

HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
May 21, 2018

The Hillsboro First United Methodist Church Council met on Wednesday May 16, 2018 at 7:15. In attendance were the following; Chair Bill Myers, Pastor Chris Haynes, Robert Henley, Elaine Weaver, Hope Guffey, Bill Guffey, Jim Bramblett, Susan Foster, Tom Foster, Susan McKelvey, Mandy Smith, Kelly Smith, John Dimitri, and Alex Dunavant. Council Chair Bill Myers called the meeting to order at 7:15. Pastor Chris Haynes provided a devotion which was based on an account of John Wesley's "Aldergate" experience which he recorded in his journal entry for May 24, 1738. This occurred at a society meeting located on Aldergate street. Wesley's experience led him to change or convert his understanding of the order of salvation. Wesley realized that his understanding of salvation was backwards. He had previously believed one must be sanctified before God before God would accept one as a child of God, that one must be made holy in order for Christ to restore one to a proper relationship with God. After hearing and fully understanding a reading of Paul's message in Ephesians 2:8-10, Wesley realized that Christ alone makes one acceptable to God. Christ alone redeems and restores a relationship with God. Nothing we can say or do will earn us God's love and acceptance, it is a pure gift of God's amazing grace. Pastor Haynes stated that all may sometime feel that we aren't good enough for God's loving relationship. Pastor Haynes encouraged everyone to remember that through Jesus, God accepts us if we are willing to accept his grace. Pastor Haynes closed his devotion with prayer for the work of the council. Chair Bill Myers summarized the minutes from the March 21st council meeting Robert Henley moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as summarized. John Dimitri seconded and the motion was approved with a vote of the council.

Treasurer Bill Guffey presented the financial summary statement for the period and a budget report reflecting income and expenditures for the period March 21, 2018 - May 14, 2018. An opening general fund balance of \$66,961.66. Offerings and income from all sources for the reporting period totaled \$25,433.18. Designated and undesignated expenses for the period totaled \$19,902.58 leaving a period ending balance of \$72,492.26. The church had experienced an unusually large water bill for the month of April due to a continuously running toilet which has since been repaired. It was also noted that our church typically pays the second half of its annual apportionments in June of each year and we also expect to do the same this year. Elaine Weaver moved that the treasurer's report be approved. The motion was seconded by Tom Foster and approved by a vote of the council.

Jim Bramblett, chair of the Pastor and Parish Relations committee reported that he had been informed by Bishop McAlilly that a pastor appointment had been made for Hillsboro First UMC. Beginning July first, Rev. Kent Bailey will become our new pastor. Jim reported speaking with Rev. Bailey and provided the council with information about the new pastor. Rev. Bailey although currently serving as pastor

to a Presbyterian church in Springfield Tennessee, is a former minister in the Tennessee conference of the UM church. Jim also reported that Rev. Bailey had asked that we consider purchasing his church owned pc from his current church and also providing him with a cell phone. Following discussion Robert Henley made a motion that the PPR committee inform Rev. Bailey that he will be entitled to an expense account from which he can purchase office necessities such as his pc and a cell phone. Kelly Smith seconded this motion and the motion passed a vote of the council. Jim Bramblett also reported that an inspection of the parsonage revealed a number of issues that need to be addressed in order to bring it up to standards. The council charged the PPR and Trustees to spend what is needed to get the parsonage back up to standards. Jim Bramblett also reported that he, Jennifer Myers and Pastor Haynes have scheduled an interview with a local person who has expressed interest in our piano player position.

Tom Foster reported that the Trustees will take care of all the parsonage deficiencies reported by Jim Bramblett. Tom also reported that a number of the old metal folding chairs that were offered to the congregation have been picked up but that a many are still available.

Susan McKelvey reported that VBS this year is planned and will be held on Saturday June 2 from 9:00-3:00 with a party afterwards from 3:00-5:00. The following day a VBS celebration will be held during the Sunday School hour during which parents will be invited to the fellowship hall for coffee and doughnuts. The children participating in VBS will also perform during worship service. Susan reported that a children will receive a T shirt and that parents can register children online at Cokesbury.

Mandy Smith reported that four youth have expressed interest in attending UMYF District Camp this summer in lieu of Summer Sizzler. The district camp will be held at Beersheba Springs during the last week of June. The youth are working to raise the funds needed to attend the camp. Last week the youth did a great putting together a Cinco de Mayo meal for the Farm Bureau and earning \$400.

John Dimitri reported that the UM Men continue to have strong attendance at their monthly breakfast meeting, averaging 17-18 men. A good breakfast and great fellowship is enjoyed by all in attendance. The next meeting will be this coming Sunday, May 20th at 7:00. During the June meeting a group picture of the men's group is planned.

Alex Dunavant reported that this evening was the last UMYF Wednesday program before summer break. Meetings will resume in late August or early September. Alex reiterated Mandy Smith's report on the UMYF District Camp. Alex also reported that the church youth are discussing the possibility of planning a mission trip next summer to Mountain Top.

Chris Haynes reported that current status of the Back Pack program. The program currently has a fund balance of \$3845.26 has the school year comes to a close. The program has been serving 50-55 children per week.

Elaine Weaver reported that the UM Women fed the MTSU Wesley Foundation in April. The Wesley Foundation is currently attending a mission trip in Ft. Lauderdale. Elaine also reported that the UMW annual bake sale will be this Saturday, May 19 at the Manchester Wal-Mart and encouraged all to come and support this fund raiser. Elaine also reported that the UM Women are planning a field trip for the month of July.

Hope Guffey reported that the Special Events committee will host a church picnic at the Croft family pavilion on June 3 immediately after worship service. Since the families of VBS attendees are invited as guests Hope encouraged everyone to bring a little extra to ensure enough food is on hand. Drinks will be supplied by the Special Events committee. Hope also reported that a farewell reception is planned for Pastor Chris Haynes on Sunday, June 24th from 2-4:00. June 17th is Father's Day and plans are in place to honor fathers. Hope also reported that the planned June 26th graduation reception for Colton Swanson has been canceled due to a change in the family's plans. The will be meeting extended family out of town rather than family coming to Hillsboro.

Bill Myers reported that the Scholarship committee had met and decided to provide Colton Swanson a \$500 scholarship for books, etc. to be paid for from the education and mission budgets. Bill expressed interest in continuing the scholarship annually to graduating seniors. Bill also reported that a seminary scholarship recipient had been named. Ben Ashenfelter, current pastor at the Asbury UMC has been selected and the current funds in our scholarship fund will be sent to him. It was suggested that we put an emphasis on publicizing the last Sunday of each month as Scholarship Offering Sunday.

Pastor Haynes reported that this Sunday he will be training new acolytes and providing refresher training to current acolytes. This Sunday there will also be a meeting of the Stones River District Conference. Pastor Haynes also noted that this was his final council meeting of the Hillsboro First UMC and stated he loves us and will miss us as he assumes his role as pastor of the Lexington UMC.

Bill Myers suggested that the remaining library material that had been offered to anyone interested in it should probably be disposed of by the Library committee.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, Elaine Weaver dismissed the council with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Guffey - Recording Secretary