

## Summary of Church Council Meeting October 18, 2016

Mike Morrison opened the meeting by reading Psalm 23 – “The Lord is My Shepherd” and reflected on Grace’s ministry and our continued grieving on her loss. We cannot replace Grace, we must be open to God leading us.

**Outreach Ministries** *Arise2Read* –FUMC continues in its partnership with CIAA. The Good Samaritan Fund has received many donations. Several members have volunteered to participate in screening patrons for assistance. Training is being conducted. Share the Warmth Coat Closet will be opening in November. The Food Pantry is simply amazing with its structure of pantry coordinators and all volunteers. So far this year-2016 we have distributed 83.8 tons of food from the pantry.

**Children’s Department** We are looking for 4 adults to teach children’s Sunday school. We have two so far. We are using the BIG BOOKS in Children’s church. Children’s Sabbath was a success; everyone did a great job. We will be going to Jones Orchard on October 23rd for some fall fun; Trunk or Treat on Halloween night **October 31<sup>st</sup>**; **November 11<sup>th</sup>** Charlie Brown Thanksgiving movie with toast, jelly beans and popcorn; **November 13<sup>th</sup>** the children will sing at both services; **December 4<sup>th</sup>** Children’s Christmas Play at 6:30 in the Sanctuary; **December 9<sup>th</sup>** movie night in P.J.’s watching Polar Express. Methodist-Presbyterian Nursery School is selling Christmas wreaths.

**Youth** Childrens play day was a success. It was a great act of service and a positive experience for all parties involved. Moss baby shower was exciting. Everyone celebrated in community and fellowship. **Coming Up: October 22-Haunted Corn Maze; October 23-Laser Tag; October 31-Trunk or Treat; November 11-13-Lakeshore Fall Retreat; November 17-Youth Girls Small Group Casting Crowns Concert.**

**UMW update** Sandy and Doris Ann attended the annual conference in Milan. **Boys and Girls Club**-we will serve ice cream this month and pizza in December. **December 4<sup>th</sup>**- UMW banquet at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC **November 5<sup>th</sup>**-UMW Conference is having a work day at Reelfoot Rural Ministries.

**Trustee** Building renovations -Charles Maxwell will continue on repairs to some of the classrooms on the third floor that have water damage. MPNS Playground had a new fence installed. Parking spaces have been redesigned along the fence to parallel parking. We are evaluating replacing or leasing the office copier.

**Finance** Stewardship numbers are solid. The operational expenses are running where we expected for this time of year. We are waiting on the requests for the 2017 budget.

**Lay Leader** It has been a tough three weeks in the life of our church family. The passing of Grace was a shock to all of us. Continue to support and comfort Keith and the family. The congregation has been amazing in picking up the pieces, supporting one another and trying to fill the gaps the best we can. The take home challenge is for us to continue the race. I know my sister Grace would want us to run even harder than before.

**Pastor Wade Cox** Wade also reflected on Grace’s passing and spoke to current and future needs. He thanked the staff for filling in the gaps and the congregation for stepping up. He thanked all those who participated in Laity Sunday and Joey for his leadership. He shared about many special worship services from now until the end of the year. It was decided to have one Christmas Eve and two Christmas day worship services with the first one being casual and child interactive. He reminded us of upcoming stewardship emphasis and commitment in November and updated us on his upcoming Doctor of Ministry studies and project.

Next meeting will be held December 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.