



First United Methodist Church

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As members, we promise to be loyal to the Church and uphold it with our presence, our prayers, our gifts, our witness and our service.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING April 28, 2009

Welcome

Devotion

Minutes

Staff Reports – *Please make special note of progress in the new priority ministries under your supervision, if any*

1. Pre-School Director – Amy Watson
2. Report on Helping Hands Clinics – Randy Stacey
3. Robert Jackson – Director of Music
4. Frank Ferreri – Children, Youth, Christian Education
5. Carl Romey – Assistant Pastor
6. Bill Yeager – Assistant Pastor
7. Harold Henderson – Senior Pastor

Old Business

1. Committee Highlights – *Please be sure to cover progress in the new priority ministries under the charge of your committee as well as key ongoing and future happenings.*
2. Discussion of future priority ministries not covered by committee reports

New Business

1. Information from Barbara Kirby, Lay Member to Annual Conference, re May 15 workshop at Grace UMC on ‘simple churches focused strategically on making disciples.’ See www.flumc.org for application forms. Cost is \$45 for day-long workshop.
2. Seeking a recording secretary – to record only formal resolutions and votes – volunteer needed for April and beyond if Joe Willcox can’t be cajoled into continuing his superlative performance.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: May 26, 2009

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2009

ATTENDING: Kay Greathouse, Dan Greathouse, Amy Watson, Carl Romey, Lawrence Shaw, Tom Gill, Betsy Gill, Bill Yeager, Jim Nation, Audrey Lewis, Nancy DeLacure, Randy Stacey, JoAnna Emerson, Jim Emerson, Cleo Abbott, Joan Van Winkle, Mary Kilgour, Dr. Henderson, Frank Ferreri, Joe Willcox

Opening prayer by Mary Kilgour, presiding
Minutes of March 24 meeting approved as circulated

STAFF REPORTS

1. *Preschool Director - Amy Watson* - Written report attached
2. *Helping Hands Clinic - Randy Stacey* - Written report attached
3. *Director of Music - Robert Jackson* - Written report attached
4. *Children, Youth, Christian Education - Frank Ferreri* - Written report attached
5. *Assistant Pastor - Carl Romey* - Written report attached
6. *Assistant Pastor - Bill Yeager* - Written report attached
7. *Senior Pastor - Dr. Harold Henderson* - Written report attached

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

1. *Finance* - Chair Audrey Lewis presented the attached copy of the Finance Committee meeting minutes of April 14 as a written report in which two items are presented for Church Council approval:

First- the Committee voted to amend the 2009 budget to show the current (and reduced) Apportionments figure of \$46,395.00 given FUMC by the Florida Conference, and a reduction in Revenue line item 004273 Special Fundraising to offset the reduction in Apportionments and keep the Revenues and Expenditures in balance.

On motion by Randy Stacey, 2nd by Kay Greathouse, the Council approved this action.

Second- the Committee voted to approve and accept the calendar of activities for preparing the final budget for 2010 as follows:

1. The stewardship drive to be made about mid-September 2009.
2. Estimate revenues and develop preliminary recommendations for total increases in 2010 for use by Staff-Pastor Parish Committee (SPRC) and other spending units.
3. Establish the 2010 salary for Conference appointed clergy by (SPRC) in September 2009 and report this to the FUMC Council at the September meeting of the Council.
4. Receive the Apportionments figure for 2010 from the Annual Conference Office in October 2009.
5. Develop preliminary funding requests by other budgetary units and advisement to Finance Committee by October 1, 2009.
6. Development preliminary total budget for 2010 and final advisement to SPRC and other spending units in Finance Committee meeting in October 2009.
7. Finalization of wage and salary structure for 2010 by SPRC and advisement to Finance Committee in October 2009.
8. Adoption of final budget for 2010 in Finance Committee meeting in November 2009.
9. Submit final budget for 2010 to FUMC Council in November 2009.

