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Member's Bulletin

The Beam

A Message From the Pastor: Catie Coots

Dear Ontario church family:

This has been a very busy summer. So much has been done and yet there is still so more to be done. We are very excited to have the Beam up and running again. The laity of this church are showing great leadership, taking care of the things that need taking care of. I am so appreciative!

We are continuing our work on looking at lease options for the education building. We have some interesting prospects for at least partial use. We have signed with a leasing agent to get a more major lease in place. Meanwhile, the church is on a steady financial basis due to faithful giving by the congregation, and good financial planning. The district office plans to be here for awhile; this gives some additional financial stability.

This fall, our major administrative focus is about leasing the building and financial stability, but it is a focus that then needs to lead into a ministry plan: a plan to reach out in new ways in the name of Jesus Christ. I trust that you are praying as we work together to see where God is leading us.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

(Coots, Catie 09/25/2019)



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LENDING A HELPING HAND— DISASTER



Ministries

Several people have asked. Is this disaster “thing” really a need and focus for a church? Isn’t it more the realm of social services? Where do you see ministry when you seem to be diverting resources from evangelism? These are valid questions from a world view and understanding of the church from a perspective of the spiritual and the Book of John. What the questions do not address are the other imperatives of Jesus; relationships. Not just that “Mary has the better portion”, but also “where did we see you hungry and naked?” Our understanding is we do not “take” Jesus to survivors, Jesus is already there.

As the Book of James reads in part, “Faith without works is dead.” Our work, listening, accepting and supportive encouragement is the real work, the debris clearing and sorting groundwork to enable them to “reboot” into a new reality is necessary but secondary. Our good news is that God is with us, not by exhortation, but by our listening, our presence and, yes, by our work we are showing to a bewildered, often angry survivor that there is good in the world, and our trained teams offer Christ in a way that does not coerce, accepting them as they are and encouraging them to own their recovery. This is ministry.

(Lewis, July 09/24/2019)

The Lord sees all we do; he watches over his friends day and night. His godly ones receive the answers they seek whenever they cry out to Him.

(Psalm 34:15, TPT)

Book of Discipline: Section 6: Called to Inclusiveness

We recognize that God made all creation and saw that it was good. As a diverse people of God who bring special gifts and evidences of God’s grace to the unity of the Church and to society, we are called to be faithful to the example of Jesus’ ministry to all persons.

Inclusiveness means openness, acceptance, and support that enables all persons to participate in the life of the Church, the community, and the world; therefore, inclusiveness denies every semblance of discrimination. The services of worship of every local church of The United Methodist Church shall be open to all persons.

If this what you’re looking for come check out newroomcommunity.org

New Room
A PROGRESSIVE FAITH COMMUNITY

GOVERNANCE BOARD

The Governing Board met with Kidder-Mathews, the leasing agent recommended by the District, to discuss their proposed contract for locating possible tenants for the Education Building. The contract was approved.

Pastor Catie reported that the Hindi-Urdu congregation has disbanded and are terminating their lease for the chapel.

In order to have Pastor Catie preside over communion, we will be moving it to the second Sunday of the month when she is scheduled to preach.

The Upland Church has a vacancy for both choir director and accompanist. Pastor Catie has sent out flyers to recruit for those positions as well as our choir director.

The Board approved an increase of \$50 per month (to \$850 per month) for janitorial services because we have expanded the scope of work. The gardener also received an increase because the parsonage was added to his scope of work.

Equal is researching issues related to stock holdings and will have a report at the October meeting. Linda will report on the Tunks Fund at the October meeting and advised that all missionaries have been paid up to date.

(Mihiser, Laurie 09/23/2019)

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A UNITED METHODIST

A United Methodist is a Christian who has professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, put his or her whole trust in Christ's grace and promised to serve him as Lord as a member of The United Methodist Church, a worldwide church that welcomes persons of all ages, nations and races.

United Methodists Believe

United Methodists affirm the historic Christian faith as summarized in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

We Believe in the Triune God, the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

- God the Father/Creator, who brings creation into existence, upholds and reveals the ways of life that make for peace and wholeness, and ever works to heal and transform life through the power of love.
- God the Son, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of a new creation who through his life, death and resurrection saves us and all creation from the power of sin and death.
- God the Holy Spirit, who comforts, sustains, guides and empowers us to participate in God's life and mission in the world.

