

The LFUMC Messenger

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Pastor's Path

"Revitalization"

By: Rev. Chuck Cram

I'm certain most of you have noticed the new logo of the United Methodist cross and flame above the entrance to the office by now – and from everything I have heard, it has been well received- everyone seems to think it looks great!

I would have to agree; I think it does look great. But what is even better is what the new logo on our building truly represents. You see, this is one of the first projects that has emerged from our new revitalization plan and the number of people and steps involved is quite an inspiration. The system actually works!

It was almost a year ago-September of 2015-when I first shared a 15-page document with the congregation that framed some of my dreams for revitalization. Some of those dreams are now beginning to take shape. We have secured some long-term financing so we can continue to improve and recondition our building. The marketing plans that we began are beginning to pay dividends. We have had new members join the church for the first time in a long time. More are on the way. We are holding new member classes, have special events scheduled like the Inclusive Experience, our social media outreach has grown from around 30 followers to over 200 in the last year. The PNW Conference



August 2016

Weekly Events

Sundays

- Bell Choir Rehearsal 8:30am
- Adult Sunday School - 9:15am
- Worship - 10:30am
- Coffee Shop - 11:30am
- Youth Group Bible Study - 12pm

Tuesdays

- Bible Discussion - 10am

Regular Monthly Meetings

SPRC: 1st Tuesday - 6:30pm -

Liz Chavez

Worship Committee: 1st Wednesday -
4:00pm - Meurial Nystrom

Salvation Army Dinner: 2nd
Wednesday - 3:00pm

*Trustees: 2nd Thursday - 6:00pm -
Monte Boardman

*UMW - 3rd Wednesday - 10:00am -
Mary McNish & Kathy Bostrom

Men's Breakfast: 3rd Saturday -
9:00am - Main Street Grill

Church Council: 4th Thursday -
7:00pm - Cottie Hood

*Meetings Re-Start in September

REVITALIZATION STEERING COMMITTEE

July 28, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Chuck Cram, Donna Weaver, Bob Morton, Jim Hood, Sally Davies, Monte Boardman
Cottie Hood

Donna Weaver agreed to be the facilitator and Monte B. agreed to take minutes for this meeting only.

Updates: Planters were finished very professionally with great acceptance. The Flame and Cross over the entrance was very well received by all.

Vanessa is still in contact with both WSU and Uof I to find exterior design students interested in practicing their skills on changes for our church exterior. Job boards will be made available for communication.

Narthex improvement: The group toured the Narthex to brainstorm ideas for improvement. We identified the things it is used for now and uses in the future to identify what areas are necessary.

It is used or could be used for nametags, welcome center info, espresso station, food bank items, school supplies, as a mingle area, bulletins, bell storage, usher work area and item storage, hearing devices storage and coat closet.

A motion was made and seconded to spend under \$2000 on the Narthex area and that Trustees can OK the work.

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$350 to improve the hallway lighting.

It was decided the bell storage would be moved into the sanctuary into a new cabinet with roll out shelves for the bell boxes to lay on behind lockable doors.

The collection of school supplies and food bank items will move to the Fellowship Hall.

Chuck presented a sketch of a feasible Narthex change plan.

A motion made and seconded to allow Chuck \$750 to proceed with the Welcome Center cabinet.

The hearing devices are rarely used and have been discarded.

From Judy Higgins on the sale of the property we have another interested buyer that has contacted 2 contractors to discuss feasibility of building the home she has in mind.

The next meeting will be Tuesday Aug 30 4pm.

Opportunity To Serve

Lewiston First UMC will be needing a Coordinator for Family Promise to begin October 1st. This person and the coordinator of the First Nazarene Church work together to find volunteers to help during our weeks to co-host Family Promise. The hosting week occurs approximately once every two months. Please consider this opportunity to serve homeless families in the LC Valley. Contact anyone on the Outreach Committee for more information!

Gayla, Sue D., Sally, Cottie, Barb Maple, Mary Mc. and Colleen.

Many members quietly do things for our church that most of us are not even aware of. I'd like to see us tell more stories about these good people and events in our news letter. To start this off, here is the story about Gary Chesnut's leadership and effort to turn the car so generously donated by our former janitor, Allen Helm, into a significant cash donation for our church. Without his leadership, most of the value in that car would have been lost.

When we first saw this car it was a very sorry sight parked behind our church. It was dirty, full of junk, damaged and had missing parts. There was no paperwork such as title, registration or insurance. We couldn't talk to the owner, Allen Helm, because he was in jail. Thankfully, Gary Chesnut owns a used car lot and has experience dealing with cars like this. With Gary's leadership I was able to help him get this car ready for sale and we got full value for it. Gary gave me credit in church for helping him with this car but he deserves most of the credit for making things easy for me to help make this project a great success.

Carl Paulson

Thank You!

Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2016

In Attendance: Rev Chuck Cram, Monte Boardman, Meuriel Nystrom & Cottie Hood.

Cottie opened the meeting with a prayer.

Finance Committee: The general fund is comfortable and doing well for the summer. Lani Hofer & Sue Driskill are the 2 new signatories who will be added to the General Fund checking account.

Steering Committee: Chuck gave a brief synopsis of the Revitalization Committee's most recent meeting: Larry Ballantyne has finished stonework around the planters. Gayla Ballantyne and Sally Davies have filled them with plants. Vanessa is continuing to pursue possibilities for landscaping advice from a variety of sources. The committee did a walk thru of the Narthex; several people volunteered to undertake tasks. The Welcome Center's design was presented and accepted. Completion is estimated to be within the next few weeks.

SPR: Liz (via Cottie) reports that all is smooth.

Trustees: Chuck reported on some Land Title discoveries on the property he is buying. Motion was made by Meuriel and seconded by Monte to accept the revised Offer of Purchase by Chuck & Heidi to reflect the additional 1.5% interest required to be charged. Motion passed.

UMW: No Report.

Worship: Meuriel reported that the committee has discussed ideas to celebrate each specific season. Labor Day theme is to celebrate the working folks. Training for ushers and the greeters is to be done when the work finishes on the Welcome Center.

Lay Leader: No report.

Pastor's Report: Chuck introduced Fear of the Other, book to be used in the Inclusive Experience series, beginning on Wednesday nights from Sept. 7 to Nov 16. Clarkston UMC will also be involved and their bus will be used as needed. Chuck will be launching another sermon series on "Peace" this Sunday for 4 Sundays. He told us about the Peace Pole project and the Shower of Stoles project. Motion was made, seconded and passed to spend \$100 for a Peace Pole and monies for related expenses.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chuck and Arrie have done research on replacing the office computer and the pastor's computer and got several bids. Council approved the purchase of a new office computer from the Computer Doctor for \$950, Cloud storage for \$200/year and software from TechSoup for \$20/month for the first year and \$30/month for each year after.

Discussion was held on ways to connect with the Montessori families. Kathleen Porter is the new owner.

Next meeting will be August 25.

Acting Secretary,
Monte Boardman



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This is just a preliminary schedule, please be sure to watch the bulletins and your email inbox for any changes.

Date:	Time and Experience	Description	Location/Leader
Wed, Sept 7th	6:00PM – 9:00PM Dinner & Movie	"Zootopia"	Lewiston UMC/Chuck
Wed, Sept 14th	7PM – 8:30PM – Book Study, Part 1	"Fear of the Other"	LWS-Chuck
Wed, Sept 21	7PM-8:30PM – Book Study, Part 2	"Fear of the Other"	Clark-Cody
Wed, Sept 28	6PM – 9PM – Dinner & Movie	"Avatar"	Orchards-Mike
Wed, Oct 5	7PM – 8:30PM – Virtual Tours	Misc experiences	LWS-Chuck
Wed, Oct 12	7PM – 8:30PM – TV Show	"Twilight Zone"	Clark-Cody
Wed, Oct 19	6PM – 9PM – Dinner & Movie	"Selma"	LWS-Chuck
Wed, Oct 26	7PM – 8:30PM – Shower of Stoles Project		LWS-Chuck
Wed, Nov 2	7PM – 8:30PM – Let's look at scripture	"Bible Study"	Orch-Mike, Cody, Chuck
Wed, Nov 9	6PM- 9PM – Dinner & Movie	"Act of Love"	LWS – Chuck
Wed, Nov 16	7PM – 8:30PM – Tattoos & Other	"Guest Speakers"	LWS - Chuck

August Service Schedule

Greeters:

07 - Rita Mills & Herb Hobbs
14 - Carl & Susie Paulson
21 - Mary Jacobs & Wilma Greene
28 - Fred & Donna Weaver

Liturgists:

07 - Rita Mills
14 - Colleen Mahoney
21 - Susie Paulson
28 - Kathy Bostrom

Accompanists:

07 - Laureen Trail
14 - Anna Geidl
21 - Laureen Trail
28 - Hymnal Plus

Ushers:

07 - Jim Hood & Larry Ballantyne
14 - Lois Chesnut & Lois Woelfel
21 - The Forge Family
28 - Mary McNish & Jim Bostrom

Counters:

07 - Jim Hood & Patty Mills
14 - Meuriel Nystrom & Carl Paulson
21 - Cottie Hood & Lois Woelfel
28 - Fred Weaver & Leonard O'Brien

Coffee Shop:

05 - Potluck
12 -
19 -
26 -

Summer Lawn Mowing Schedule

August

01 - Robbin Stewart & Carl Paulson
08 - Jim Hood & Dave Silva
15 - Troy Stoddard & Larry Ballantyne

