

Quarterly Conference

July 25, 2017



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Call to Order & Opening Prayer –

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes April 25, 2017

Written Reports Received

Board of Trustees – *George Dierkens*

Finance Committee – See Budget Attachment

First United Methodist Foundation of Lompoc – *Rollin Bailey*

Lay Leader – *John Halfhill (No Report)*

Lay Ministry– *Anne Anderson*

Membership & Evangelism – *(No Report)*

Mission Outreach – Larry Huyck

Organ Committee – Lynn Clock *(No Report)*

Staff/Parish Relations Committee – Gary Berleue, Sr.

United Methodist Men – *Rex Lee*

United Methodist Women – *Donna Wood*

Worship – *Sandra Lemon*

Pastor Kathleen's Report

Questions from the Membership

Next Meetings:

Quarterly Conference

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Minutes
By Tracy Foust
April 25, 2017

Call to Order and Opening Prayer—Janet S. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led an opening prayer.

Adoption of Agenda—Sandra L. moved to adopt the agenda and Pat N. seconded. All approved.

Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2017—Sandra L. moved to approve and Anne Marie C. seconded. All approved.

Board of Trustees—Nothing to add.

Finance Committee—Nothing to add.

First United Methodist Foundation of Lompoc—No report.

Lay Leader—No report.

Lay Ministry—Nothing to add.

Membership and Evangelism—No report. Comment made that we will have two new members joining the church on April 30, 2017.

Mission Outreach—The March UMCOR listing of \$1,060.00, should be \$1,900.

Organ Committee—No report.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee—We need one more person for the committee. The nominating committee will work on this.

United Methodist Men—The men will conduct the church service on Mother's Day, May 14, 2017.

United Methodist Women—Nothing to add.

Worship—Nothing to add.

Education and Spiritual Growth—Senior Sunday is the first Sunday in June. There will be a spud bake for the youth on May 21.

Pastor Kathleen's Report—We will plan on discussing the readings from Readiness 360 at the next Quarterly Conference.

Closing Prayer—Led by Pastor Kathleen

Adjournment—Meeting adjourned by Janet Shiers at 7:24 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees have been moving forward on several of the goals we set for this year. The flagstone has been moved to a more secure area behind the conexas. Replacing the remaining overhead lights of the Chancel with LED bulbs is scheduled for the 22nd of July. Organizing and building shelves for the Friendship House storage room will be next on our list.

Work has begun on the exterior lighting projects that have been funded by the FUMC Foundation. As of the writing of this report, the parking lot fixtures have been replaced with the north and south admin building security lights to be installed next. All work is expected to be completed in about three weeks.

In the next couple months, the Trustees will also be working to restore the Friendship House to a usable condition with the main goal to have a meeting place for our youth. Last year we had discovered asbestos in the bathroom and entry areas. The asbestos was professionally removed, but that process left those areas in need of repair.

The Board of Trustees still has two openings that need to be filled as soon as possible. If you know of anyone who may be interested in serving please talk with Pastor Kathleen. Trustees meet on the second Thursday of every month. If you have items of concern, or issues that involve church facilities and/or property, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Respectfully submitted, George Dierkens, Co-Chair
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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

(See Budget Attachment)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

Assets as of June 30, 2017

General Endowment Fund

Current Value	<u>\$ 343,991.82</u>
<u>Endowment (“Corpus”)</u>	<u>\$ 296,274.18</u>

Memorial Fund

Cal PacFoundation	<u>\$ 407.41</u>
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Scholarship Fund

Cal Pac Foundation	<u>\$13,144.66</u>
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Distributions to the Church:

1. Scholarship fund \$750 to Carrie Petterson
2. Lay Ministry \$500
3. Board of Trustees \$9,150

Rollin Bailey, Foundation President

LAY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Lay Ministry Committee met only once during the last quarter due to the absence of the chair in June and July. A meeting was held on May 3, 2017.

There have been no changes to the number of Lay Pastors or of people receiving Lay Pastor support.

The altar flowers distribution was discussed for the month of May and we determined which Lay Pastors would take flowers to the recipients.

Our Home Communion Kits supply had been depleted, so the Worship Committee Chair oversaw the selection of new ones and Lay Ministry ordered Fellowship Cup Communion Kits from Cokesbury.

