

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
November 21, 2005**

The Wesley United Methodist Church Administrative Council met Monday, November 21, 2005 in the Education Building lounge. The meeting was called to order by Nick Strobel, Council Chair, at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Kimberly opened the meeting with prayer. The October minutes were approved as written.

Present: Donna Adams, Jennifer Armantrout, Pat Carter, Caroline Close, Barbara Dethlefson, Pam Hall, Freda Hamilton, Joshua Huddleston, Larry Lonsinger, Jerry Ludeke, Phil Maxwell, James Lipford, Marlene Lipford, Anna Murillo, Anne Scott, David Scott, Nick Strobel, Pastor Kimberly Willis, Sharyn Woods.

Priority Items:

Finance Campaign: Sharyn Woods, Finance Chair, reported that 39 pledges had been received to date for a total of \$73,000. There were six new pledges. Another pledge letter will be sent out this week. The pledge cards will be consecrated Sunday, Nov. 27.

Nov. 27 Greening of the Church: Anna Murillo, Worship Chair, said that Pastor Kimberly will explain the significance of the various decorations used to green the church during the Nov. 27 and subsequent Advent worship services. Pastor Kimberly recommended that the Advent wreath be placed on the altar so that it is stable. Larry Lonsinger, Trustees Chair, reported that he plans to purchase an artificial tree for the Gathering Place. Barbara Dethlefson, Membership/Evangelism Chair, said that the tree will be purchased through donations and her committee's budget. Following the Nov. 27 service, lunch will be served in the Gathering Place. Anne Scott, Administrative Coordinator, explained that toiletry kits will be assembled following the lunch. These kits will be given to the Bakersfield Homeless Center.

Nov. 27 Charge Conference: Pastor Kimberly announced that the annual Charge Conference will be held Nov. 27 at Trinity United Methodist Church. There will be a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the Charge Conference at 7 p.m. Wesley people are to bring desserts and table service. This will be a joint charge conference of Trinity, St. Marks and Wesley.

Missions/Social Concerns Activities: Phil Maxwell, Missions Chair, reported that there were 20 blankets and 20 coats given away at the Nov. 19 blanket/coat giveaway. They ran out of items and told the people to return Tuesday, Nov. 22, and they will try to have more coats and blankets available. The Alternative Giving program will begin Sunday, Nov. 27. The program includes the Angel Tree, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project, and the Bakersfield Homeless Center. People may contribute to Alternative Giving through Dec. 25. The Angel Tree program has 95 children from 38 families, and this means that 190 presents (two for each child) must be obtained. The Sunday School will perform a Christmas play at the event. Cookies are needed to pack cookie boxes for each family and to serve at the Christmas Party honoring the Angel Tree families.

Dec. 3 UMW Christmas Lunch: Jennifer Armantrout reported that the United Methodist Women will hold their annual lunch Saturday, Dec. 3. Members are requested to bring gifts for residents of the Bakersfield Homeless Center.

Dec. 11 Caroling and Party: Barbara Dethlefson, Membership/Evangelism Chair, reported that Wesley will hold its caroling for shut-ins and party on Dec. 11, starting at 4 p.m. in the Gathering Place. She asked people to call her if they knew of shut-ins. Following the caroling, the carolers will go to Jerry Ludeke's house for fellowship.

Christmas Eve Play: Anne Scott, Administrative Coordinator, said that the Sunday School children, youth, and some adults will present the play 'Twas the Night Before at the Christmas Party and at the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Parsonage Repairs: Larry Lonsinger, Trustees Chair, said that a contract has been signed to repair the parsonage patio. Replacing the roof has been put on hold for a year.

Major Discussion Items:

Staffing Changes: Pat Carter, Staff/Parish Chair, explained that there were two Wesley staff resignations. Organist Heidi Mensink has resigned as of the end of December because she is getting married. Jerry Ludeke and Diane O'Dell have been designated as a Staff/Parish subcommittee to locate a new organist. Youth Director Joshua Huddleston also has resigned as of the end of December. A youth council headed by Pat Carter and Pastor Kimberly and including youth representatives is being created to determine what will be done with the youth program. For the present it will be run by volunteers.

