



Tanner Valley Voice



Tanner Valley United Methodist Church

February 2019

A Special called General Conference

February 23-26, 2019, a special called General Conference will be meeting to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on recommendations of the Council of Bishops. They will be voting to change the language currently in our Book of Discipline on homosexuality. Right now, this is what we as a denomination say: Everyone, regardless of orientation or practice, is welcome in our churches and can become a member. However, practicing self-avowed homosexuals cannot be ordained. UMC clergy cannot officiate same-gender weddings nor can those weddings take place in UMC churches. Pastors who break these rules can be stripped of their ordination.

I wanted this month to ask for your prayers for this meeting, prepare you for any national headlines following the vote, and answer some questions you have asked.

The Council of Bishops (like the executive branch of our government) has recommended the One Church Plan to the General Conference. The General Conference (like the legislative branch) will vote on this plan, as well as be presented with two other plans. The General Conference is made of 1,000 Methodist delegates from around the world, half of which are clergy and half laity. Delegates for Indiana were voted on at 2015 Annual Conference. General Conference meets regularly every four years, with their last meeting in 2016 and next regular meeting in 2020. There is also a judicial branch of UMC governance that has looked at all the plans and how they fit within the Book of Discipline. The Book of Discipline outlines the rules and structures for UM churches and can only be changed by General Conference.

For our congregation, this vote will not be earth-shattering one way or another. While some pastors have already made statements they plan on leaving if things don't go their, I have no such plans. I am hoping to serve you for many years to come, regardless of this vote. If the One Church Plan passes, it will mean that as a church we will have voice on these issues in our local context. That means, we will need to meet as a congregation to decide our own policies and choices in these areas. My guess is if nothing passes, something new may pass in 2020. I encourage you to stick with me and this congregation you love. (continued on back page)

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Adult Sunday School
Sundays—9am

Worship
Sundays—10am

UMW
2nd Thursdays—
7 or 12 pm
* * 1:00pm Feb 14

UMW Update

NEW YEARS DAY has always been a very special day for me. Growing up my parents made it a day of new beginnings. Starting over, making changes. We have always gone out for a special dinner. My Dad always said that beginning the year prosperously set the tone for the coming year. It began a new start, a new beginning, a time to start again. Rich and I have always continued that tradition. My Dad had a sign for each of us, mine read:

NANCY, TRUST ME. I HAVE EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL. JESUS

That phrase has always given me the determination to face my concerns and troubles. Trusting in the words of this promise from the source of all comfort and strength. It has always helped to remind that God is in control.

Exodus 23:30 . See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared."

Wishing you and your family a very Happy, prosperous New Year and keep in mind God has your back!

Our next UMW meeting is February 14 at 1:00p.m. Come and spend a part of your Valentines Day with us! A day of love and fellowship!

Nancy



Finance Committee

Finance Chair: Billie presented some comments and questions for discussion.

We want to keep the church financial situation transparent. This was done previously by a review of the treasurer's report monthly by alternating between the administrative council and the finance committee. Now, the finance committee has the same members as the administrative council, so the members would be meeting every month just under a different title. As has been the practice, a summary of the treasurer's report would be published in the Newsletter each month, but it may not be reviewed by any committee or council every month.

The lockbox at Civista (formerly UCB) remains locked as no key has been found. Bill and Don were at one time involved, but do not have or know who might have the key. The key is "flat and long". The deed to the church may be the only contents. It will cost about \$300 to drill the lock to open the box, so just keep looking.

An audit of the 2018 General and Special accounts is necessary. Don VanDyke agreed to do that audit.

Billie reported that she was unable to find a less expensive system to replace the AllCall system we currently use. However, we do need to keep the number of unique phone numbers below 100 to keep the annual cost at \$229.00. If the number of unique phone number exceeds 100, then the price will increase to \$269.00.

Council Highlights

Church Council met on January 9, 2019 with nine of eighteen members present. Nancy opened the meeting with a prayer asking God to help us make decisions for the good of the Church and its members.

Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 2018.

General Account: There were deposits of \$14,495.00 and withdrawals of \$10,315.17 for the month leaving a balance of \$7,933.31 which is \$4,547.59 less than the balance of \$12,480.90 at the beginning of 2018. Average weekly giving through 52 weeks was \$2,167.59. Giving for the year was \$112,714.50.

Special Account: There were deposits of \$2,461.29 and withdrawals of \$471.20 for the month leaving a balance of \$16,060.17. Balances in key funds are: Capital Improvement - \$2,149.02 and Faith Promise - \$5,326.81.

A copy of the yearend report and the 2019 budget are posted in the church office.

Trustee Committee: Bill reported on three items:

Mountain Mission truck visits are January 16th, May 22nd and August 20th.

The septic system was recently pumped. This is done every three years.

Memorial fund projects include nursery carpet (\$1500 estimate) and replacement of the sign by the road entrance (estimate being developed).

Worship Committee: Barb Branigan noted that she is in need of an update for the worship servants list. A suggestion was made to prepare an insert for the bulletin requesting member volunteers for the different areas of service. That insert should have "counting donations" post worship service as a category.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

February 3 Greeter

Barb Nead

Acolyte

Lydia Jacobson

Reader

Larry Delp

February 10 Greeter

Paul & Pat Titkemeyer

Acolyte

Bella Huffman

Reader

Kim Schmeltzer

Ushers

Steve & Candy Feller,
Paul & Nella Hoffbauers

GIC

Nancy Hesse, Billie Stockum

February 17 Greeter

Bonnie Know

Acolyte

Christopher Delp

Reader

Dorothy McCool

Ushers

John H., John V., Dave C., Rich H.

GIC

Donna Morgan, RuthAnn Hoyt

February 24 Greeter

Sue Goble

Acolyte

Lydia Jacobson

Reader

Barbara Branigan

Ushers

Bryan & Amy Delp,
Bill & Debbie Robertson

GIC

J.Schmeltzer, P. 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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I have spoken to people in our congregation with strong convictions on both sides of this vote, and some folks who are still prayerfully seeking God's guidance. Personally, I have never shared publically my opinions on this matter. I think it may be time for me to do so. I will not be sharing those thoughts from the pulpit, but will be sharing them in my blog: crystaljacobson.blogspot.com. If you are interested in my opinion and how I came to it, but do not have access to my blog, let me know and I can print it for you.

I hope you will pray with me that through this all, we will be seeking God's will, that we will listen to each other, and that God will bring something good out of it.

Rev. Crystal Jacobson



...MAKING DISCIPLES
OF JESUS CHRIST...

February 2019



	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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3		4	5	6	7	8	9
	3:00pm Junior Group	7:00pm Missions mtg	1:30pm Nursing home	6:30pm Heart House 7:00pm PPR mtg			10am Rivertown Quilters
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	3:00pm Junior Group	7:00pm Christian Edu.			1:00pm UMW		6:00pm Knife & Fork 7:00pm Trustees
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
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24	25	26	27	28			
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BIRTHDAYS: 3-Beth Blanco; 11-Norma Dean Fox; 15-Daniel Honchell; ANNIVERSARIES: 2-Richard & Sue Goble; 9-Bill & Debbie Robertson;
16-Terrie VanVolkenburgh; 17-Harriet Mellott; 18-Lisa Hooten; 10-Bill & Joy Offutt
21-Bryan Delp; 26-Maddie Dorsel

