

## Council on Ministries Report

*Prepared by Neil McTavish for the Church Council Meeting of September 19, 2011*

The COM meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> focused on how we would determine 2 to 5 year projections for all of our ministries. This was as requested and recommended by Dick Beal. His argument was that building requirements must follow ministry requirements and if so, then every square foot in a construction proposal will have a reason for being. He had other recommendations as well but this in particular was the component that required the work of the COM.

I have been heartened to hear that the cafe that we have in the narthex has attracted more people than ever to fellowship. We have run out of donut holes every week during fellowship since the cafe was installed – if that isn't a scientific measure I don't know what is! This is new. We don't normally run out of donut holes on regular Sundays. It's nice to know that our efforts are reaping reward at such an early stage of implementation.

### *Teen MOPS*

We have a great group of girls and because of the number of new girls we have a diverse age range. We have started our curriculum for this year. It is based on the book “Life Interrupted” which is a book published by MOPS and written by a former Teen Mother. It is excellent.

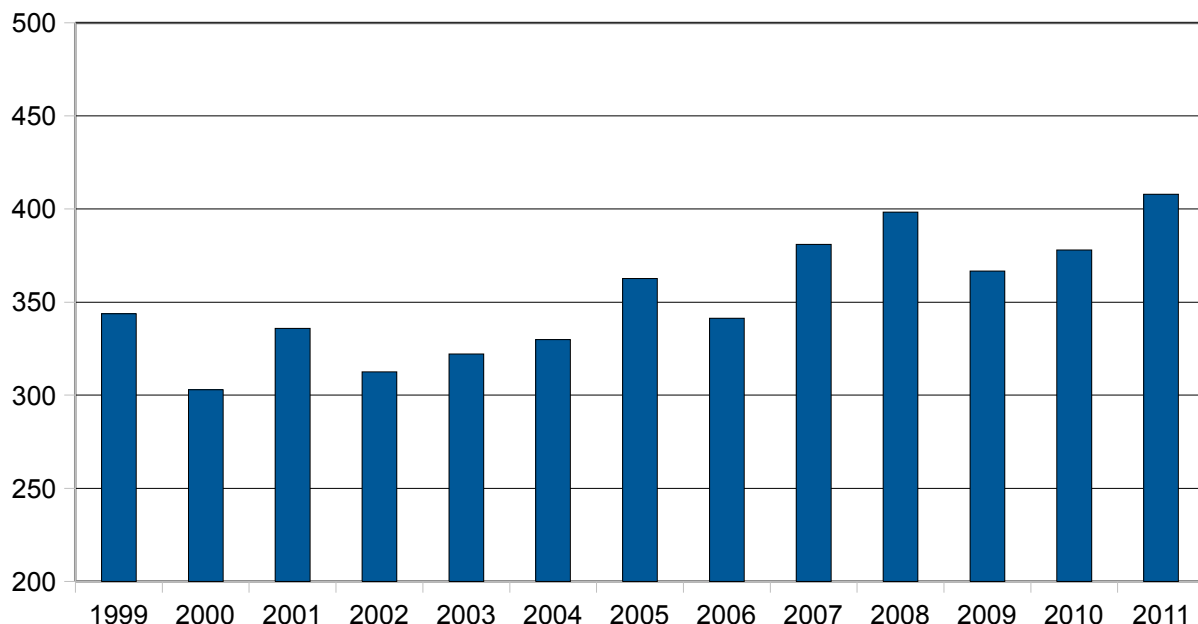
We are continuing to reach out to other groups in the community. We have had great visits from ECC MOPS and a CASA rep and continue to build bridges between our group and others. We know we can't do it all so it is important that we know about other agencies and groups so we can refer the girls to them as needs arise.

We have an excellent group of volunteers. We can't thank the church enough for all of the support.

### *Attendance*

Our July and August attendance was very good this year and contributed to our average attendance for the period of 408. As seen in the chart below, this is the highest it has been for at least 12 years.

## First United Methodist Church Avg Weekly Attendance: July/August



## ***Worship***

Joel Rasmus  
Nothing to report.

## ***Music***

Gail Polles

**Mission statement:** The mission of Music Ministry, First United Methodist Church, is to glorify God through music. This form of worship is intended to:

- be participatory
- be inclusive of all ages and skill levels
- be developmental in nature so that the participants grow in their knowledge, skills, and contribution to music endeavors
- include the related arts (dance and drama) when it serves the worship service
- provide opportunities for fellowship, service, and community building

The **purpose** of Music Ministry Council is to: facilitate communication between the various music ministries represented, coordinate service planning and special projects, and support the music ministry staff.

