

Family Ministries Report – January, February, and March

The end of January we attended the 2017 Youth Leadership Conference at First UMC, Cheyenne, WY. There were about 100 people in attendance. During legislation they passed a resolution to be presented at Annual Conference in June. We also elected new CCYM and District Representatives for the next year. Their terms will begin in August.

From our church we welcome Ben Clegern, Cassie Fanning and Matthew Utley as members at large on CCYM and Abbi Flaming as Peaks & Plains District Representative. Ann Kessler was also nominated and accepted the adult co-chair for CCYM serving a two year term. CCYM stands for Conference Council on Youth Ministry. March 3 & 4 Abbi Flaming, Ben Clegern, Brandon Fidler, Matt Utley and Ann will be attending a CCYM & Youthquest core meeting in Park Hill.

The middle of February four adults and 18 senior high youth went to Glenwood Springs to ski, sled, and swim for a long weekend. They explored their love languages and had a chance to rest and recharge from school and other activities.

A van full of teens and adults helped a woman that had a barn blow down during the wind storm on Christmas. She donated a large sum of money to the kids for their mission trip for their help.

The Family Outreach committee is taking a dinner to the teachers of Truscott as an appreciation of their hard work. Corner 2 Corner and Popcorn is going well with both averaging about 12 kids each day we meet.

Susan Harding and Sarah Clegern are leading the elementary children in a Palm Sunday musical program. Our Club 345 served dinner the first night of the Angel House week and they will go swimming at Chilson for their March meeting. The Lip Sync Battle and Camping by Candlelight dinner went well and was a lot of fun.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Kessler
Director of Family Ministry

Planning and Outreach Update

February 16, 2016

We have many new members of our committee. Many thanks to our new members Rich and Mindy Stiverson, Shirley Wilbur, Sue and John Lussenhop. Returning members Lyle Gilroy and Dan Robinson. In our January and February meetings we reviewed the core beliefs and looked at the current status of the focus areas including the Children and Family Ministries, community outreach, Downtown Outreach, Neighborhood outreach and how that relates to a vision for the church in 10 years.

We agreed to continue with our community presence at the Foote Lagoon Concerts this summer. We are currently pursuing further information about the garden that is being developed by the Truscott elementary kids and finding ways that our church congregation could be of assistance.

Norma Flaming
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March 5, 2017

The group has agreed to having 4 Unit Meeting a year, February, May, September and November. Our first meeting was February 18th. Had a special speaker Rev. Kristi Hornick on Prison Ministry for women. She is the Executive Director for the new program "The Reentry Initiative" Restoring Lives, Reconciling Families, Renewing Communities. Her presentation was excellent. My plan is having her return to give UMW an update on the progress next year.

I have mentioned to Rev. Steve about the interest of having a UMW Sunday in the fall. No details yet. Still need to meet with Rev. Steve and Rev. Jeremiah to discuss the all the details.

I'm still in the learning phase of being the President of UMW here. Even though I was one at Westminster UMC many years ago, it's always a learning process.

Carol Beier, UMW President

Notes from the Worship Committee meeting of February 23, 2017

Attending were Ginny Angelovic, Linda Barrow, Rev. Jeremiah Harris, John & Cees Morgan, Kitty Nutting and Chris White.

Notes from the January meeting were reviewed. Discussion included time used in the congregational greeting. The general feeling was that the time spent contributed to a warm welcome.

Linda Barrow presented a schedule of sanctuary preparations and events for the season of Lent including the following:

Mon., Feb. 27th. - Set sanctuary for Ash Wednesday

Wed., March 15th. — Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 – Communion.

Sun., March 26th. — Order form for the Easter flowers in worship bulletins.

Due to allergies lilies will be limited.

Mon., March 27th. — Order 50 palm fronds for Palm Sunday.

Sun., Apr. 2nd. — Last Sunday to order Easter Flowers.

Mon., Apr. 3rd. — Call-in order for Easter flowers.

Sun., Apr. 9th. — Palm Sunday. Music by children.

Mon., Apr. 10th. — Set sanctuary for Good Friday Ecumenical Worship Service.

Will plan to use black draping on altar, pulpit and modesty panels in choir loft.

Wed., Apr. 12th. or Thurs., Apr. 13. - Easter Flowers delivered in the morning.

Put flowers in Coy Hall East until Saturday morning Apr. 15th.

Fri., April 14th. - Good Friday Ecumenical Service at 7:00. Chancel Choir.

Sat., April 15th. — Reset sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Place flowers, etc. 9a.m.

Sun., Apr. 16th. — Easter Sunday Services.

Mon., Apr. 17th. — Reset sanctuary.

Mark Kessler has arranged a training session for the audio/video system will be held on March 8th from 5:00 to 8:30. All those with an interest are urged to attend.

It has been observed that alter flower sign-up works best at the ask me desk. Silk flowers are available as an alternative when appropriate.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 pm.

John Morgan