

Quarterly Conference

October 17, 2017



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Call to Order & Opening Prayer –

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes July 25, 2017

Written Reports Received

Board of Trustees – *George Dierkens*

Education and Spiritual Growth – *Linda Bailey*

Finance Committee – *Wally Rogers and LaVelda Clock*

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

2017 Budget & Apportionments – *Call Church Office for Reports*

Questions from the Membership

Next Meetings:

Quarterly Conference

Joint Charge Conference

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Minutes
By Tracy Foust
July 25, 2017

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

Adoption of Agenda—Motion was made by Pat N. to adopt the agenda. This was
seconded by Larry H. All approved.

Approval of Minutes April 25, 2017—Motion made by Wally R. to approve the minutes.
Seconded by LaVelda C. All approved.

Board of Trustees—Nothing to add.

Finance Committee—Transferred \$40,000 to CalPac. Additional \$400 paid to both Item
6010-Ministerial Education Fund and Item 6025-Episcopal Fund. Individuals have paid
the following accounts in full:

- Item 6020-Interdenominational Fund
- Item 6031-Africa University
- Item 6071-Campus Ministry
- Item 6072-Hungry Appeal
- Item 6075-Young People's Ministry
- Item 6076-Youth Service Fund

First United Methodist Foundation of Lompoc—Nothing to add.

Lay Leader—Nothing to add.

Lay Ministry—Nothing to add.

Membership and Evangelism—Nothing to add.

Education—Nothing to add.

Mission Outreach—Nothing to add.

Organ Committee—Nothing to add.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee—Nothing to add.

United Methodist Men—Nothing to add.

Worship—Nothing to add.

Pastor Kathleen's Report—Suggestion to consider having an associate lay leader that would be able to step in when John H. is not available. Two major areas of focus coming from the conference—(1) growing in discipleship and (2) improving connection, engagement, and outreach to the community.

Questions from Membership—(1) Have the substitute summer school teachers been cleared? Pastor Kathleen said having been a member of the church for over a year has cleared them. (2) Janet S. asked about working with the Nazarene Church regarding the homeless ministry.

Next Quarterly Conference—Scheduled for October 17, 2017.

Closing Prayer—Led by Pastor Kathleen.

Adjournment—Meeting adjourned by Janet S. at 7:50 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Updates since our previous Quarterly Council Meeting:

- Friendship House area security lights have been installed. The main parking lot lights have been adjusted for optimum coverage. The exterior security light on the west side of Fellowship Hall has been replaced with an LED fixture. This light helps illuminate the front of the equipment storage shed. The security lights that illuminate the sidewalk area to the conference and choir rooms have also been replaced with new LED fixtures.
- The Main Circuit Breaker panel of the Friendship house was reversed so that access to the breakers is from the inside of the house instead of outside as previously installed. The storage room has been cleaned and organized. A detailed inventory was completed by LaVelda.
- A new riding lawn mower was purchased for the church. Our deepest thanks go out to the Foundation for providing the funds needed to make this happen. The best of the old mowers was repaired and will be kept to use for mowing the vacant lot.
- Our Marquee received a much needed facelift with a new front window, wood repair, and lighting.
- New shrubbery was been planted to help fill in the north side of the Administration building. A new Oak tree was donated by Sandra in honor of her mother Virginia, and some other replacement trees were purchased to replace ones that were damaged and broken. A big Thank You to David Lemon for doing all the research and purchasing, plus Enrique for helping with the planting.
- The heating system is going through some annual maintenance in preparation of the winter season. We will be moving a couple of pews again to repair one leak in the sanctuary, along with some zone valve replacements. Lynn will be doing a cleaning of the boiler and system flush. We anticipate being able to have everything completed by the end of this month.

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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EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The Sunday School was manned throughout the summer by volunteers: Penny Lee, Connie Aguilera, Ann Picha, Kara Dierkens and Barbara Dameron. We thank and appreciate each one. Lynda LaCombe returned early in August and finished the summer doing a 10 Commandments series. Attendance varies from 2-10.

The Youth continue to meet throughout the summer with movies and dinner. They also have been a significant volunteer force at many of the church events throughout the summer and helped with Messy Church. They had a successful Spud Bake fundraiser.

Bible Studies met through the summer with the Sunday Morning study, as well as Myron Heavin's 2 studies.

Messy Church there were three fun Messy Church held on each of the summer month using VBS curriculum. Thanks to the many volunteers who pulled it all together. We especially appreciate Linda Littlejohn, Janet Shiers and Michelle Berleue who each provided the delicious meals. The biggest thank you to Pastor Puntar who organizes and directs the many details to make it happen. There was an average of 35 people attending. There will be a Messy Church Conference in Huntington Beach this month with 2 of our members attending.