On motion by Audrey Lewis, 2nd by Jim Nation, the foregoing calendar of budget related activities was approved by the Council. As information items, Audrey Lewis also distributed copies of monthly reports from the office of the Financial Secretary.

2. *Mission & Outreach* - Tom & Betsy Gill - Written report attached.

Closing prayer - Carl Romey

Joe C. Willcox, Secretary

Next meeting: 7:00 PM Tuesday May 26, 2009

First United Methodist Preschool (FUMPers) Report
-presented to the Church Council on April 28, 2009

FUMPers had an extremely successful SAF fundraiser. I appreciate the members of the church family who baked goods for us to sell and for those who made purchases.

I am currently in the process of developing a more extensive Crisis Procedure Plan. This plan will of course be reviewed and cleared through the appropriate committees. This additional plan will supplement the Child Protection Policy that is already in place. My goal is to have it in place for the start of the 2009-10 school year.

May 20, 2009 will be our last day of school for this current year. Please join us at our End of the Year Program in the Fellowship Hall at 11am. Our FUMPers will present a program of songs, we will have a potluck lunch together while viewing a slide show celebrating the great year we have had together. We would love to have members of our church family join us.

Thank you for your support of this ministry of First Church,

Amy C. Watson

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First United Methodist Church
Council Meeting 4-28-2009
Report from Director of Music

I am submitting this report in absentia. The community handbell ensemble The First Coast Ringers, which I am a member, is playing a concert tonight in Jacksonville. My presence is required there.

Looking back since our last meeting, we have experienced a very busy time in the life of the church. Holy Week has come and gone, leaving us with the excitement and victory of the Risen Christ. A major part of this experience came through the music as presented by the Chancel Choir, Instrumental group, Handbells and Children's Choir. From the cry of 'hosannas' on Palm Sunday, to the passion of Jesus on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, to the victorious 'hallelujahs' of Easter Sunday, music helped us experience the emotional highs and lows of seven of the most important days in the life of Jesus. I would like to offer my deepest appreciation to all the members of the choirs for their tireless effort in preparing and leading the church through this blessed church season.

On a personal note, I have just returned from a four day meeting for The Fellowship's 2011 Convocation in Colorado Springs, CO. The Fellowship (of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts) is my professional organization in which I have been a member since 1978. My role on the 2011 design team will be to continue my service as Vendor/Exhibitor Coordinator as well as shadow the current event chair person as I am groomed to assume this position for the 2013 Convocation in Pittsburgh, PA.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for even more celebrations. Tomorrow night (Wednesday, April 29) the Celebration Ringers will present their Spring Concert in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM. This program will take the place of the normal Wednesday night classes. It is a free and open to the public. On Sunday, May 24, as part of a celebration of Aldersgate Sunday, the choirs and congregation will join together to celebrate the anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. This special musical service will focus on the Christian year, beginning in Advent and concluding with Christ the King Sunday, using narration and the hymns of Charles Wesley. It will truly be a time of worship and song. Be sure to watch the bulletin for further announcements about the specific time.

Summer brings many opportunities for me to schedule continuing education. I will be away two weeks in June and one week in July to participate in several musical conferences. During the week of June 13-18, I will be attending the Church Music Workshop sponsored by the Florida Chapter of The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. The following week I will be serving as handbell staff as well as participate in the Music and Liturgical Arts week in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. In July I will once again serve as staff for the National Convocation of The Fellowship in Orlando, Florida. As is my practice during my absence, the choirs will also be taking some time off during the summer. In their stead will be soloists and ensembles bringing special music to the worship services.

I am continually grateful for the talent and willingness of so many church members to give of their time to rehearse and help lead this church in worship and song.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Jackson, Director of Music Ministries

Frank Ferreri -- Report to FUMC Church Council -- 28 Apr 2009

There are several exciting developments for me to report about to this council.