We Believe every person is a beloved child of God;

- Whom God created in God's divine image, with inherent worth and dignity.
- Who confronts and suffers the distorting and destructive effects of sin in this life.
- Whom God has reconciled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, defeating the powers of sin and death.
- Whom God seeks to make holy and whole, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, transforming us into Christlikeness.

We Believe in the church as the community called to be instruments of God's presence and coming reign in Jesus Christ;

- Where people worship God joyfully, proclaim God's Word faithfully and share the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion.
- Where all people are welcomed and nurtured as God's sons and daughters.
- Where people are initiated into Christ's body and nurtured toward Christian maturity through worship, prayer, study, fellowship and service.
- Where the light of God's love, justice and peace exposes and overrules evil, injustice and sin.
- Where we participate in God's mission of inviting, preparing and enlisting disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the world and to follow the risen Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the hurting places of the world and among the outcasts and the forgotten.

We Believe the Bible reveals the Word of God;

- Where there is authority in matters of faith and practice.
- Where we find the story of God's mighty acts of salvation in creation, in faithful engagement with people through the ages and supremely in Jesus Christ.
- Where we have the primary source for understanding the nature and purposes of God.
- Where interpretation occurs in the power of the Holy Spirit present in the community of faith.

We Believe in the final triumph of God's reign of compassion, justice, generosity and peace;

- Anticipating the first fruits made possible today through the power of the Spirit and the reign of Christ.
- Discovering a renewed creation where sin, suffering and death are overcome and God's victory is complete.
- Celebrating with all the faithful who are raised to live eternally in God's loving presence.
- Extending God's love to the whole creation, with God's mercy redeeming all of God's works, all that God loves.

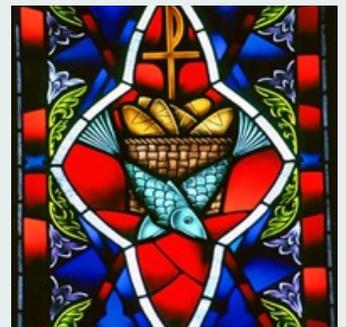
— *Bishop Kenneth L. Carder*

Book of Discipline Section 1: The Churches

120. *The Mission*—The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches and extension ministries of the Church provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs.

122. *The Process for Carrying Out Our Mission*—We make disciples as we:

- Proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ;
- Lead persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
- Nurture persons in Christian living through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, and other means of grace, such as Wesley's Christian conferencing;
- Send persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, being and becoming a compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel; and
- Continue the mission of seeking, welcoming and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.



Catholic Churches hold a Loaves and Fishes dinner EVERY First Friday of the month at 6:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall.

SPRC Report: Update on the Music Director

A recruitment is well underway and on-going for a new Music Director. Three applications have been received. One candidate auditioned by working with the choir and presenting the anthem at the September 29 service.

Auditions for the other two candidates will be conducted as schedules can be arranged. We look forward to selecting someone very soon. Thank you to Chris Preseakis and the choir members for carrying on without a formal leader and continuing to provide wonderful music for our services.

(10/02/2019)

Sunday the 13th is World Communion Sunday for Ontario. Catie will be preaching and blessing the Communion.



FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Trustees have had a very busy summer. In addition to coordinating the monthly Saturday workdays, the projects have included some deferred maintenance.

1. The electrical problem in the Sanctuary has been fixed.
2. Trees at the Parsonage have been trimmed and an old potting shed removed.
3. The stucco repair, painting and brick on the south side of Fellowship Hall is nearing completion. This project was a major expense of \$6,000 which is \$500 over our budgeted allowance.
4. We secured a \$50.00 increase in our janitor's salary. The first in five years. His workload has increased with the District

Office and multiple rooms being used by our scouts. The increase is well deserved with the increased workload.

We relocated many boxes of files to the file room in the basement and continue to try to rid all the classrooms of accumulated "junk". No more storage of unnecessary items in classrooms. We have also shown our Education Building to 2 interested parties. Since signing the agreement with Kidder Matthews, they are actively pursuing other interested potential tenants.