The 'Journeying through Grief' letters and books for May were sent out and letters for future books are completed and on hold.

Anne and Pastor Kathleen selected a space in the Narthex and set up the display for the new 'CareNotes' after the May meeting and they were introduced to the congregation at the church service on May 7. We hope members will find them helpful and supportive.

Finally, the committee made decisions as to what purchases should be made now with the money received from the Endowment Trust Fund. We agreed to purchase additional Journeying through Grief Books, the stamps for mailing them, and a few of the new Cancer: Now What? Books that will be made available to members of the congregation and their families upon request.

We will resume our regular monthly meetings on August 2, 2017.

Anne Anderson, Chair

MISSION OUTREACH

FEED THE HUNGRY

The Mission Outreach Committee wishes to thank all the people who help to make Feed the Hungry a successful program for our church. We serve an evening meal on the third Tuesday of each month at the St. Timothy Antiochian Orthodox Church. Our signup sheet is in the Narthex for those members who wish to participate. We usually meet at 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall to prepare the meal, which we serve at 5 pm. We have been feeding between 35 -50 people, but always cook to feed 60. Our total meal costs for the first 6 months of 2017 is \$242, but there have been many donations of various food items such as peanut butter and jam, canned food and pasta items which help keep the expenses down. Also our income for the first 6 months of 2017 is \$240 which comes from offerings from Sunday worship.

I want to share what I put on the Lompoc Valley Forum on Monday (7/17/17) "I was making a macaroni Salad for Feed the Hungry tomorrow, but part way through I noticed I forgot to buy eggs, so I went to Vons to buy a dozen. The first checker was closed so I stepped into the next lane. While waiting a man in front of me moved my eggs closer to his items. I said ..these are mine...he replied ...I know but I am paying for them. I responded thanks...these are for a salad for Feed the Hungry. After checking out I asked his name...he asked me who was doing the dinner ..I said Methodist Church. I then found out he goes to Four Square...as we parted David left in his motorized chairTHANK YOU DAVID." It is incidents like this that make this all worthwhile. God is good, All the time.

SHARING TREES JANUARY – JUNE 2017

MONTH	RECEIPIENT	AMOUNT GIVEN
JANUARY	City of Promise	\$1,420.00
FEBRUARY	Mercy Ships	\$1,112.00
MARCH	UMCOR	\$1,900.00
APRIL	Books for Guatemala	\$1,238.00
MAY	Special Musicians	\$ 947.00
JUNE	Camperships	\$1,010.00
JULY	Meals on Wheels	\$ 580.00 (as of 7/17/17)

The August Sharing Tree will be Apportionments.

KIN KLOSET

Martha Hicks has been busy filling requests from the 4 schools that we support through the KIN Kloset. Martha has shopped for all of the schools and since January has spent \$208.07. The schools served are La Honda, La Canada, Hapgood, and Lompoc Valley Middle School. She will start again when school begins in mid August. Thank you Martha for being a good steward of this fund.

MISSIONARY

We are continuing our support of our Missionary, Rev Paul Jeffrey. In August I will put up new pictures from his missionary work throughout the world. Thank you for supporting this important part of Mission Outreach.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Huyck, co-chair

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Members, Liaison for in (): Gary Berleue, Sr. – Chair (Pastor Kathleen), (Connie L. Aguilera), Betty Staight (Kathleen Hacker); Jim Knauss (Enrique Aguilera-Gardener), Donna Wood (Sam de St. Jean), Glenna Yingst (Lynda LaCombe), Jim Owen (Connie M. Aguilera), Dorian Hodge (Rachel Mello), Jim Owen (Enrique/Henry Aguilera-Custodian).

Pastor Kathleen gave the opening prayer when SPRC convened on Tuesday, June 27th. Minutes of the previous minutes were read and a minor correction from me was amended to the minutes which were then approved. Procedures were discussed and adopted for the search and hiring for a new pianist/accompanist to replace Rachel Mello who resigned her position.

Evaluation forms for the Pastor were distributed and discussed. Individual form for staff members will be distributed at our next meeting on September 5 at 7 p.m. Dorian Hodge was able to obtain the names of community leaders from VAFB who train base personnel to help with church and community partners, such as the UMM's fall and spring parking lot sale.

