

**OUR REDEEMER'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2008**

Attendees	Rev. Anderson, Rich Hill, Pastor Bill, Sherrie Cottrell, Bruce Bedingfield, Carolyn and Doug Meneely, Fred Fleski, Jeff Greenwalt, JoAnne Gregorash, Mary Knoppel, Marshall Nystrom, Edie and John Machonis, Debby Hernandez, Glen Hollingsworth, Jim Naatz, Jill Wood-Naatz, Marianne Rogenski, Jon Montgomery, Dan Murray, Dave Pepper, Mike Wotjel, Steve Miller, Nancy McPherson, Tristan Alamazon and Cathy Mottar
Introductions & Blessing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Blessing provided by Pastor Bill.
Leaders Dinner	Dinner was donated by Pastor Bill. Everyone ate dinner and shared fellowship while eating. Donations were given to Micah Ministries.
Consecration Sunday Leader	Rev. Cynthia Anderson from Barrington United Methodist church gave a talk. She wants to help us build on our vision for our church. She discussed "Why being here is an exciting privilege?" Part of her past was interviewing donors, and she shared that she had found two themes through these interviews: Faithfulness and Joy in Giving. This was a response provided to his loving God for our thankfulness. We really give as an expression of our stewardship and discipleship. She questioned us— What is God calling me to do with my spiritual gifts? God leads us to take risks, challenges and step out of our comfort zone. She suggested that we really encourage others to be here for the celebration on October 19 th and let the excitement be contagious.
Faith Calls	Inviting the community to our celebration - Pastor Bill asked that the leaders of our church make phones calls to reconnect with our church members.
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of September meeting were approved. Doug motioned approval of the meeting notes as amended and John seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion. • Pastor Bill reported that we have been approached by a couple of folks to sell our t-mobile lease. JoAnne made a motion to carry forward any offers to sell the t-mobile lease to the finance committee. The motion was seconded by Nancy.
Sharing	Committee Reports
WTTF	Steve reported that they are investigating expanding the sound system. Steve discussed a number of short term purchases which are included in the budget. We discussed a potential purchase of a flat panel monitor for the narthex, this will be discussed further next meeting.
Finance	No Report

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Staff Parish	<p>Glen reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This month's focus has been on Staff Evaluations (the individual reviews need to be completed) and 2009 Budget. • The budget has been submitted to finance with a 10% budget increase request over last year. • Bill will be contacting District Staff to "socialize" our desire for the minister of Christian Education.
Worship/Music	<p>Jill reported that for the Thanksgiving Service this year we will be sharing the service with a Korean church, so encourage attendance. November 29th at 4pm for Advent Festival to decorate our church decorated for the holidays. Jill is asking for a volunteer to supervise this event.</p> <p>December 14th our choir will be doing a Vespers service at 5p.m.</p>
Micah Ministries	<p>Bruce reported via email - Micah Ministries met on Thursday, Sept. 30. They did an overview of their current activities. They will be helping support the Crop Walk and Heifer Project. They will again lead a letter writing campaign to congress in early spring and plant a garden in late spring. They continue to sell fair trade products on the 2nd Sunday of each month as a method of familiarizing the congregation as to the concept of fair trade. They will be ending a study of one book on justice issues and will be exploring another. Plus they are considering a trip to Springfield or even Washington DC to take part in a "lobby day". Gail Bedingfield stepped down from leadership of this ministry and Jon Montgomery stepped forward as the "Conversational Host."</p>
Trustees	<p>Jim reported: that they had agreed to purchase a defibrillator. Meeting next Tuesday.</p>
UMW	<p>Sherrie reported that their next meeting Saturday the 18th.</p>
UMM	<p>Steve reported that he has been appointed as the leader of UMM. Also, this weeks meeting has been cancelled for Saturday. The ORUMC UMM retreat will be Oct 24-25 at Wesley Woods. Pizza sales will begin before Thanksgiving.</p>
Evangelism	<p>Doug shared a letter about being an ORUMC host on behalf of Carolyn. It has some good practical ideas to be aware.</p>

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Lay Leader	JoAnne reported that there is a Breakfast and Holiday sale on October 18 th . Christmas flowers will begin appearing in the newsletter.
Memorial Committee	Mary reported that they haven't met but they have several requests to report.
Caring Ministries	No meeting for Caring Ministries, so no report.
Family Ministry	No Report
Christian Corner	Mike reported they are meeting next Tuesday and will review their budget.
Our Vision Challenge	Pastor Bill shared a paper which is about our Vision.
Next Meeting	November 20 th -- Charge Conference 7:15pm
Closing Prayer and Meeting Adjourned	8:50 PM.
	Respectfully submitted – Cathy Mottar