

Outreach Committee notes

July 26, 2011

We have been busy, busy, busy and we are very grateful for all of our church family members that have pitched in and assisted when we have sent the call out.

4th of July Parade was well attended and we got LOTS of favorable comments from parade watchers and church members.... 1st UMC presence was out there for people to notice.

Mega Kudos go to Jodi McDermith for heading up this event. Her name was floated around early in the thought process and when contacted she grabbed the bull by the horns and made it all possible. Thank Jodi whenever you see her.

Block Party.... Lynn Reed gave birth to this idea and has been the driving force behind its existence. Games, Music, Food and Fun for all. By the time the Ad Council meets it will be history and I am confident that it will also have been a huge success. There are lots and lots of logistics for this one. Anyone reading this prior to July 24th.... We can still use some help at the event. Good job Lynn

Greg Strange Concert Aug 14th. Flyers around the church and marketing by Dennis Ozier will ensure that we will have a nice turnout. FYI it was decided that this would be a "free" concert instead of a "free will offering". The cost to the committee is a \$150 check that I sent Greg to cover a \$50 deposit and \$100 for gas. The night of the concert we will make out another check for \$450. My thinking was that if we are opening this up to the public as an OutReach opportunity we don't need to ask folks to dig into their pockets. We want them to come and enjoy the program and experience Christian love.

More to come

Mike Miller, chair

Education Committee Report

We have been working to get Wednesday nights set up. Lois Shuman and Ellen Feeler will be teaching the PreK-2 bible lessons. Donna Arendell will be teaching the 3-5 bible lessons. Jason and Julie Colwell will be doing gym time. Nancy Craig will be providing choir practice for both groups. Some of our youth will be serving as table helpers with our little people. In August, members will be presented with opportunities to join in small groups/ bible studies.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee met June 14, 2011 in the church library. Those present were Pastor Renner, Cynthia Appleby, Chris Nation, Mary White and Theresa Shaw. The Father's Day gifts were prepared and plans were made for distribution. Thoughts were shared on the greeters and ushers board at the back of the sanctuary. The committee felt that this plan was working well and we will continue with this plan for the near future. Thoughts were also shared about ways to make the sanctuary look more inviting. Flowers were placed in the east window and Mary White had the flowers for the balcony rail refurbished and put into place. Cynthia Appleby is looking into appropriate designs for banners to be hung in the sanctuary. The banner ideas will be reviewed at the next meeting. Our next meeting will be Aug. 17th at 6:30 in the church library.

Nurture Committee

The Nurture Committee sent thank you notes for service to seven members of our faith family who are currently serving in the military.

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held Wednesday, August 17. (changed from "August 7...working with Outreach Committee as they plan to have a choir from the Mt. Vernon Church in Champaign perform that evening")

Discussion continues on attendance follow-up. The committee has sent postcards and cards of encouragement to members. Results have been positive in a couple of instances. We hope to set up guidelines at our August meeting and involve more church members in this activity.

The Nurture Committee is working with the Education Committee to develop small groups for the Fall.