First, over the weekend, as many of you are aware, the youth participated in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine. That was a good experience for them and I hope they learned a good bit from it. My thanks to all who attended our breakfast Saturday morning; cheap bacon never smelled so good.

We are two weeks into this year's confirmation course. There are eight students in the class. Thanks to Rev. Yeager's efforts, four of those eight are from University Church. It has been quite enjoyable and refreshing for me to get back to teaching the basics of things like creed, the Trinity, grace, and the like. It's wonderful to have a fresh canvas to work with.

On Sunday May 17, the Christian Education committee is hosting a teacher appreciation luncheon for all of our adult and children's teachers. We hope this will be a good time for fellowship and exchanging of ideas.

Also, I'm pleased to report that a strong team of VBS volunteers has come together nicely over the past few weeks. I'm praying hard and often that we have a good VBS this year that brings new energy to our children's ministry here.

Lastly, I'm thankful to Rev. Romey for taking the lead on our Monday chapel service for the Helping Hands patients. That's a huge help to me as I was beginning to run out of creative energy for that service.

Mission & Outreach Committee Report April 28, 2009
By: Tom and Betsy Gill

In the month of April, the church family has raised money for various mission boxes including pastor's discretionary fund, UMCOR's One Great Hour of Sharing, 30-Hour Famine and Native American Sunday. In addition, we had a successful Spring Arts Festival, passing out more than 1200 bottles of water to passers-by, giving tours of the sanctuary & printed histories of the church to those who were interested, and placed laminated placemats drawn by FUMPers containing a schedule of Easter events at FUMC in the youth cafe. In addition, we provided the UF Wesley Foundation students with exam goodies for this week of final exams. We are currently finalizing some guidelines for mission requests from members of FUMC who want to attend short conferences, spiritual growth trainings and retreats. Lastly, we as chairs of the committee are asking for a new chair to be appointed as we will soon be moving away from Gainesville and will have to relinquish our duties.

Helping Hands Clinic Women's Program

April 27, 2009

The Helping Hands Clinic Women's Health Program was initiated in January 2008. The Women's Program expands health care and enhances services for homeless women. Along with medical care already provided through HHC, - including primary care, pharmacy, psychiatric treatment, emergency dental care, psychosocial support and referral, acupuncture treatment, hypnotherapy, and basic foot care; the Women's Health Program provides women's health screenings and referrals for outpatient medical services such as mammography and gynecological care.

In addition, in April 2008, HHC began offering bi-monthly "Women's Health Nights" focused on reaching out to homeless women and providing a safe, welcoming, and supportive social environment. By January 2009, "Women's Health Nights" expanded to offering weekly programs, held every Thursday from 3pm to 7 pm. The program currently offers showers, a healthy evening meal, acupuncture treatments, hypnotherapy sessions, additional psychosocial support services, basic RN care, haircuts, activities, resources and hygiene care packages, as well as referrals for the recommended health screenings (pap smear, clinical breast exam, and mammograms) at planned parenthood or the health department.

Screening and Referral

The Helping Hands Clinic created a baseline of homeless women's health from January to March of 2008. Utilizing a "women's health questionnaire," information from female patients receiving services from the Clinic was collected and later analyzed. Although the clinic continues to complete the questionnaire with all new women coming to the clinic, the first twenty completed established a baseline, and provided insight on the need for women's care among the homeless and nearly homeless population.

The recommendation of the US Preventative Services Task Force are that women over 40 receive mammography screenings for breast cancer every 1-2 years and that sexually active women receive PAP screens for cervical cancer every three years. We found that while 65% (13/20) of the women reported having a mammogram at some point in their lives, only two of those thirteen had a mammogram in the past two years, and it had been longer than ten years since their last mammogram for five of those thirteen women. In terms of pap smears, all of the women reported having had one at some point in their lives, but it had been more than ten years for eight of the twenty women (40%), and 65% of the women had not had a pap smear in the last three years.

