

**Christ Church United Methodist
Administrative Council
May 16, 2005**

Call to Order/Hymn/Devotional

Meeting was called to order by Sandy Bock and Rick Ashton. Rev. Harold Tatman led the group in singing. Rev. Harold Tatman then offered an opening devotional and prayer reflecting (pun intended) on how things are not always as they seem. He offered as an example some differing explanations offered by his parents as to his status as an only child. He then asked us to consider: what is our "albedo?" He defined "albedo" as the measure of reflection, when light is given off or reflected in proportion to the light received. He noted how the moon only reflects a small percent of the sun's light. He cautioned of letting an eclipse happen, of letting the world get between you and the light. What's our albedo? For example, if we are given forgiveness, we should reflect tolerance. He expressed the hope that we will reflect our light to others.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, and seconded, to accept the minutes from the March 21 Ad Council meeting. They were subsequently approved.

Ministry Teams

Outreach Ministry- Wenda Webster Fisher offered highlights from various mission trips that are in the works for 2005. Handouts were distributed that can be photocopied and given to others and to your small groups. Informational handouts will be continually updated and will be made available.

- The Estonia Mission Trip is coming up for Leigh Ray this summer.
- Summer Mission Experience trips are planned, including Mexico, Harrisburg, and Red Bird Missionary Conference.
- Our 2005 Habitat for Humanity home is located at 3841 Grand Avenue and is being co-sponsored by St. John UMC and Watkins UMC. Our Partner Family will be the Deans, Jenice (Nikki) Dean and her four children. Raise the Roof weekend is June 16, 17 and 18, and work will continue throughout the summer on Fridays and Saturdays. A volunteer form was available for distribution, and is available in the reception area. Good news: One of our Sudanese families, Deng and Rebecca, has been approved for their own Habitat for Humanity house.
- Our 2005 Refugee Family: Abraham Chol's wife Mary and their son will be coming to Louisville from Africa sometime around May 23, 2005. Wenda asked if anyone would like to contribute to helping to furnish their apartment; contact her if you are interested in helping out the family.
- Joseph K. will be coming to the U.S. to obtain his doctorate. He will be bringing his daughter, who will have a hip replacement while in Louisville. A team is forming, led by Melanie Williams Sublett, and they will meet at Melanie's house at 7:00 pm on May 19, 2005. We have not budgeted in the Outreach/Mission's budget for her hip replacement and/or to support her in her rehabilitation process. There is a need for resources and in particular medical resources that could be

donated. So far, the surgeons and doctors have donated their services. The Rehabilitation Hospital has donated its services. Joy Monsma has volunteered to provide housing for Joseph's daughter.

Youth Ministry- Margaret McCaslin, chair of Associate Youth Minister Search Committee, was pleased to announce the hiring of Associate Youth Minister Katie Trehwella, who will join Ryan Young and our CCUM staff on May 23, 2005. Katie is a 2001 graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College, and was formerly director of middle school youth in a Methodist church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We welcome her!

Pastor's Report

Rev. Aaron Mansfield reported that while we had 186 new members this past year, our tracking system shows that only 1/3 of the new members have become significantly involved in the life of the church, while 2/3 have not. There is a desire to build a process of beginning to get new members involved, to look at how we can become more intentional in our efforts to involve our new members in the life of the church. We want to build in a process so those who join become more involved.

Dr. George Strunk reported that the Prepare the Way campaign was successful in every way. The exact numbers will be released on May 29, 2005. We're waiting to hear from a few people. We're not just building a building; we're building people's hearts. The leaders who came out for the campaign were faithful, energetic a group as the original members who brought us to this location. George named numerous leaders of the campaign, and volunteers that were instrumental to the success. The growth in faith during the process was great, and it was a good time. 1250 people attended the two services.

