

**Gulf Cove United Methodist Church**  
*Helping Everyone Meet, Know, and Serve Jesus*  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**March 27, 2017 – 7:00 PM**

**Attendees:** Doreen Alvarez (Church Council Chairman), Pastor Mike Weaver, Linda Starck, Rick Starck, Dana Hanson

The meeting was opened with the lighting of the candle representing Jesus Christ, followed by a prayer by Doreen.

**Corrections to Previous Minutes:** The recording secretary was not notified of any necessary corrections to the minutes of the February meeting.

**TEAM CONCERNS**

**Nurture:** No report.

**Outreach:** The Myakka Spring Carnival is scheduled for Friday, April 7. The Easter Egg Hunt & Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, at 10am; hot dogs will be available.

**Witness:** No report.

**Support:** *Finance:* No report.

With regard to *Trustees*, Rick said they are finalizing a new contract with Mike Lackney. He has been asked not to work on anything that requires a license. One problem that he has encountered is that the new commercial vacuum he uses is too large to fit between the rows of chairs in the sanctuary; solving it will entail either widening the rows, or purchasing a smaller vacuum. Mike has been doing some smaller things throughout the church that have not been noticed – *thank you*, Mike, for those fixes!

With regard to *Staff Parish*, Pastor Mike has been in contact with Steve Schneeberger about the Youth Director vacancy. The number of applicants has risen to 23, with 13 meeting our minimum criteria. Eight candidates are proceeding to the second round of interviews, which will be held soon. Steve advised that the final list of applicants should be referred to us within the next several weeks. In the meantime, he wants to ensure that the Search Committee has “completed their tasks in preparation for the semi-final and final interviews.”

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Facility Expansion:** No report.

**Health Department:** They have asked us if we have a prayer box that they can use. 😊  
Jeanne ShROUT quickly obliged and created one.

**Vision Retreat:** Our Vision Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 9am to 2pm, at South Port Square, 23023 Westchester Blvd. (Off of Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte, make a left onto Gardner and a right at the “T”. South Port Square is about ¾ mile further, on Westchester Blvd. on the right.) The facility will provide and serve all the food, enabling Dawn Tesauro and

Jeanne Shrout to attend the retreat, instead of having to work behind the scenes during most of the day.

The retreat will concentrate on “Why, How, and What” (from the book Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action by Simon Sinek). Heather Evans will make a special presentation on Fresh Expressions. She led those discussions at the February *Thrive!* training.

As requested at our February Council meeting, Pastor Mike asks anyone who attended the Vision Retreat last year to email Dawn at [GulfCoveUMC@centurylink.net](mailto:GulfCoveUMC@centurylink.net) and share highs and lows (what you liked and what you didn't) about that retreat. Dawn will forward those emails to the planning committee.

The rest of the Council meeting was spent discussing the Vision Retreat, along with our vision and mission statements.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None presented.

### **ADJOURNING**

The meeting was formally adjourned at 8:30pm with a prayer by Pastor Mike. The next Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Hanson  
Recording Secretary