Linda Bailey, Chair

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2017 BUDGET CHALLENGES:

As of 30 Sept., the church was short \$20,747.75 needed to cover current expenses with current income. We anticipate that if this income/expense trend continues for the next two months we will end the year with a possible \$30,000 short fall. There should be no problem covering expenses with current income and funds accumulated during prior years. The church has \$110,413.20 cash on deposit (checking, CD, Money Market and Cal-Pac Foundation). Of that amount \$73,711.21 are Restricted Funds and by law cannot be spent to cover operating expenses. The remaining \$36,701.99 can be used in a worst-case scenario to cover current expenses. We expect, depending on church income, to use only \$10,000 to \$12,000 of the prior-years surplus to pay the bills. We hope this will not be necessary.

FUNDS IN THE CAL-PAC UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION:

In July the Finance Committee transferred \$40,000 from a Rabobank CD to the Cal-Pac UMF. In the two months the church's account has grown by \$753.16. The CD was paying a very low interest rate. The year-to-date growth in the Cal-Pac UMF is 13.5%. It was 3.66% in the 3rd Quarter.

CAL-PAC APPORTIONMENTS FOR 2017:

With the exception of Account 6033 "Cal-Pac Apportionments (C)" all budgeted 2017 Apportionments have been paid to the level approved by the Quarterly Conference. Account 6033 was budgeted for \$16,000. To date we have paid \$9,525. *A big thanks to members of the congregation who stepped up and paid for individual apportionment line items.* The fund-raising program was a huge success.

2018 BUDGET CYCLE:

We are in the process of putting together the 2018 budget. Due to the income shortfall we had in 2017, we have regretfully asked committees to reduce their budgets by 10% for next year. We will have a clearer understanding of the financial picture after our "Stewardship Campaign" in October. Commitment Sunday is currently 22 Oct.

LaVelda Clock and Wallace Rogers
Co-Chairs Finance Committee

FIRST UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

GEF AS OF 9/30/17

TOTAL ASSETS - \$355,316.16

(June 30 assets \$343,991.82)

CORPUS - \$296,374.18

(June 30 Corpus \$296,274.88)

GIFTS TO CHURCH June 30 - September 30

\$2,715 - Board of Trustees

(For purchase of mower)

GIFTS RECEIVED BY FOUNDATION

June 30 - September 30

\$100 to Scholarship Fund

\$100 to General Endowment Fund

DISTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH

1. Scholarship fund \$750 to Carrie Petterson
2. Lay Ministry \$500 for ongoing ministries
3. Board of Trustees \$9,150 for lighting projects and marquee repair.

Rollin Bailey, Foundation President

LAY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Lay Ministry Committee met on the first Wednesday of August, September, and October. No meeting was held in July. Meetings are confidential and consist of updating information on those church members who are currently being served by Lay Pastors, and considering any new/changing situations within the membership where the Lay Pastor Team might be of assistance.

Six Lay Pastors are in active service to church members. Home-bound Communion has been served each month by Lay Pastors to our shut-in members at their request. Four members receive monthly communion and two, occasionally upon request. The *'Journeying through Grief'* books were sent out each month to recipients. The monthly Altar Flower distribution to our homebound members or other church members in need has continued this quarter.

In July, an article was submitted to the 'Forecast' introducing the new, Cancer, Now What? books that are available to members and families who are diagnosed with and/or being treated for cancer. Requests for a copy may be made to Lay Ministry Committee members or Pastor Kathleen.

The committee discussed and agreed upon the amount to request for the 2018 church budget in August. The request was submitted to the Finance Committee in September. Later in the month, we reduced our request in order to help alleviate pressure on the church to meet our new budget.

Monitored 'CareNotes' supply in October. No other actions were taken. Our altar flower distribution, grief support, and home-bound communion ministries continue as usual.

Our Committee continues to minister to the FUMC of Lompoc members and their families, offering spiritual comfort and support, along with, and through our Lay Pastors, for as long as we are needed. We welcome ideas/referrals from the congregation that will help us in our ministry.

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 so far this year is about \$600, 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 so far this year is \$390 which comes from offerings from Sunday worship.

SHARING TREES JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2017

MONTH	RECEPIENT	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
AUGUST	Apportionments	\$ 415.00
SEPTEMBER	Veterans Stand Down	\$ 515.00 + various clothing items, etc.

KIN KLOSET

Martha Hicks fills requests from the 4 schools that we support through KIN KLOSET. The schools served are La Honda, La Canada, Hapgood, and Lompoc Valley Middle School. She fills requests from the school liaisons as she gets them. So far, for the Fall semester she has spent about \$350, and a total of \$555.28 since the beginning of the year.

