

**FFUMC Serving Team Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 26, 2016**

**In attendance:**

Members: Amy Tankersley, Laura Derr, Alvin Jenkins. Clark Brekke, Jerry Blossom, Jeanette and Steve Krupski.

Amy opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes**

The May minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report**

Amy reported that Kris Tobin has volunteered to be Serving Team treasurer.

Alvin presented the financial report. As of June 30, Missions account #80125 has \$22,053.00.

So far this year \$10,527.29 has been distributed. The Rita Hommel endowment has received gifts of \$1,714.62. These gifts are available to spend for CCD2016.

Some designated gifts have been made by the congregation to the Steve and Diantha Hodges Conference Advance, which is no longer an active fund. The donor chose to distribute the gift to Advance # 719, Fred and Libby Dearing-South Sudan.

A motion was made and approved to create a new line item under UMCOR Advance for Cleaning Bucket expenses. WE will move \$300 from undesignated funds into this account.

A motion was made and approved to allow checks received for outside missions to pass through to the recipients without going through the Serving Team. We will continue to track these funds.

**July Distribution of Funds Approved by Serving Team:**

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| Heifer Project (#8012513030, Holston Project #21, GBGM Code 982418)              | \$250      |
| Fred and Libby Dearing–South Sudan #8012514020, Holston Project#719              | \$250      |
| Appalachian Service Project (#8012512010, Holston Project #92, GBGM Code 982050) | \$500      |
| Red Bird Missions (#8012512020, Holston Project #10, GBGM Code 773726)           | \$500      |
| Society of St. Andrew (#8012512030, Holston Project #29, GBGM Code 801600)       | \$500      |
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| Total Distributions:   | \$2,000.00 |

**Ministry Reports**

**Mobile Pantry**

Plans are in place for the Mobile Pantry, July 29–30 at Central United Methodist Church. We have been informed by Second Harvest that the truck may be lighter than usual because of low volume of donations in summer months. We will donate the NALC food we collected in May to this Mobile Pantry because it is not being used by walk–ins. Fourteen TN Promise students have signed up to help Friday and Saturday for eight hours community service.

**FISH and WKFP**

July FISH deliveries have not yet been made.

WKFP has been informed that Second Harvest will no longer underwrite 25% of cost of purchased food for agencies. This will increase our costs for CCD food and pantry stocking in February.

**CCD**

Next meeting is Sunday, August 7 at noon.

**Family Promise**

The Family Promise Pasta and Bluegrass fundraiser is Saturday, August 20 at Central Baptist Church in Bearden. Our church is responsible for 9 dozen cookies. St. Elizabeth's Episcopal will provide the pasta dish. We need to provide volunteers to set-up and serve between 4:30-6:30 p.m. Lenoir City Presbyterian will do clean-up and offer three cakes for sale.

We need to promote this event in the bulletin. It funds more than 75% of the Family Promise budget.

The third rotation in 2016 at FFUMC is August 28-Sept. 4. We have had 16 families in the network this year. Fourteen have left and found housing. They have opted for the mentoring program the next two years. There are over 40 families on the waiting list. Sign-up board is on Main Street. The biggest challenge is enlisting overnight hosts.

### **Society of St. Andrews**

Alvin reported there have been a couple of last minute gleaning opportunities recently. Advent and Lenten devotional books will be available again this year.

### **Senior Meals and VMC**

Senior Meals is down to three routes. Melanie Mobley is considering picking up facilitator role since Allie is going to UT.

VMC is still very much in need of volunteers. We only have two members, Susan Lancaster and Joyce Judge, who are active.

### **Compassion International**

Jeanette talked with Marcia Rotty who is on staff of Compassion International. Marcia gave her a telephone number to call for more information about the children we sponsor. Compassion will do home visits if necessary.

### **Giving Garden**

Clark reported the Hunger Table has brought in more than \$1,000 this summer thanks to the efforts of Girl Scouts Katie Bush and Sarah Pastor. There is an article tomorrow in the Farragut Shopper News featuring the girls' efforts on

behalf of their Silver Award project. We discussed recognizing the girls in the worship service. Amy will check with Don Thomas.

We have many tomatoes. Some will go in FISH bags tomorrow. Clark is making marinara sauce to offer on Hunger Table.

### **Hope Builders**

Clark inquired whether we should vote to recommend Hope Builders to Rosetta's Connecting Team as a ministry. The Serving Team sees its role more as liaison although it could provide seed money if we find leadership for this ministry.

There have been no new serving ministries that have emerged over the last few years. Amy will invite Don Thomas to join us at our next meeting to discuss his vision. We will have a Ministry Fair this fall and could use as an opportunity to survey the congregation. We can also poll small groups such as Sunday School classes for ideas, but new leaders have to be identified to organize new ministries.

### **Calendar Updates**

*Our next regular business meeting is Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m.*

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Derr