

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Strategic Planning

- Worship Committee has identified local churches that have alternative services
- Site visits to these services will be scheduled soon
- Pastor Barre would also like to visit two churches that had an alternative service which has been discontinued

Worship Committee

- \$100 will be sent to UMCOR in honor of Father's Day and our church family
- July 14 – 10AM - Joint service with Mitchellsville @ Mitchellsville. Pot luck afterwards with meat provided
- August 11 – 10AM – Joint service with Mitchellsville @ Avoca. Pot luck afterwards with meat provided
- New American flag for the sanctuary has been received

Men's Fellowship/UMM

- Group of six to eight men continue to have great discussions and enjoy meeting together

Active Shooter Policy

- Having difficulty obtaining a remote alarm to connect to our fire alarm system
- Exploring a multi-location alarm system that could be activated by the roamer

Lighthouse Christmas

- November 9 – Lighthouse Christmas give-away
- Weekly gathering of food and gift shop items will start in July

Mobile Food Pantry (MFP)

- 137 Families (303 individuals) were served at June 12th MFP

Chatter on the Ladder

- Self-sustaining financially
- Average attendance 10-15 each day
- Men do not want us to close for the summer

Fundraisers

- Chicken Barbeque - \$1839.50
- Merchant Cards – YTD - \$242.23
- Top's Cash for Causes – YTD - \$140.00
- Pizza Hut – YTD - \$270.05
- **July 23 – next Pizza Hut night**

Concerts

- **July 31 – The Puffers - 6PM picnic dinner, 7PM concert**
- October 4 – The Dunnermans – 7PM concert
- December 14 – Dave Burdick – 6PM dinner, 7PM concert

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee activity report for May and June 2019

Submitted by Bill Heard

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 2, 2019 with nine members present including, Bill Snyder, Fred Wood, Gary Weldy, Rita Slayton, Bev Belanger, Al Belanger, Pastor Barre, Don Loveland, and Bill Heard

Items discussed and/or approved:

1. One jack post still needs to be installed in the basement at the parsonage.
2. The classroom that has needed to be painted is now empty and will be painted as schedules permit before continued use.
3. The church will be power washed on May 16, 2019.
4. A work time will be scheduled in the near future to install the furnace makeup air damper.
5. Saturday May 11 was set as the date to install the new billboard sign at the parsonage.
6. Bob Goodrich will be contacted to give us a proposal to dig and bury two 55 gallon drums to help eliminate the water runoff problem around the main entry door.

New Business:

1. The chicken barbeque price will be set at \$9.00. This is the same as last year.
2. A new mail box will be installed at the parsonage when the sign is installed.
3. Two of the Anderson windows need to have the double pane glass replaced. One has the outer pane cracked and the other has clouded over between two panes. This will be scheduled to be completed before cold weather.

Next meeting September 5, 2019.

UPDATES

1. The new sign and mailbox have been installed at the parsonage. New sign letters have been purchased for the sign.

2. The classroom has been painted and is available to be used as needed.
3. The church has been power washed.

TREASURER'S REPORT May 2019 – Ron Salles

We have received more in our General Fund than we have spent during May 2019. This was primarily due to the proceeds of the Chicken Barbeque. The General Fund reserves are currently maintaining a little more than a two week margin. We spent more than we received in our Mission Funds. This was attributed to donations to the Boy Scouts and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We are maintaining a modest reserve in Mission Funds and building towards the Lighthouse Christmas donations.

Please remember your United Methodist Church Membership Pledge, "To faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness."

If you have any questions please contact Ron Salles (ronald.salles@me.com).

AUDIO VISUAL DEPARTMENT – Ron Salles

Please visit our webpage at avocaumc.com and find the links to our Facebook page and Youtube Channel.

I continue to make adjustments to the sound system. I am constantly trying to improve your listening experience. I just got an over the ear mic for the pastor. Let me know your thoughts.

We continue to record the Sunday Service and publishing it on our Youtube Channel. Unfortunately anything that is copyrighted must be removed from the recording and things that are private (like prayer requests) are also removed. Our views (visits) continue about the same and we now have 16 subscribers. If you can't attend, or are traveling you can still see the service. I try to post it by that evening or the next day at the latest. The post on the church's Facebook account. If you are a Youtube subscriber, you should get notification when you log on to Youtube.

Remember we do record the service on DVD, so if you can't attend for any reason and you want to see

the entire service with the prayers and music, etc., let me know and we will get a copy to you. If you have any questions please contact Ron Salles (ronald.salles@me.com).

RAMP MINISTRY

Ramp building is in full swing. Scheduling the builds around the weather has been difficult to say the least. The rainy spring has really slowed down our progress.

We have constructed 14 new ramps and re-constructed 4 older ramps that were in need of updating for a total of 18 ramp builds. Of the 18 builds, 12 were constructed with parts from 12 ramps which we recovered after they were no longer needed. Refurbishing and reconstructing used ramps saves on the cost of materials but also adds more time to the build. Our total number of ramps built stands at 525.

We currently have 33 requests for new ramps on our "To Do List" including several we were not able to do last year. Although we have several new "recruits", we are still in need of more volunteers. All the volunteers are super about helping whenever they can, but no one can be expected to be available all the time. Everyone has other commitments, so it is sometimes difficult to put together a full crew on a given day.

If you have a desire to help others and would like to help us show the love of the Lord to those in need – we would certainly appreciate your help. No particular tools or skills are required, just your desire to join in some great fellowship. We try to schedule a couple of builds each week, Monday through Friday leaving the weekends free for family and Church.