Future Saturday workdays are: October 19 & November 16. Please join us from 9:00 a.m. to noon

(Freeman, Meredith 09/25/2019)

The Finance Report

I would like to thank the congregation for their contributions. Without you, we could not maintain our church, pay our pastor and staff, and keep our programs funded. You are to be commended.

As you know there are a lot of parts to our budget but in summary, Income is better than expected and Expenses are also better, in fact our expenses are down by thousands of dollars. In September we have paid the scholarship to our intern Tim Ross, paid our commitment for the New Room service and began the work on the outside wall – south of the kitchen. That will still leave us well in the positive – with income exceeding Expense. And this is with keeping our Apportionments current.

WELL DONE CHURCH

(Hall, Linda 09/30/2019)

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:15 PM and is composed of the following members:

Senior Pastor Catie Coots
Lay Leader Laurie Milhiser
Lay Member Representative to Annual Conference Lynn Boshart
Trustee Chair Meredith Freeman
Finance Chair Linda Hall
Staff/Parish Relations Chair Kathy Kinley

At the September 25, 2019 meeting the committee:

- Reviewed three applications for Music Director and agreed that all three would be invited to audition with the choir. The first audition will be this coming Sunday, 9/29. Others will be scheduled in the following weeks.
- Received a report from Pastor Catie regarding a meeting with the Claremont School of Theology concerning possible rental of space in the Education Building for one year.
- Discussed reports for Charge Conference to be held 10/20/19 at 1:00 PM at the Upland Church.
- Approved replacement of the church secretary's computer at a cost not to exceed \$1000.
- Approved an email vote from the Governing Board regarding payment of \$2500 from the Johnson Fund for Pastor Broghan's participation in Clinical Pastoral Education in Georgia.
- Approved request from Pastor Catie to preach only once during the months of October and November. She will be here on the second Sunday to preside over communion.
- Approved plan to produce Beam newsletter and proposed format.
- Trustees reported two applications for use of church facilities.

Finance reported on-going research into the church's stock investments.

(Milhiser, Laurie 10/01/2019)

May the God of hope fill you with all the joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with the hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13 NIV).

Children Making a Joyful Noise

After using the choir chimes at the Cookie Booth on the 4th of July, some of the children have been begging for us to make more music! Hoping we would have a new musical director who would work with them, the Sunday School teachers decided we'd try to do it ourselves, even though none of us are trained musicians. To see the joy on their faces when they heard the chimes ring last Sunday and know they caused that to happen, was a moment of sheer ecstasy and praise. Wish the whole congregation could have been peeping into the room at that time.

We are going to prepare some music for Christmas using the chimes so be ready to be delighted. Not all will ring the right notes or on the beat, but they will be showing how to Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord. The Bible uses the word we translate as Cymbals, but indeed, in Hebrew this refers to the bells the priests wore and used to call people to worship. So when you hear the "loud, clashing cymbals" remember that the use of bells in worship is an extremely old tradition and one our kids will carry on.



To those adults who bring us their children: please try to have them come regularly so they can learn some basics of how to ring, sing, and work together as a chime choir. Until such time as we have a director, the children will be participating in worship once a month. Come share the joy!

(Lewis, Judy 09/24/2019) 5

IMPORTANT DATE'S THIS MONTH:

MALO– Tongan Cultural Group meets
Friday nights 5:00 pm in the educa-
tion building

Anniversaries in October

October 11– The Milhiser's
October 26– The Boshart's

Birthdays in October

October 2– Annabelle Hall
October 4– Laurie Millhiser
October 7– Matthew Hall
October 8– Joseph Neypes
October 14– Nelita Bueno
October 21– Ken Boshart
October 25– Ada Okeiyi

2019 Mission Charge Conference

Sunday, October 20th, 1:00pm
At the Upland Methodist Church

All church work day will be
from 9am to 12pm on the
19th of October.

Movie and Potluck :

On Friday, October 18th, 2019
At 6:30pm

WEBS:

(Wednesday Evening Bible Study)
From 5:30– 7pm in the conference room
Currently reviewing : The Letter to the
Galatians. If you have questions please
contact Ken Boshart (714) 269-2460

**Governance Board
Meeting on
the 14th in the
conference room
at 6:30pm**

Loaves and Fishes
6pm on the 25th of October

Cub Scouts gather Friday
evenings at 6:00pm in
the education building.



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