Liaison reports were given and due to an additional opening on our committee, two liaisons were re-assigned. Anybody interested in serving on SPRC should contact Pastor Kathleen. The pastor discussed the progress on her goals for 2017, and gave an annual conference follow-up, as well as vacation information. Donna Wood then closed the meeting with prayer.

Gary Berleue, Sr.,
Chairperson

UNITED METHODIST MEN

April 2017:

The UMM prepared our Mothers day service on May 14, 2017. Work was coordinated for the service, songs, and flowers for the mothers. We had personal dedications for mothers and last but not least a cake and refreshments in Fellowship Hall after service.

May 2017:

Mothers Day celebration and reception was held and all mothers and grandmothers were very pleased. UMM donations will be sent out soon.

June 2017:

Parking lot Sale coming up in October and we accept most donations. Please contact Bill Ulmer. UMM is off for a summer break during the months of July and August and will return September 9, 2017.

Submitted by UMM Secretary:
Rex A. Lee

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women had a very successful Father's Day Service on June 19th, which was the highlight for us during this quarter. Our Program VP, Barbara Dameron, was the principle planner (with the help of Pastor Kathleen) for an inspirational worship service and carrying through the special reception held during fellowship time honoring all the fathers in our congregation. We also announced our selections of the Man and the Woman of the Year, Wally Rogers and Jackie Brodhecker, honoring them for their dedicated service to our congregation, and a contribution was made in their names to National UMW's Special Mission Fund.

We are now looking forward to our annual Salad Luncheon/Basket Sale, our major fundraiser of the year, on Sunday, August 13th. It will be a time of fellowship for the entire congregation and friends, as well as being an opportunity to contribute money that will help in making lives better for women, children, and youth, both locally and around the world

Lompoc United Methodist Women are **WOMEN ON A MISSION**.

Prayerfully submitted,
Donna Wood, President

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee has met once since the last Quarterly Conference. At that meeting we made plans for and/or discussed the following:

- We reviewed each of the Lent and Easter services and concluded that all of them were appropriate and meaningful. We thanked Pastor Kathleen for all her hard work and attention to every detail.
- Fifth Sunday for this quarter is on July 30. We have invited the Sounds of Hope Choir from Santa Maria FUMC to sing for us. Those who went to the Cluster Choir Festival heard them and they are really good. Afterwards, we will be treated to root beer floats in Fellowship Hall.
- A Communion Steward helper is needed for Lorraine Toscan.
- We are always in need of Liturgists, Communion Servers and Ushers. Shirley Spitzer has volunteered to be Usher Coordinator and she is vigorously recruiting people to help out. Way to go, Shirley!!
- The Choir is on hiatus from June 25-September 10. Kathleen Hacker is organizing the volunteer summer music program. The Worship Committee would like to acknowledge and thank Rachel Mello for all her years as piano accompanist. We will greatly miss her talent. Thanks, Rachel. We would also like to acknowledge the passing of our former choir director, Brenda Wasenda. She was a very good director and was instrumental in forming the committee to get new choir robes for our choir.

The next meeting of the Worship Committee will be on Saturday, August 19 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. It is our annual planning meeting and anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lemon, Chair

PASTOR'S REPORT

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

— Joshua 1:9

In times of Worship together — This spring, following Easter Sunday, the sermon messages focused on the “I AM” sayings of Jesus — “I AM the Resurrection and the Life”, “I AM the Good Shepherd”, “I AM the Bread of Life”, “I AM the True Vine”, and other passages. I greatly appreciate that Pastor Ehrhardt Lang stepped in and preached at the last minute for me when I was sick on Sunday, May 28 — don't know what I would have done if he had not been available and willing. Thank you, Pastor Ehrhardt! My thanks also to the United Methodist Men and the United Methodist Women for wonderful Worship services celebrating Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June!