With women's care being a clear need and priority, the Helping Hands clinic has focused on referring female patients to either Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida or the "Believe in Miracles" program at the Alachua County Health Department to receive recommended health screenings.

Since January 2008, the clinic has screened 93 individual women using a women's health questionnaire and referred 22 women for outpatient services, - including gynecological care, STD testing, and mammography. So far, 7 women have fulfilled the referrals at Planned Parenthood.

Women's Health Nights

From April 2008 – April 23, 2009, the Helping Hands Clinic has held the Women's Health Night program on 34 different occasions. The program has seen 269 total visits by 67 individual women. During the last 12 months, on average, 8 women have attended the program every session. However, in the 16 sessions held between January 2009- April 2009, since the program has been offered weekly rather than bi-monthly and began offering showers, the average attendance has been 12 women per session.

The following educational seminars have been provided:

- Relationships, Self-Image, and Relationships
- Healthy Touch vs. Relationship Violence
- Women's Health Concerns (A focus on Breast and Cervical Cancer)
- Outdoor Concerns (How to recognize and react to insects, snakes, and poisonous plant life)
- Healthy Diet
- Dealing with Anger
- Hypnotherapy
- Heart Disease
- Relaxation Techniques
- HIV/AIDS

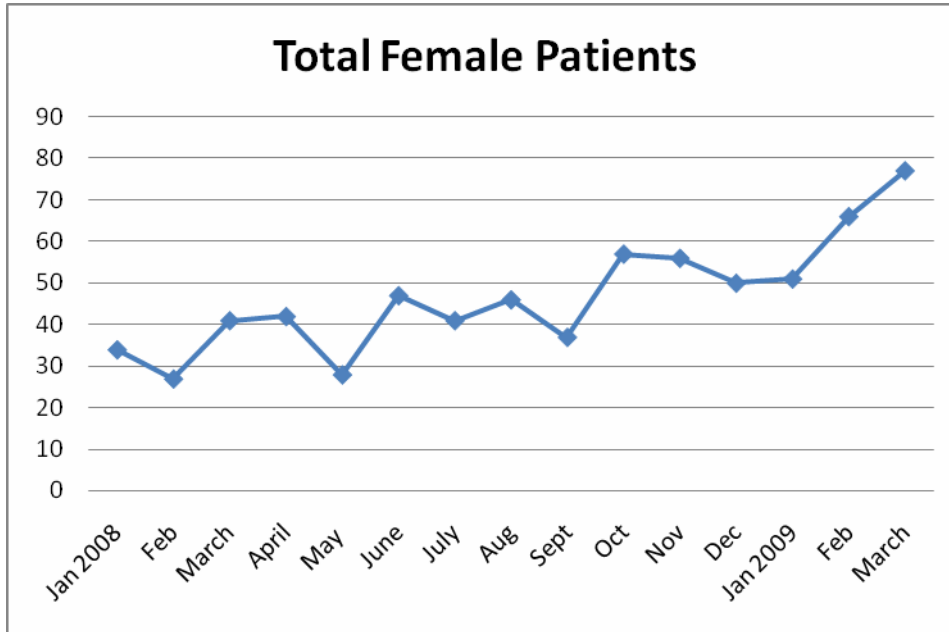
The program offers women an opportunity to shower, change clothing, and eat a healthy evening meal on a weekly basis. Further, volunteer social workers, counselor, acupuncturist, hypnotherapist, RN, hair stylist, college students, and community members attend the seminars and provide services to the women. Personal Care and Hygiene Gift packages are handed out to new attendees; and as a continuing service, returning women are provided with clothing, hygiene, and personal items as needed.

