

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church

Education Meeting

January 9, 2012

In Attendance: Rev. Bill, Rick Starck, Irv Hopkins, JoAnn Hopkins, Doreen Alvarez, Michelle Channing, Dale Dear, Carol Teague, Zack Alvarez, Marsha Bunyon & John Furtado.

Rev. Bill lit the Christ candle to signify Christ's presence among us.

Rev. Bill opened and closed the meeting with prayer.

Business:

First topic for discussion was that we still don't have an Education Chair. This slot has been vacant for almost two years and it remains as the only Chair position yet to be filled. Please pray that we may find someone soon. If you know of someone who might be interested please contact Rev. Bill, Irv Hopkins or John Furtado.

Small Bible Study Groups - Dale Dear Coordinator

Advent

- Four groups formed for Advent.
- Had more people volunteer for hosting than we could utilize.
- About 40 people involved.
- Material used "Out of the Box" was good.
- Had some issue with recruitment and placement of people which will be addressed for the session for Lent.
- Some groups continuing to meet.

Lent

- More study groups planned.
- Rev. Bill and Dale will determine what material will be used.
- Lent begins on February 26, 2012.

Easter

- For the past couple of years, we've used this time to support Heifer International and we plan on doing it again this year. Sarah Carter has handled this in the past. Need to confirm if she will do this again...John Furtado will inquire.
- Also need to insure we have coordination for the Easter Egg hunt?????

Sunday School

- Need to procure and develop more teachers to assist now and take over for those who may need a break.
- Issue with obtaining teachers include the "been there done that" syndrome, lack of confidence with regard to biblical knowledge and conflicts with worship time. We might want to consider a teacher introductory class if we can round'em up.
- An anonymous person donated the money necessary to provide our youth facilities with a video surveillance system which will be a tremendous asset for child & adult protection regarding abuse and or allegations. The cost is in excess of \$4.0 K. Jo Ann Hopkins, Trustee Chair, will announce this to the congregation over the next couple of weeks.
- **Child Protection & Abuse Policy** - John Furtado and Irv Hopkins will work together to implement scheduling and training.
- **Alpha Course** - curriculum to learn more about Christ. Rev. Bill & Dale Dear will assess this material for small group study.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

- Michelle Channing indicated her desire not to be VBS coordinator. We thank Michelle for her dedication and commitment with VBS. Michelle did agree to assist with the upcoming program and she volunteered to approach Sue Charbonneau and Holly

Woods regarding VBS coordination. Michelle suggested we choose and program and order it as soon as possible. **Need a lead person to do this.**

Financial Peace University

- Two new classes being advertized. Both will start on Thursday, January 26th, and continue every Thursday for 13 weeks. One class, facilitated by Dana Hanson, will be conducted Thursday's from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The second class, facilitated by Brenda Dalton, will be conducted Thursday's from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Deadline for registration is January 17th. Cost for materials is \$99.51. See John Furtado is you financial assistance.

Confirmation Class

- Rev. Bill and Irv Hopkins will be putting together details for this class.

RED

- EDUCATION CHAIR
- VBS COORDINATOR
- SMALL GROUP RECRUITMENT PRACTICE
- MATERIAL FOR LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY

YELLOW

- MATERIAL FOR CONTINUING SMALL GROUP STUDY BEYOND ADVENT & LENT
- HEIFER INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR
- EASTER EGG HUNT COORDINATOR

GREEN

- ADVENT SMALL GROUPS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL
- COMPLETED OUR THIRD CLASS ON FINANCIAL PEACE

Respectively submitted by John Furtado, 1/10/2012

