Nations; America and Russia" performed by Ekaterina Gotsdiner-McMahan, organist at the First Presbyterian Church in San Luis Obispo. In spite of increased publicity we only had about 75 attendees at this concert. The freewill offering was slightly more than \$200 for the Organ Fund. It should be noted that Katya was so impressed with our Veritas organ that she has requested a quote to put one in her church. She will again accompany the Lompoc Valley Master Chorale during their Spring Concert on April 29th and 30th..

Prior to Katya's concert, Graham Blyth installed new cards for the Swell Division of the organ. He also visited Katya's church in San Luis Obispo to discuss the new Veritas organ installation. Graham will make his second trip this year around the second week of July to install new cards for the Great and Pedal Division. The Choir Division cards will be replaced sometime in November. This card replacement is at no cost to us.

The Organ Committee continues to thank those who contribute to the Organ Fund to allow our church to have free concerts for our community musical outreach and to provide funds for future maintenance and improvement projects.

Lynn R. Clock
Organ Committee Chairman

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

SPRC has completed the updating of the Personnel Files and made some minor revisions to the Personnel Policies and Practices document.

With the hiring of Connie and Enrique Aguilera as Custodians, the Job Description of the Custodian has been revised. SPRC has made a recommendation to the Quarterly Conference in regard to the number of hours per week for the Custodians. If approved, these recommendations will go to the Finance Committee for action on their part.

This committee has the responsibility of dealing with varied matters that relate to the church staff. Of necessity, confidentiality is of utmost importance. It may appear that the committee has done little by the length of this report, but be assured that it is a very committed group who put in much time and effort to ensure that the personnel employed by FUMC are nurtured well and their needs are met to the best of our ability.

SPRC recommendation to the Quarterly Conference: SPRC recommends that 25 hours per week be allotted for custodial services at FUMC. This will be divided between Connie Aguilera (17 hours) and Enrique Aguilera (8 hours). There will be a six month probation period (retroactive to March 16) with no salary increase at the end of probation.

Judy Kemp, Chairperson

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Our annual parking lot sale was last March and we collected over \$2,200.00. Another sale is planned in the fall. This is our primary source of funds and allows us to do many worthwhile projects and help those who need a helping hand from time to time.

We continue to invite guest speakers from time to time. We try to alternate our monthly meetings between breakfast and evening meetings for the convenience of the members. We have funds available from recent parking lot sales and plan to soon decide on allocating some of these funds to community organizations and to needy church projects.

Ed Key, Vice President.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women held their Chili/Bake Sale in conjunction with the Methodist Men's Parking Lot Sale on March 12th. The chili was delicious as usual and our profits were the highest ever. Thanks to all in the congregation and community for the support, and especially to Judy Kemp and Martha Hicks for chairing this event.

Our March program was an outstanding presentation by Jana Hunking on the history of aprons. Jana brought several aprons for us to look at. We also held our annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial program. The money donated this year will go to support of UMW Deaconesses and Missionaries who serve nationally and internationally. Our program on April 21st will be the Coordinator of the Police Activities League.

Betty Staight and Anna Whittington from our unit went on the bus tour to the David and Margaret Home and the Methodist Hospital. We look forward to hearing about their trip.

Members are working to prepare items for the Craft Faire in the fall and hope that the congregation will contribute arts or crafts to this sale.

Please look for the Pennies basket in the Narthex if you have some loose change in your pocket.

Circles will hold regular meetings in May and then "social only" meetings in the summer months. Please watch the Forecast and bulletins for place and time.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Shiers

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee has met once since the last Quarterly Conference. A brief summary of the work of our committee follows:

- We held a new Worship Team Leader training session in February and several new people are now serving on the various teams, including some of our youth.
- Bets Wright has replaced Gladys Efantis as the person in charge of Communion.
- Bill Ulmer is now in charge of maintaining all candles in the church as part of his duties as “Special Projects” person. This includes ordering supplies and refilling the Altar candles, candelabra, Advent wreath, new Paschal candle and setting up all the candles used during Christmas.
- Easter Services are as follows:
 1. Palm Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Palm Processional
 2. Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Communion
 3. Good Friday – 7:00 p.m. – Ecumenical Service
 4. Easter Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Easter lilies, Flower Cross, Choir and Brass

The next meeting of the Worship Committee will be June 5, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. Please join us to help plan our summer months.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lemon, Chair

PASTOR'S REPORT

With each passing day Rachel and I feel more a part of First UMC and of the Lompoc community. Continued thanks to everyone who has made us feel welcome and at home. I have enjoyed celebrating Epiphany and Lent at First Church and I'm looking forward to the Easter season.

In the past three months we have shared the loss of several more long time members of our church. We have also seen the number of children remain strong in church.

It seems that every quarter brought with it the need to hire staff. I want to thank Ed Romine for his years of service to the church; we have discovered that Ed was not given enough hours to complete his duties as we wished him to do. Tonight you will consider a request from the Staff Parish Relations Committee requesting expansion of the number of hours for the custodial position. As you prayerfully consider how best to respond, consider also that we will either need to increase our income or reduce our expenditures somewhere. I am thankful that Dick Shiers is here to help us through these choices.

I always like to thank people for their help and service. I especially want to lift up a few folks in this report. Thanks to Bill Ulmer who worked so hard to make the last parking lot sale a success and who does so many special projects for the worship of the church. The sanctuary looked amazing for Palm Sunday and I'm sure that it will be equally wonderful on Easter. Thanks to our choir director, Brenda, for her hard work. I'm looking forward to the Easter service and cantata on May 1st with the additional instruments. I also would like to thank Jack Jones for all that he does for the church each week. Finally, I would like to thank Sam, our Administrative Assistant for all that she does

Pastor A

FAMILY MINISTRIES QUARTERLY REPORT
JAN 2011 TO MARCH 2011

January 22, 2011

Dinner and A Movie

We played "Radio" a movie about a disabled young man and how a high school coach changes his life. Great movie about excepting people as they are and working with the disabled.

We served sloppy joes, seasoned fries and salad.

Had about 30 people in attendance.

February 22, 2011

Potluck and Game Night

We shared great fellowship with approx. 20 people in attendance. We are hoping to be to expand this event with more attendance in the future. We all had a great time and played various games, from cards, to scrabble.

March 19, 2011

St Patrick's Dinner

We had approx. 50-60 people in attendance. Dinner consisted of Corn Beef and Cabbage along with red potatoes, carrots, dinner rolls and cake for dessert. Cost for dinner was \$8.00 a plate.

We had our annual contest for:

Best couple: Barbara and Floyd Dameron

Best Dressed Individual: Laura Chappa

Best Youth: Cera Mitchell.

March 26, 2011

We had a movie planned for this evening, but because of medical reasons for the individual from Family Ministries that was leading this event, our event was cancelled.