

## MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

### Wells Memorial United Methodist Church

Heather Hensarling, Senior Pastor

John Brashier, Associate Pastor

April 29, 2018

#### **Meeting Location:**

Council Chair Elaine Talbott called the meeting to order in the Tonkel Fellowship Center, and Chuck Perkins offered a prayer.

#### **Members and Staff Present:**

Heather Hensarling, John Brashier, Elaine Talbott, Jane Everly, David Hampton, Camille Wright, Snookie Bower, Chuck Perkins, Charles Araujo, Linda Pilgrim, Bob Kersh, and Dian Parkinson

#### **Old Business:**

Camille Wright and Charles Araujo provided an update on the **Tuesday Morning Ministry / Food Pantry (outreach)**. A \$5,000 mission grant was received in December 2017 from the MS Conference of the United Methodist Church. A grant report to the conference on how funds were spent is due in September. Charles is working on organizational processes to focus on delivery of services to the clients. Needed physical and cosmetic improvements to the spaces used for this ministry were discussed. Resource Directories from Hinds County Resource Agency are provided to Tuesday clients and are also available in the church information areas. Clients of the medical ministry are being transitioned to Mission First, a ministry of First Baptist Church of Jackson.

#### **New Business:**

1. **Camille Wright** shared information/ideas/questions related to outreach and health/wellness:
  - Should church acquire used wheelchairs to support those who need them?
  - Should we offer a CPR class on a Wednesday or Saturday?
  - **Kroger Community Rewards Program** – Annual renewal of Wells as designated beneficiary of charitable funds may be a need. An organizer of this effort is needed. Info should be sent to staff for bulletin or email announcement if desired. Someone could sign up using laptop on Sunday or Wednesday.
  - **Free eye screening information** has been sent to Galloway School
2. **Charles Araujo** proposed exploring the creation of a separate 501(c)3 non-profit to support the food pantry / neighborhood ministries / social service delivery. He shared a handout that included cost benefits and general steps to starting a non-profit in Mississippi. Discussion included the separation of worship/devotion and federal funds, development of a vision for the non-profit, Charles' potential to include social work interns to help with case management since he has the credentials to supervise their internships.
3. **Rev. Heather Hensarling** reported on activities designed to grow the greeter/usher ministries and a Stephen Ministry. She also provided information from the nominating committee on the possibility of merging the council on ministries and the administrative board into an administrative council. Additionally, the Nominating Committee will be looking at replacing Kimberly Griffin as Witness Ministry Chair on the council. She plans to meet with outreach ministries to see what their needs are.

**Decisions Made:**

1. Charles will form an ad hoc committee and continue to research the advantages and disadvantages of starting a new non-profit to support social service delivery in the church neighborhood. He will bring information back to the group at a future meeting.

**Follow-up items for next meeting:**

1. Kroger charitable rewards program
2. Status of Tuesday Morning Ministries Grant
3. Charles Araujo's proposal

**Next Meeting Date:**

July 29