Proposed 2006 Budget: Sharyn Woods, Finance Chair, presented the proposed 2006 budget for the church. Pastor Kimberly said that the Apportionments Adoption campaign would continue, and that the \$6,500 this brought in could be added to the budget. This increased proposed income to a total of \$245,300. Proposed expenses total \$249,532, for a discrepancy of \$4,232. It was moved by Barbara Dethlefson, seconded by Pat Carter, and unanimously approved that the 2006 budget be adopted as revised. The budget includes paying 100 per cent of apportionments.

Follow Up on Past Priority Items:

Visit of Bishop Shamana: Pastor Kimberly reported that Bishop Shamana was very impressed with Wesley's music, programs including mission outreach, and use of space. She was extremely touched by the gift of the quilt. David Scott said that when he drove her to the church she commented on the impressive Wesley sign in front. Overall, it was agreed that the visit from the bishop went very well.

Nov. 19 Bazaar: It was reported that the bazaar made an approximate \$4,000 profit.

Committee Reports:

Education: Anne Scott, reporting for the Education Committee, said that Dwight Reynolds will teach a four week Advent study class starting Nov. 27.

Sunday School: The Sunday School is running smoothly, and plans are being developed to present a Christmas play.

Youth: Josh Huddleston, Youth Director, reported that he took five youth to Sacramento for the youth conference. They heard an awesome praise band and participated in a community service project. He said that Oglesby Hall will be painted by Christmas.

Finance: Sharyn Woods, Chair, reported that 2005 pledge income is down but non-pledge giving is up. She is working on developing a simplified balance sheet.

Membership/Evangelism: Barbara Dethlefsen, Chair, explained that the Membership/Evangelism committee will meet at her house the first Wednesday of each month, 9:30 a.m.

Memorials: Donna Adams, Chair, said the committee has not met because nothing has occurred regarding memorials.

Missions/Social Concerns: Phil Maxwell, Chair, said that Ana Lester is heading a new transportation ministry program that will provide rides to persons wanting to attend worship and/or church functions. If persons are willing to provide rides, they should tell Ana. Persons who want rides may call the church, 871-3030, Extension 202, and request a ride. Maxwell said that the committee is willing to take over rummage sales and would like to do a sale every three months (four times a year). Lisa Neath would be in charge. People could bring rummage items at any time, and he requested that the items be stored in Oglesby Hall. He was requested to bring additional information about the proposed rummage sales and proposed 2006 dates. Joshua Huddleston said that the rummage would have to be stored neatly and cleaned up immediately after the sale as the youth meet in Oglesby. Maxwell announced that the committee has two new members, Anne Scott for Sunday School and a youth member to be determined by the youth.

Staff Parish: Pat Carter, Chair, said that the committee members are developing a list of persons who will preach while Pastor Kimberly is on medical leave.

Trustees: Larry Lonsinger, Chair, said that he is getting bids on the proposed fence and on getting new drapes for the Gathering Place. He reported that he has heard nothing about the proposed "tree" that would transmit cell phone calls and will contact the company as we have an open contract with them.

United Methodist Women: Report already given.

Web Site: Nick Strobel, Webmaster, gave another plea for people to look over their sections of the website and tell him what needs to be changed, corrected or receive additions.

Worship: Report already given.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kimberly said that her last Sunday before taking medical leave will be Jan. 8. She is scheduled for surgery Jan. 16 at Valley Presbyterian Hospital. After Jan. 1 she cannot do visits as she must stay in good health without any colds, etc. There will be guest speakers or preachers until April 2. Pastor Kimberly will be on church and medical leave and will arrange for people to be on call as needed. She explained that she has been named to the board of the Volunteer Organizations for Assistance in Disasters (VOAD). She will represent the United Methodist Churches nationwide. She has made contact with the American Red Cross locally to determine how Wesley may serve in the event of a local disaster.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Dec. 12.

Submitted by: Anne Scott