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### **Minutes from Sunday, August 07, 2011**

**Members Present:** Nick, Heidi, Gail, and Ellen

#### **Updates:**

- A) Praise Band:
  - a. Confirmed: trombone - Neal Lynch; alto sax - Steve Kaverman; saxophone, clarinet, or flute - Ellen Wilson; drums – Matt Milligan
  - b. We need a tenor saxophone, another trombone player, and a pianist.
  - c. Praise Band will not play in September; we cannot offer this ministry until we have one more trombone player and a pianist.
    - i. Jake Ohlemiler and Neal Lynch will recruit from Purdue Musical Organizations once classes are in session
- B) Chancel Choir –new choristers: Lora-Marie McCaffrey and Diane Hebert
- C) Conducting Workshops for Sallie, Amanda, Paige, Nick, and Heidi
  - a. Future date to be announced
- D) Pipe Organ
  - a. Gail has contacted Goulding and Wood, requesting an assessment of the health of our stored pipes. She will follow up on this.

#### **Looking ahead to 2011-2012 season**

- In the fall:
  - Amanda will be offering:
    - ABC Music & Me (2 to 4 year olds): 12:00 PM - 12:40 PM on Mondays
  - Sonshine Kids will be for children in Grades 1 through 3
  - King's Choir for children in Grades 4 through 6
  - Celebration Chimes will be offered for Grades 4 through 6
  - Jubilation Bells members will be incorporated into Aldersgate Handbell Ringers to fill the gaps left by graduating Purdue University students
- Start-up dates
  - Youth Choir had a trip to King's Island (August 6) and began rehearsals on August 7
  - Sonshine Kids, Grades 1 – 3: 5:15 pm – 5:45 pm, August 21
  - Celebration Chimes, Grades 4 – 6: 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm, August 21
  - King's Choir, Grades 4 -6: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm, August 21
  - Chancel Choir: day-long retreat, August 27

- Wednesday evening rehearsals resume August 31
  - Aldersgate Handbell Ringers: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, August 31
  - Morningstar: 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm, September 6
  - Rainbow Ringers: 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm, September 7
- 1. Music Ministry leaders
  - a. Budget requests to Ellen NLT noon Friday, August 12
  - b. Confirm the calendar of scheduled special music by your group
  - c. Schedule your calendar events with Rhonda Todd, *including rehearsal cancellations*; copy Ellen on these messages
  - d. Bulletin announcements should be sent to Ronda Kroeschen by Wednesday AM, including song titles.

In His Service, Gail

### ***Education***

See Lana's report. Pray for Nola.

### ***Village Nursery School***

Jean Morehouse

Nothing to report.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

### ***Children's Education***

Shari Bittles

See separate report.

### ***Missions and Social Concerns***

Mary Welch

**September Mission Features Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette.** Alan Welch, Director of Operations visited and provided information on all of the exciting things that Habitat has done this year—a list of ways anyone can help appears in the announcement slides running this month. See bulletin and announcements . for more information.

**Feed the Kids** began packing 75 bags for children on free or reduced lunches at Edgelea Elementary. A callout for help resulted in many new resources to shop, pack, and deliver these packs....Thanks to Jeanne Norberg for her overall leadership of this mission and to Denny Frank and Karen Logan for shopping and managing the menus each week. Also, Rich Frank has volunteered to coordinate the drivers for delivery—thanks, Rich. We are again partnering with Christ UMC—which has proven to be a great success.

**Basket Auction** is scheduled to help raise funds again for missions. Baskets will be featured in October and Megan Snapp-Nelson will chair the overall event. . The last Sunday of bidding and luncheon will be held on Sunday, November 6..

**Operation Classroom** volunteers packed over 20 boxes of school supplies headed for Liberia. Thanks to Kitty Decker for again making such a big effort to get this job done. The supplies will be dedicated in the coming weeks.

**Other:**

2. Missions committee has set aside up to \$1500 to match any funds raised for Wesley to help offset bills that are not covered by insurance. Watch for additional details.
3. Mission goals be featured in GIFT classes this fall...
4. Plans are being made to have another cluster meeting with other churches..

Mary Welch, Chair

***United Methodist Women***

Eileen Chamness

THE UMW PURPOSE: “The organized unit of the UMW shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church”. (Article 3, Constitution)

Nothing to report or submitted separately.

*Other ministries have nothing to report or are reported separately.*