

July 20 Common Table

Notes from Meeting

Placemats at tables, for people to fill in. One person from each table gave the table's answer to the question: What if St. Luke's ...

Some comments were: provide a location downtown, include sound baffling in the Fellowship Hall, start a "coffee house"

TOPIC: Rethink Church

What needs rethinking, and who needs to be included?

Hope or questions from the video (UMC Campaign "Igniting Ministries")

- Mentor program for new members
- 90 days, spend 90 minutes doing something focused outward
- What if all denominations got back to the big picture, and left the details alone
- What if we focus on the senior attendees, a network for them, to help them focus outward
- Have "open" become a verb for the individual, rather than a general description of the church. And, what does "open" mean?
- Connect with inner-city poverty stricken. What if everyone were involved in some ministry?
- How do you communicate with the world, and overcome the stigma of religion?
- Inspire an attitude in the world of tolerance, acceptance
- Social Justice – roundtable each Sunday: choose a topic to discuss and provide levels of opportunity to participate
- The "other 6 days" of the week.

Lynda spoke about what we do to be a Welcoming Congregation, and how that merges with the United Methodist ideals and goals

Brad showed a slide presentation about the 10,000 Donors web site. He also reviewed the Ministry Fair concept, and proposed a weekly featured ministry option, so that people have the opportunity to become involved on any given week, rather than once a year.

Lynda announced the Leadership Seminar, coming up September 26 from 2:00-4:00pm

Jim Wolff provided an update on the last meeting's discernment topic: Kings Service on Epiphany Sunday. They've gotten lots of input from groups

throughout the church, which they'll provide to the Executive Team. Much of the input is that this is a positive aspect of St. Lukes

Bonnie Funk reported on the progress of the Web Calendar. She's working on making the scheduled meetings available to view on our website, with the provision that all meetings must be scheduled thru her, to avoid showing up and not having a room. Not all the last-minute reservations may be updated onto the site, so it's best to be safe (and call her) rather than sorry.

Troy Daniels provided a fiscal update

Rev. Sallie closed with prayer.

Attendees were invited to stay and chat with Staff and Leadership