MISSIONARY

We are continuing our support of our Missionary, Rev Paul Jeffrey. Thank you for supporting this important part of Mission Outreach.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

In the near future Mission Outreach will be reviewing the needs for the rooms we support at the Good Samaritan Center in Lompoc and complete the upgrades needed.

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), Jim Owen (Enrique/Henry Aguilera-Custodian).

The Staff Parish Relations Committee convened on September 5th at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Pastor Kathleen reported that Kathleen Hacker had agreed to assume the position of Choir Accompanist as well as Choir Director until a permanent accompanist is found.

Plans were put into place for October Staff Appreciation Month. Pastor Kathleen gave a report on her upcoming events. A small group “Discipleship Huddle” class will begin in January 2018 with Pastor Kathleen leading. She will be attending A “Messy Church” National Conference on October 20th and 21st in Huntington Beach.

The SPRC budget was briefly discussed but not enough information or members were available for approval. A special meeting was held on Sunday, September 24th after the Worship Service at which time enough members were present. A budget for 2018 was discussed and approved to be recommended to the Finance Committee.

Our next and final scheduled meeting will occur on Tuesday, November 7th at which time both pastor and staff evaluations will take place.

Respectfully,

Gary Berleue, Sr.,
Chairperson

UNITED METHODIST MEN

July 2017: The UMM was on summer break , no meetings held.

August 2017: The UMM was on summer break, no meetings held.

September 2017: Returned from summer break with the following agenda:

- Prepared for the parking lot Sale n October14, 2017.
- Selecting new officers for all positions, if interested talk to a board member.
- Voting of new board members will take place in November.
- Start preparations for Veterans Day celebration.

October 2017: More discussions and preparation for the parking lot sale.
Looking for church members that would like to be involved in any UMM board positions. If you are interested contact any board member.

Submitted by UMM Secretary:
Rex A. Lee

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Since our last report in July, UMW held our biggest fundraiser of the year, our Salad Luncheon/Basket Sale. Over \$1400 was raised which enabled us to complete our year's pledge of \$2,000 to the Conference/National UMW. On October 14th, our second Chili/Bake Sale of the year was held and we are anticipating raising around \$400-500. A committee will be meeting in November to make recommendations on how we will be distributing most of what is in our treasury to local and other organizations that are committed to helping women, children, and youth in our community and around the world. A vote will be taken at our November General Meeting for our 2017 End-of the-Year Giving.

We have been concerned that our regular programs/meetings have not been well-attended. One way, we are hoping, that will address this situation is to hold our General Meetings every-other-month from September-May rather than monthly. This schedule was approved at our September meeting, so we will see how this will improve attendance. Our three Circles continue to meet as previously scheduled with Sarah and Friendship getting together monthly and Yarn Arts meeting most weeks.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Tea on December 2nd. This will serve as a thank you gift for all our church's women and friends who have supported us throughout the year. We will also be responsible for organizing our UMW/UMM Christmas Dinner and Installation. The date has yet be determined, to which the entire Congregation is invited.

United Methodist Women of Lompoc are **WOMEN ON A MISSION FOR GOD.**

Prayerfully submitted,
Donna Wood President

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

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee has met once since the last Quarterly Conference. This was our annual Planning Meeting where we reviewed the past year and planned for the next. For the purpose of this report I will focus only on the time from September 1 until the end of the year:

- On September 10, we welcomed back our choir from its summer hiatus with a Music Appreciation Reception. We are very sad to report that Rachel Mello, our very talented Choir Accompanist, did not return as she is now accompanying the Master Chorale. We will miss her greatly and the church is seeking someone to try to fill her shoes. But Kathleen Hacker has temporarily taken over as both Accompanist and Choir Director, so the Choir is in good hands. We were very happy to have them all back to lead our worship services.
- On September 17, we sponsored our annual Worship in the Park. It was a beautiful, warm September morning and we had a great service led by Pastor Kathleen and her semi-professional band of kazoo musicians. ☺ Lynn Clock set up the sound system so that we could all hear. Sylvia Aguilera and her crew provided us with a delicious barbecue lunch, so it was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday morning. Thanks to all who helped!
- Pastor Kathleen's sermon series in October will focus on the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Revolution. On 5th Sunday, October 29, we will have an anthem with trumpets in addition to recognizing those in our church who have passed away during this past year. Fruit crisp with ice cream will be our special treat during Fellowship time.

