



Tanner Valley Voice



Tanner Valley United Methodist Church

November 2018

Commission for a Way Forward

There is some big news in the General United Methodist Church, and I want to make sure you are aware. At our last General Conference in 2016, the Commission for a Way Forward was formed to address what our Book of Discipline says about homosexuality. At a special called General Conference in February 2019, delegates will vote on 3 proposed plans developed by the Commission on a Way Forward.

Currently, the United Methodist Church welcomes all people regardless of orientation or lifestyle into our churches. However, self-avowed practicing homosexuals cannot be ordained and ordained clergy cannot perform same-gender marriages. Also, same gender weddings cannot take place in UMC church buildings.

Here is a summary of the 3 plans being voted on in February:

One Church Plan. This plan, preferred by the majority of the Council of Bishops would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline that prohibits same-gender weddings in UMC properties and ordination of “self-avowed practicing homosexuals.” It would add language to protect churches and pastors who choose not to allow same-gender marriages.

Connectional Conference Plan. This plan would replace the current jurisdictional conferences with three connectional conferences based on affinity: Progressive, Traditional, and Unity. All three would use a general Book of Discipline with the ability to adapt other portions to their context for ministry.

Traditional Plan. This plan, developed more fully toward the end of Commission on the Way Forward process, broadens the definition of “self-avowing practicing homosexual”; puts penalties in place for disobedience to the Discipline; and requires bishops, pastors and annual conferences to certify adherence to the Discipline.

I will admit, this is a topic I have avoided having on a church-wide level. However, I don’t think we can avoid it anymore. If any of these plans are accepted, we are going to have to talk about this as a congregation, so I hope we can start now, rather than in February.

As we begin those discussions, let us do so with love and respect. Every church I have served, regardless of size or location, has had a variety of opinions on this. While in conservative areas of the state many churches had homosexuals attending regularly. All churches knew homosexuals personally. Because of those connections, this is important to many of us. Let us be open to hearing and learning from each other that God may speak into our lives. Let us start thinking about how we can have those discussions with each other. My prayer is that God would use this to help us grow as disciples and make new disciples.

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Sundays—10am

UMW
2nd Thursdays—
7 or 12 pm
Check Calendars

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UMW Update

Have you noticed...we are losing light! What I mean is we are losing day light. It is getting dark earlier and light later in the morning. Soon we will do the "dreaded" time change. I hate that!

You know we all have a love affair with light. Who has not wondered at a beautiful sunrise or a majestic sunset? Doctors say some of us really need the light, some babies born with special conditions are restored by the light. Or, consider the opposite. Darkness still frightens many of us. Some of us use motion sensor lights or lights on timers to insure we will be in the light when we walk into our homes. Throughout history, darkness has been thought to be the arena of evil and sinfulness. We are children of the light.

One very unsettling experiences we can have is to be plunged into total darkness. Once Rich and I were on a cave tour, and the ranger turned out all lights within the cave. The blackness, the darkness, was so dense that one can feel it. There was a great sigh of relief from the group of tourists when the ranger turned the lights back on!

We are a people of the light. We want, we crave, light. It is our security and our comfort. We are children of God's light!

Scripture says in Ephesians 5:8-9, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light. Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth."



Be a child of God's light!

Thanks to Barbara Branigan and Emmy Schwebach for being our hostesses at this month's meeting. Our meeting next month will be November 8, with Dorothy McCool and Lois Blodgett leading the meeting.

If you are still interested in ordering RADA cutlery for Christmas, there will be one more order sent, so get your orders in. Nancy

Christian Ed and Family Ministry

Well, there is a chill in the air and pumpkin spice flavoring is everywhere...it must be Fall! This is my favorite season. I love the changing and falling leaves (even when I have to rake them), the pumpkins, the cooler weather, and Thanksgiving. Last year we tried something new at our house. We purchased a white pumpkin and each night in November we shared something we were thankful for that day and then wrote it on the pumpkin. We had that pumpkin until way after the beginning of 2018. It was nice to walk by and see it and stop and read all the things we had listed. I am so very thankful for Tanner Valley UMC! I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. In the words of Irving Berlin, "I've got plenty to be thankful for."

Amy Delp

Have you checked out the Tannery Valley Facebook page? Pastor Crystal has posted all kinds of photos from Junior Group. You can see what the kids are learning and what projects they have completed. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/tannervalleychurch/> and take a look.

Thank you to Pastor Crystal, Lydia, Zeke, Billie, Nella and Pam for helping clean up the nursery. It is looking very spacious!

Finance Committee Meeting Highlights

The Finance Committee met on October 3, 2018 with eight of seventeen members present. Peg called the meeting to order and Pastor Crystal offered a prayer for wisdom for our decisions and for us to be good stewards of the church finances.

Treasure's Report: The following is a summary of the General and Special Accounts for the end of the 3rd quarter.

For the **General Account**, there were deposits of \$10,677.00 and withdrawals of \$8,642.17 leaving a month end balance of \$5,129.71. The weekly average through 39 weeks is \$2,117.88 which is \$490.45 less than the weekly budget need of \$2,608.33. To date, all expenses including the conference and district tithes have been met.

For the **Special Account**, there were deposits of \$1,172.44 and withdrawals of \$329.00 leaving a month end balance of \$21,424.18.

The Faith Promise fund is \$5,614.51 and the Capital Improvement fund is \$7,874.98 of which payments of \$5,500.00 for the AC compressor for the sanctuary and \$2,660.00 for the hearing assist system will be made in October. At this time, without ongoing deposits to this fund, there would be a deficit of \$285.02.