Another big Sunday was Pentecost Sunday and Graduation Sunday on June 4 — as we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Christian Church, along with Connor and Carrie Petterson, Michael Burroughs and other graduates. This summer, we are exploring “Promised Land Living” as we go through the story of Joshua and the people of God heading into Canaan, as well as our living in the truth of God's promises to us as the people of God today. With the Choir off in the summer (thank you for all the wonderful anthems, Choir!), we are enjoying the special music brought to us by soloists and groups. I was saddened to hear of the death of our former Choir Director, Brenda Wasenda, but am thankful that she is now at peace. I'm also sad that Rachel Mello is leaving us — becoming the accompanist for the Lompoc Valley Master Chorale. Her talent that she has shared with us on Sundays for all these years will be greatly missed. We are currently seeking a new choir accompanist/pianist to work with our choir, when they return in September. Currently I am working on plans for Worship from September 2017 to August 2018, in preparation for the Worship Committee's annual meeting in August. With the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation at the end of October (and the beginning of the Protestant branch of Christianity's Family Tree), I do plan to preach on that this fall.

In times of Coming Together and Serving and Learning together —

Membership and Evangelism and the Youth give us opportunities to eat! We came together for another “Dinner and a Movie” and the “Spud Bake” — and have another “Dinner and a Movie” coming up on Saturday, July 29. Also coming up is the UMW Salad Luncheon and Basket Sale on Sunday, August 13. Each month, “Feed the Hungry” gives me the opportunity to reach out to our community in very practical ways. It has been great to see some new faces helping at this. My thanks to Larry Huyck for his dedicated coordination of this.

Messy Church: This summer, we are having Messy Church for each of the summer months — June, July, and August — instead of a more traditional Vacation Bible School

— using last year’s VBS theme, curriculum and supplies as the foundation for summer Messy Church. We have had two of them, with a good gathering of families for fun and learning the Bible stories that connect with water — Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist and Jesus calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee. Next up on August 6 will be the appearance on the lakeshore of the Risen Christ and the disciples’ huge catch of fish. People have come together to make Messy Church happen and we are seeing more families and more children in Worship on Sunday morning. On Sunday, September 3, we will be bringing a bit of Messy Church to Sunday morning Worship, so we can all join in on the experience and the fun!

Spring Women’s Retreat — “Brave. Bold. Blessed.” was our second annual women’s retreat —

a great weekend with 33 women participating. The women were from our church, from the Lompoc community and from United Methodist churches in Santa Maria. We explored the book of Ruth together to see what her experience has to say to us today, and how God is calling us to be “brave, bold and blessed!” I was glad to serve again with Tracey Brown as co-leaders and with Amy Bahnson as our music leader. Unfortunately, I was unable to do the retreat over at Camp Potosi Pines in Nevada with Tracey and Amy in May. We are all looking forward to doing both retreats in the spring of 2018.

Christian Education — I appreciate all those who have stepped up to teach our Sunday School children this summer, with Lynda LaCombe taking the summer off — thank you! This September,

I plan on teaching two studies, one based on the book What on Earth Am I Here For? (the Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren) and the other a Bible Study. I also will be participating in “Discipleship Huddle” myself, through Cal-Pac’s New Ministries office, to grow personally in my faith and so that

I can lead “Discipleship Huddles” here in Lompoc. Keep your eyes open for more information!

Beyond the Local Church — I participate in the Central Coast United Methodist Clergy Cluster meetings and in the Lompoc Interfaith Alliance. I participated in the May “Lovin’ Lompoc” event, assisting in painting the gazebo in Centennial Park. I participated in Annual Conference — in June — our first Annual Conference gathering with Bishop Grant Hagiya and appreciated the new spirit and practical direction and vision he brought. There is a summary of Annual Conference in the August newsletter.

Personal — I will be taking a week of vacation at the end of August, to go see my daughters in Phoenix (I know — not sure why I am going to Phoenix during some of the hottest temperatures there — must be a mother’s love!) On the way back, I will be attending the Clergy Convocation in Indian Wells, where Bishop Grant Hagiya and Brian McLaren will be the speakers.

Upcoming!

Summer Messy Church — August 6.

Back to School and Backpack Blessing Sunday — August 13 (as well as **UMW's Salad Luncheon and Basket Sale!**)

Please keep me and our church in your prayers!

Blessings! *Pastor Kathleen*

***Gracious God, thank you for the
First United Methodist Church of Lompoc.
Our future is in your hands.
We pray for your Spirit to break through.
Break through our fears.
Break through the obstacles.
Break through those things that keep us from
being the church that you intend us to be.
May we step forward in faith and in hope, to be
a beacon of light and life in our community.
In Jesus' name. Amen.***