General Trends

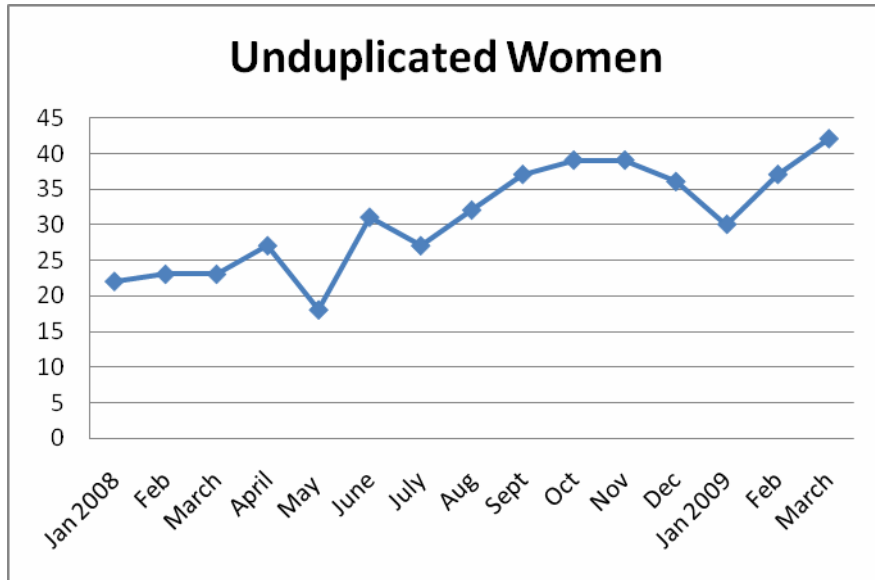
Since the Helping Hands Clinic began the Women's Health Program in January 2008, the total numbers of women attending the clinic and the numbers of unique women attending HHC have been steadily increasing. In 2008, the Helping Hands Clinic served 137 unique individual women. This is a 37% increase from the total number of unique individual women served in 2007. From the start of the HHC Women's

Health Program to present (January 2008 – March 2009), the HHC has served 165 unique individual women.

If we compare the total number of women served in the single month of January 2008 (n=34) to the total number of women served in January 2009 (n=51), we see that the total number of women attending HHC in the month of January increased 50% from 2008 to 2009. In general, as depicted below, the number of total female patients seen each month has been increasing from January 2008 through March 2009.



The increase in new women attending the clinic corresponds with an increase in the number of unduplicated women served at the clinic. While we started with 22 unique women served at HHC during the month of January 2008, a year later in the month of January 2009 we saw 30 unique individual women, and in March 2009, we served 42 unique individual women.



Future and Direction

The Helping Hands Clinic plans to increase services to homeless and nearly homeless women by extending medical care to Thursday's Women's Health Nights, creating a second medical clinic by the end of summer 2009. While female patients will be able to continue receiving medical care during Monday night clinics, HHC plans to duplicate Monday clinic's services for women on Thursday evenings. Further, new educational sessions have been scheduled for Women's Health Nights and include "Topics of Women's Health Month" in May, "From Homeless- to -Work" in June, and a make-up and skin care session in July. Education on nutrition while homeless and self-defense are also being arranged for the near future.

Council On Ministries
Assistant Pastor's Report
Carl E. Romey
April 28, 2009

I am so thankful that God continues to bless FUMC in many different kinds of ways. I will be sharing in a brief report of plans that are in my area of ministry as well as caption a couple events from this past month.

First, after several weeks of weakened health I can report that I am doing great and feeling the best I have in some months. I am not sure if that is due to the physical therapy or my purchase of a 2007 Suzuki Boulevard C50T motorcycle from a sixty-two year old lady who lives in the Villages Retirement Community in central Florida. Learning to ride a motorcycle was part of her "bucket list" and upon completion, gaining her license and riding for less than five hundred miles she sold the motorcycle to me! It has been the best mental and physical therapy that I have had in a long time. Some say it proves that I am insane and if that is the case, so be it.