Review previous actions/assignments: Bill reported on the following items from the Trustees.

The compressor for the sanctuary AC system has been replaced at the quoted price of \$5500. This system is 18 years old and was the youngest of all the other HVAC systems in the church. However, it is the most heavily used.

The other five units combined would cost \$42,000 to replace. However, this cost only addresses the units. New venting for them would be necessary and that would add considerably to the costs. All of these units are original and date to their installation in 1987.

Bill was asked to have an energy audit (Duke Energy) conducted on the church to better understand how best to proceed for HVAC improvements.

New Business: Budget for 2019: Peg noted that budget worksheets will be prepared and provided to the Church Council members at their meeting in November with instructions to review prior to the Finance Committee meeting in December. At the Finance Committee meeting, the budget is to be set and approved.

Mission Activities—Dates and Events

On Sunday, October 21st, we heard the Director of the YES Home speak about the history, the scope and the needs of this extremely worthwhile activity. The Mission Committee has made visits there to provide meals, activities, and generally interact with the residents. This will be one of our key areas to support with our Faith Promise pledges for 2019.

The November visit to the YES Home has not been scheduled, so watch the Bulletin for the date.

We will continue to visit Heart House. The next scheduled visit there will be on November 7th with continuing visitations on the first Wednesday of each month.

AND, it is November and work is under way for Operation Christmas Child. OCC week is November 12th to the 18th. The church will be open to receive "drop off" boxes from 4:00p to 7:30p Monday to Friday and Saturday from 10a to 2p and Sunday from 11a to 1p. Volunteers will be needed to pack crates during those times. Watch for sign-up sheets in the lobby.

We volunteer at the North Dearborn Food Pantry on the first Tuesday of the month.

Angel Tree names will be provided by the food pantry during November.

There is always some mission work in our community. Come join us as you can.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

November 4

Greeter

Martha Fields

Acolyte

Bella Huffman

Reader

Dorothy McCool

November 11

Greeter

Barb Nead

Acolyte

Lydia Jacobson

Reader

Larry Delp

Ushers

Bill & Debbi Robertson,
Paul & Nella Hoffbauer

GIC

Nancy Hesse, Billie Stockum

November 18

Greeter

Bonnie Knox

Acolyte

Christopher Delp

Reader

Kim Schmeltzer

Ushers

Doug & Cathy Dorsel,
Rich & Nancy Hesse

GIC

Donna Morgan, RuthAnn Hoyt

November 25

Greeter

Emma Schwebach

Acolyte

Lydia Jacobson

Reader

Donna Morgan

Ushers

John Vandermuellen, Paul Meyer,
John Huddleston, Paul Titkemeyer,

GIC

Jean Schmeltzer, Pam VanDyke

NOTE: Assigned Worship Servants are requested to find a replacement if they will not be able to fulfill their duties on the date indicated. Trading places a week or so before avoids any confusion on the assigned date.

Thank you for volunteering and for serving.

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Mark those Calendars for Upcoming Events

Here are some of the activities scheduled for November. Please check the calendars provided with the Newsletter and the Bulletins for any changes.

Election Day is **November 6th** and TVUMC will host a polling place for the elections. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be in the lobby for **baked goods** and for **greeters** on that day.

Junior Group will meet on **November 4th, 11th and 18th** from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, and will share in the All Saints Day service.

Heart House visitation will be on **November 7th** at **6:30pm**.

YES Home visitation date is not yet scheduled—**watch the Bulletin**.

OCC week is **November 12th to the 18th**. Volunteers will be needed every evening that week to help crate the drop-off boxes. The church will be open from **4:00 to 7:30 pm** each weekday, from **10:00am to 2:00pm** on Saturday, and from **11:00am to 1:00pm** on Sunday to load the truck.

Angel Tree names will be coming from the North Dearborn Food Pantry in November. **Watch the Bulletin**.

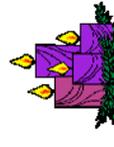
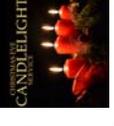
And, **Be Thankful** for what we have and what we are able to do for others in our community.



...MAKING DISCIPLES
OF JESUS CHRIST...

December 2018



| | sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
|----|---|---|---|---|----------------|--------|------------------------|
| 30 | | 31 | | | | | 1 |
| 2 |  | | | | | | 8 |
| | 3p Junior Group | 7p Missions. | 1:30p Nursing Home | 6:30p Heart House | | | 10a Rivertown Quilters |
| 9 |  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | 3p Junior Group | 7p Christian Ed | | 7p Rivertown Quilters 7p Finance Committee | 7p UMW Meeting | | 60 Knife & Fork |
| 16 |  | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | 3p Junior Group | | | 6:30p Feed My Sheep 7:30p Recovery Prayer Service | | | |
| 23 |  | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | |  10p Christmas Eve Candle Light Service |  PEACE ON EARTH | | | | |

BIRTHDAYS: 4-Pam VanDyke; 6-Martha Fields; 10-Nicholas DeLuca, Mary Schneider; 15-Diane Goodwin; 26-Ryleigh Offutt, Derrick Robertson; 31-Lauren Cline

ANNIVERSARIES: 6-Crystal & Nick Jacobson; 22-Charles & Lois Blodgett, Steve & Candy Feller; 26-Peg & Larry Delp; 29-John & Sharon Huddleston; 30-Rose Jones