- Executive Team: Rick Guillaume, Kathy Keadle, Joe Reeves, Beth Klingaman
- Spiritual Awareness Team: Colleen Endres, Bruce Baird, Mimi Mulvey with prayer during while the service was going on
- Administrative Team: Kip Keller, Allison Spurgeon, Claire Arnold, Janet Hundley
- Communications Team: Dan Burgess, Neil Kuvin, Scott Troutman, Byron Graham
- Children's Team: John and Nancy Grant
- Special Event Team: Shannon Herlihy, Kay Matton, Sandy Bock

Trustee's Report

Ted Champion expressed that he is determined to not spend more money than we have. He distributed the 2005 Improvements Report though April, which shows the trustees are \$2,292.13 under budget for the first four months. There were four emergency repairs to the roof, sidewalk, kitchen freezer, and dumpster gate. Some items were approved and will be completed during the year.

Treasurer/Finance

Mark Jackson, reporting for Doug Arbuckle who will be coming off the finance committee in July, presented the balance sheet and Statement of Operations. He noted that everything looks good. Our revenue is up \$120,000.00, up 18% from last year at this time. We are down in budgeted contributions by \$87,000.00, about 10%. Therefore, we are under-budget by \$26,388.00. The last quarter usually makes up for the difference. We are in a better position than last year, and it has to do with our increase in contributions this year so far.

Old Business

Charlie Smith, our Church historian, provided a genealogical presentation showing that it is the 200th year for CCUM's predecessor churches in Louisville, and CCUM's 50th Anniversary. He consulted various sources, including our archives, the more recent Encyclopedia of Louisville, Johnston's Memorial History of Louisville (1896), and Rev. Mundy "Louisville Methodism." Our roots can be traced back to 1806 (200 years ago), when the first Methodist Society formed in 1806 met in a log cabin at the present site of the current County Courthouse. From that location the next meeting site in 1809 was located in a house north of Market St. at 8th Street. Then that congregation moved to form Fourth St. Methodist Church (on Fourth Street between Market and Jefferson) in 1816. Fourth St. Methodist split in 1835 into three different churches: Brook St. Methodist (closed 1996), 8th St. Methodist (closed 1996) and 4th St. Methodist. 4th St. Methodist became Walnut St. Methodist Church, then moved to the church to Broadway, becoming Broadway Methodist. Indian Hills Methodist was founded 8/1955 and merged with Broadway Methodist in our present location on September 28, 1955. Later the name was changed to Christ Church United Methodist on January 8, 1956, when the final vote was taken. Therefore, the roots of CCUM go back 200 years, and we have been at our current location for 50 years come September. We can celebrate our 50th Anniversary as CCUM and 200th anniversary as a continuous Methodist congregation in the City of Louisville.

New Business

Leigh Ray reported that the Lay Leadership Committee (or nominations committee) will be seeking feedback in the form of a letter that will be sent out in the next few weeks to the leadership in order to help further delineate and describe the volunteer leadership positions that will be opening next year. It will be helpful to get feedback from those holding the positions currently.

Concerns/Praises/Prayer

- Colleen Endres shared her praises for this past weekend's Celebration Sunday Worship Service.
- Prayers for the High School Mission Tour to Charlotte, leaving on June 13, 2005.
- Prayers for Ad Council President Sandy Bock, with loving remembrance of John Bock from the Mark Jackson and the Long Range Planning Team.
- Prayers for the CCUM staff and leadership, with all their recent health issues. In particular, prayers were offered for Senior's Minister Rebecca Heid and her battle

with breast cancer, Associate Minister Aaron Mansfield's wife Melissa and her cancer treatments, Business Manager Barb Schissler's recent loss of a relative, and Margaret Lee's recovery from back surgery.

- Prayers for our new Associate Youth Minister Katie Trehwella.
- Prayers for the confirmation class.
- Prayers for Phyllis Wilson.
- Prayers for the Children's Ministry Team and their search committee.
- Prayers for the children and families who responded to the Prepare the Way campaign.
- Dr. Strunk relayed a praise and prayer for Dr. Jean Hawxhurst and Fourth Avenue United Methodist, as George received a check from 4th Avenue United Methodist for our building campaign albeit they have a leaking roof, etc. Hearts were touched.

Colleen Endres closed with prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Horne

Ad Council at Large Member, Substitute for Dana Faulkner, CCUM Recording Secretary.