On the day of the build, we typically meet about 8am in Bath, load up the trucks with needed supplies and proceed to the job site. A small to medium size ramp can usually be constructed in 5 to 7 hours. A large ramp may take a couple of days. We normally take a break half way through the build with a Prayer Circle and then some refreshments.

Sharing God's Love,
Glenn Davis
Ramp Guys Coordinator

AD HOC GUITAR GROUP

Dale and Bob on the guitars and Lynn on the piano will accompany this "pop up choir" to provide special music the fourth Sunday of each month. This fun loving group can use more members so please join them for practice the 3rd Sunday of each month following the potluck fellowship dinner and the 4th Sunday at 10:30 AM.

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS NEEDS

It's a bit early to talk about Christmas, but we've moved the Lighthouse Christmas date to give the families more time to plan for wanted items that were not available at the Gift Shop.

This year's Lighthouse Christmas will be Saturday, November 9th. In case you stop by a yard sale or see a fantastic sale, we will continue to collect new and gently used items for the Gift Shop.

A cart will be placed in the sanctuary July through October to collect food and gift shop items. Please give as you are able. The food items needed and suggested giving weeks are listed below. However, anything you can donate will be sincerely appreciated and put to good use.

GIFT SHOP

Crew Socks (all sizes)
Dish towels and dish cloths
Hand Tools
Bedding, Towels, washcloths, etc.
Items for Teens, Men
Teens Gift Sets
Toys, Games, Puzzles, Art Supplies, etc.
Boys & Girls Sports Items

FOOD BASKETS

July 28 Macaroni & Cheese
August 4 Ramen Soup (6 pk.)
August 11 Peanut Butter (16-18 oz.)
August 18 Pancake Syrup (24 oz.)
August 25 Kleenex (flat box for easier packing)
September 1 Saltine Crackers (4 stack box)
September 8 Spaghetti Sauce (26 oz.)
September 15 Applesauce (1# 8oz)
September 22 Biscuit & Baking Mix (2#)
September 29 Cereal (18 oz.)
October 6 Apple Juice (64 oz.)
October 13 Spaghetti/Macaroni 1#
October 20 Peaches or Pears
October 27 Stove-top Stuffing

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

July

9 Bill Snyder
11 Alyssa Slayton
13 Harold Mattoon
14 Paula Bidlack
14 Gabe Sawyer
15 Bill Cleeves
20 Norma Cooper
26 Bill Hunt
29 Fred Groner

August

5 Cindy Gottschall
8 Candice Dockstader
9 Janet English
10 Carl Dockstader
10 Mariel Perkins
15 Henry Gottschall
18 Barb Nichols
18 Kelly Slayton
19 Robin Scouten
20 Randy Hamilton
22 Sherri Sawyer

Anniversaries

July

None

August

9 Jack & Sharill Stewart
23 Don & Penny Sorge
30 Forrest & Kelly Slayton

RECIPE CORNER

Rhubarb Pie

Martha Cleland

3 cups chopped rhubarb
1 egg, beaten
1 cup sugar
3 Tablespoons butter, melted
¼ teaspoon salt
1 Tablespoon flour
8 crackers, any kind, crushed
1 top & bottom pie crust

Mix all of the above well & put in crust
Cover with top crust
Brush with milk & sugar
Bake at 450 degrees for 15 minutes, then
down to 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday School teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"



FLAG OF THE FREE

Look at the flag as it floats on high,
Streaming aloft in the clear, blue sky,
Rippling, leaping, tugging away,
Gay as the sunshine, bright as the day,
Throbbing with life, where the world may see-
Flag of our country, flag of the free!

What do we see in the flag on high,
That we bare our heads as it passes by,
That we thrill with pride, our hearts beat fast,
And we cheer and cheer as the flag goes past –
The flag that waves for you and me –
Flag of our country, flag of the free!

We see in the flag a nation's might,
The pledge of a safeguard day and night,
Of a watchful eye and a powerful arm
That guard the nation's homes from harm.
Of a strong defense on land and sea –
Flag of our country, flag of the free!

We see in the flag a union grand,
A brotherhood of heart and hand.
A pledge of love and a stirring call
To live our lives for the good of us all –
Helpful and just and true to thee,
Flag of our country, flag of the free!

Flutter, dear flag, o'er the lands and seas!
Fling out your stars and your stripes to the breeze,
Righting all wrongs, dispelling all fear,
Guarding the land that we cherish so dear,
And the God of our fathers, abiding with thee,
Will bless you and trust you, O flag of the free!

AVOCA UMC CHOIR

On **Saturday, July 20th** the Avoca UMC Choir will sing “God Bless America” at Dunn Field in Elmira. The Elmira Pioneers will be playing the Newark Pilots. Choir members receive free tickets. Additional tickets are \$6.00 (a savings of \$4.00 each). So, join the choir and get free admittance to the ballgame or see Heather before July 15th to purchase a ticket for the stands.

SPECIAL SUMMER ACTIVITIES

July 14 Sunday 10:00 AM
Combined service and picnic with
Mitchellsville @ Mitchellsville (note
week and location change)

July 20 Saturday 7:00 PM
AUMC Choir sings during Elmira
Pioneers baseball game

July 21 Sunday 2–5:00 PM
Bill & Sharron's 50th wedding
Celebration – Howard Fire Hall

July 23 Tuesday 4:00 PM
AUMC Night at Pizza Hut

July 31 Wednesday 6:00 PM
Picnic followed by the Puffer's Concert

AUGUST 11 Sunday 10:00 AM
Combined service and picnic with
Mitchellsville @ Avoca (note date and
location change)