The Worship Committee has a final meeting for the year scheduled for November 13 at 4:00 p.m. At that meeting we will make plans for the following:

- Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. with reception to follow.
- Greening of the church will be on Saturday, November 25 at 10:00 a.m. Donuts and coffee will be provided. There will be help with the big Chancel tree.
- Longest Night Service – December 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service – December 24 at 8:00 p.m.
- De-greening of the church – Sunday, January 7 right after church.

The next meeting of the Worship Committee will be Monday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lemon, Chair

PASTOR'S REPORT
October 2017

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”*
— Ephesians 2:8

“It is cynicism and fear that freeze life; it is faith that thaws it out, releases it, sets it free.”
— Harry Emerson Fosdick

In times of Worship together — This summer, we explored “Promised Land Living” as we traveled through the story of Joshua and the people of God heading into Canaan, and considered how we are living in the truth of God’s promises to us as the people of God today. We were blessed by special music, while the Choir was on hiatus, especially by the Sounds of Hope Choir from Santa Maria First UMC and by Connor Petterson singing the song, “Thankful” prior to heading off to Cal Poly, SLO. A highlight in September was Worship in the Park, where we had fun with “The Gospel According to the Wizard of OZ”, with a wonderful kazoo choir, crayon coloring the bulletin covers, and discovering whether we need a new heart, transformed brain, courage or help finding our way home to God. My thanks to Lynn Clock, Bill Ulmer, Sandra Lemon, Kathleen Hacker and others who made this day go smoothly. Now in October, with the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation (and the beginning of the Protestant branch of Christianity’s Family Tree), we are looking at the “Solas/Onlys” that Martin Luther helped us to see, with the series “Nailed It!” (Having some fun with the 95 theses that he nailed to the door of the church in Wittenburg, Germany.) Enjoyed all the pets at our October “Blessing of the Animals” — as well as their humans — and got to bless my first bunny (a beautiful rabbit named Olive.)

We continue our search for a new choir accompanist/pianist to work with our choir — our thanks to our very talented Kathleen Hacker for doing all three jobs (organist/choir director/accompanist!) I completed the plans for Worship from September 2017 to August 2018 and they were discussed at the Worship Committee’s annual meeting in August. In November, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday and Thanksgiving Sunday, as well as hosting the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in our Sanctuary on the Tuesday evening prior to Thanksgiving Day. For Advent/Christmas, we will look at the “Angels Among Us,” and think about the angels’ words before and at the first Christmas and hear the messages for us today. Their messages were often short and to the point – their favorite line being: #DoNotBeAfraid. What would happen if we join with the angels in offering our suffering world messages of #morehope; #morepeace; #morejoy; and #morelove? Our North District Superintendent, the Rev. Jim Powell, will be with us in Worship, preaching on December 10.

In times of Coming Together and Serving together —

We came together for a “Dinner and a Movie” in July and a potluck dinner in September (with another planned for November.) The UMW had a very successful (and delicious) Salad Luncheon and Basket Sale in August. After “Worship in the Park,” we enjoyed a yummy BBQ lunch, put together by Silvia Aguilera and the basketball crew. 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 had Messy Church for each of the summer months — June, July, and August — instead of a more traditional Vacation Bible School. Thank you to all who gave the extra effort to make this happen. Upcoming at the end of October is our Fall Messy Church — with lots of fun with fall leaves and pumpkins, a hay ride, costume parade and “Trunk R Treat”!!

Christian Education — Later this month, I will be leading two studies, based on the book

What on Earth Am I Here For? (The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren.) I also a, 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, starting in January.

Beyond the Local Church — I participate in the Central Coast United Methodist Clergy Cluster meetings and in the Lompoc Interfaith Alliance. I am a member of the North District Union.

Continuing Education — I was not able to attend the Clergy Convocation at the end of August.

This coming weekend, I will be attending the Messy Church National Conference in Huntington Beach.

Upcoming! LOTS!

Commitment Sunday — Sunday, October 22
Reformation Sunday/5th Sunday — Sunday, October 29
Fall Messy Church — Sunday, October 29
Joint Charge Conference — Thursday, November 2 at Christ UMC, Santa Maria
All Saints Sunday — Sunday, November 5
Honoring Veterans — Sunday, November 12
Gingerbread Workshop — Saturday, November 18
Thanksgiving Sunday — Sunday, November 19
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service — Tuesday, November 21
Greening of the Church — Saturday, November 25
UMW Christmas Tea — Saturday, December 1
Christmas Messy Church — Sunday, December 10 “A Night in Bethlehem”
Longest Night Service — Thursday, December 21
Christmas Eve/4th Sunday of Advent — Sunday, December 24
Christmas — Monday, December 25

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.***