22 - Monte Boardman & Bill Schrupp
29 - Robbin Stewart & Bill Schrupp

September

01 - Jim Hood & Dave Silva
12 - Troy Stoddard & Larry Ballantyne

19 - Monte Boardman & Bill Schrupp
26 - Robbin Stewart & Carl Paulson

October

03 - Jim Hood & Dave Silva
10 - Troy Stoddard & Larry Ballantyne

17 - Monte Boardman & Bill Schrupp

Birthdays August

05 - Becky Riendeau
05 - Wilma Greene
08 - Taylor Forge
11 - Chuck Cram

14 - Kiera Chesnut
18 - Laryn Stoddard
19 - Emma Vogel
21 - Kay Walker

24 - Gayla Ballantyne
25 - Eva Mathewson
25 - Leonard O'Brien
27 - Susie Paulson

31 - Jim Walker

September

05 - Marguerite Sitton
05 - Mary Jacobs
12 - Dennis Riendeau

12 - Patty Mills
16 - Sharon Ripley
18 - Ralph Mathewson

20 - Alianna Cash
20 - Doris Ann Winschell
24 - Monte Boardman

October

01 - Kent Bostrom
02 - Rhonda Edens
03 - Allan Helm

11 - Billie Wensman
11 - Boyd Harrison
17 - Joe Ingram

18 - Billy Wilson
25 - Larry Dean
28 - Linda Ellis

31 - Lois Chesnut

Thank You from:

Homes of Hope, supporting foster children, was delighted with the suitcases Mary and Stan McNish delivered. Children who came with their personal items and clothes in paper sacks now have their very own suitcase. Thanks so much to all who participated in this effort. There is opportunity at Homes of Hope for volunteers to help place school supplies in back packs and to help outfit children with new clothes for school. Idaho vouchers to help with these expenses are no longer available. Please call the church office for more more information.

September Potluck

The church potluck for September will be on Sunday, September 11th and will be hosted by the Cookbook Committee.

Please come and bring a salad, side dish or dessert from the Cookbook. Accompany your food with a note with the name of the Recipe and the Page No. in the cookbook where it appears. Main Dishes will be furnished by the Cookbook Committee.

Amen! Lets Eat!



REMINDER:
THE YWCA
IS STILL COLLECTING
CHILDREN'S BOOKS
TO HELP FAMILIES IN
NEED. YOU CAN BRING
THE BOOKS HERE
TO THE CHURCH
AND WE CAN SAVE
YOU A TRIP!

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has noticed that something is happening and our congregation was awarded the "Risk Taking Ministry" award for 2015. Our ads in the Lewiston Tribune continue to garner attention.

A few months ago we launched a "Steering Committee" that was charged with the responsibilities of prioritizing and supervising the many projects we have planned; particularly those that involve some building upgrades and remodels. The new look in the entrance area is a direct result of the steering committee. One of the priorities turned out to be a consensus that you only get one chance to make a first impression; as a result we have begun work on making the best first impression we can. Watch for more improvements coming soon on the covered entrance area to the sanctuary and the lobby of the sanctuary.



Upgrades to Fellowship Hall are about next on the agenda. This project will be a large undertaking and will need to be coordinated with all scheduled events and may include some outside contractors. It will take some time, so your patience is appreciated; and so is your input. Just because the steering committee has formed doesn't mean it is closed; if you have any ideas, opinions or input, come join us. This is a group effort and we are all in this together!

I am so proud to be associated with this congregation. Your spirit of adventure, your ability to think creatively and "outside the box" as they say, your trust and confidence that you have placed in our leadership and your willingness to risk is something to be proud of. I've had little to do with those things; I simply pointed in the direction I thought we should head and you responded. I honestly believe we are turning the page on a new chapter for Lewiston First United Methodist and it is an exciting time to be your pastor! Thank you so much for who you are.

It is an honor and a privilege to be your pastor.

Peace,
Chuck
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PASTOR'S PATH - (CONTINUED)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 SPR MEETING 6:30P	3 WORSHIP COMMITTEE 4:00P	4	5	6 FAMILY PROMISE END
7	8	9	10 SALVATION ARMY DINNER 3:00P	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 MEN'S BREAKFAST 9:00A
21	22	23	24	25 CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00P	26	27
28	29	30 STEERING COMMITTEE 4:00P	31			

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25	26	27	28	29	30	

We welcome you to Lewiston First United Methodist Church! Our church is always open to all the children of God in all our wondrous diversity. Our Services are lively, informative, thought provoking and relevant to the challenges of living in the 21st Century. It is our view the warmth of the Spirit will be evident every time we gather for worship, Bible discussion or a



small group Discipleship gathering. We hope the love of the Divine will bring you comfort and serenity in our sometimes stressful and chaotic lives. Thank you for taking a minute to look over this newsletter and we hope to see you again in the near future, so you can *share our view!*

Church Office Hours

8:00am - 12:00pm

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