I did fill the pulpit for Dr. Harold Custer at the First Church of the Nazarene on April 19, 2009 while he was gone on to visit family in Ohio. This is the church where my membership is held and it is good for me to have continued connection from time to time.

Shirley and I have just returned from a four-day holiday spent in St. Augustine, FL. We had delightful weather, lots of rest and too much food.

The following is a short list of upcoming events, plans and programs for my area of service:

1. Continued development of the homeless chapel service on Mondays.
2. Participation in a weekly Portuguese bible study on the UF campus.
3. Brazilian Spring Festival plans are underway and the date will be announced upon confirmation with the student's schedule.
4. Summer preparations for multi-cultural student ministry beginning in August 2009.
5. Development for the "New York, New York" week-end with emphasis on the "**BASO GROUP**" *
 - a. Rocket's Christmas Show (11/13/09-12/30/09)
 - b. Broadway Show
 - c. Shopping
6. Continued plans for Brazil Mission Trip in the Fall of 2010.
 - a. Gives time for final fund raising
 - b. Allows Brazilian MC to get ready for US!

Respectively submitted,

Carl E. Romey

***Boomers And Slightly Older GROUP**

This report takes note of the vibrant Easter celebrations we shared together as a climax to our Lenten journey as a congregation. At 502, attendances at our two Easter Sunday services topped 500 for the first time in my two years as Senior Pastor, and were indicative of steady growth in our worship attendances generally. An important aspect of these celebrations and of our worship program generally is the contribution by the the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choir, Victory IV, the Instrumental Ensemble, accompanists Melanie Yeager, George Emmanuel and Joanne Sheffield, the children's choirs, and special guests from time to time, all under the able and dedicated leadership of Robert Jackson.

Similar growth is reflected in other areas of our ministry, notably our outreach as a congregation to our homeless neighbors. In the current economic environment, it is not surprising that the demands on the services of the Monday night Helping Hands clinic, and on our pastoral consultations, show a consistent increase. It is also not surprising, but very encouraging, that the response to the newer Women's Clinic each Thursday night is attracting increasing attendances and appreciative responses. We are grateful for the leadership Randy and Cynthia Stacey provide in this area, and for the steady stream of volunteers from our congregation and the wider community who make these activities possible and meaningful.

One other interesting area, calling for thoughtful response, is the increasing number of college students who continue to visit our services. We do not have a program designed specifically for college students, and have begun asking how we can address this challenge adequately.

Our Christian Education programs remain strong, with Sunday School holding steady on attendances, and our Wednesday night classes continuing to attract good participation. A new series of short summer classes will be previewed on May 13, and commence on May 20. Almost 45 have enrolled for these classes already as we encourage early registration to assist with the ordering of study materials. If you have not already signed up, tonight would be a good opportunity to do so.

May will be a very special month in the life of our congregation with the Mother/Daughter banquet on Tuesday evening, May 5, the observance of Mother's Day on May 10, the celebration of the Wesley Hymn Festival at a combined service on May 24, and the celebration of Pentecost on May 31. Our Pentecost celebration will include the Confirmation of four of our young people here, along with four young people at University Church, all eight of whom are attending Confirmation classes led by Frank Ferreri. A new adult membership class will form next Sunday, May 3, and these will be received into membership early in the season After Pentecost.

The Grief Share program, led by Dr. Doug Kirk and Rev. Carl Romey, continues to provide important ministry to grieving members of our congregation and others from

beyond the life of our church. We will continue to offer this program in the belief that it will reach out to many who could benefit from this kind of group experience.

One concern I want to share is that our income is well below our budget projections at this stage of the year and we all need to recognize the need to overhaul this situation by increasing our income, especially during the challenging summer months. The alternative is to cut staff and/or programs leading inevitably to inhibited growth and possible decline. That would be sad, to say the least, when we are in the midst of a growth mode after years of decline but the choice, under God, is ours.

Blessings in the joy of ministry,

Harold Henderson,
Senior Pastor.
April 28, 2009