

Minutes: Committee on Outreach, Mission, and Evangelism (COME)
Springdale United Methodist Church
January 15, 2023

In attendance: Paula Rogers(chair), Jo Leighty, Lynda Ambrose, Julie Mather, Diane Heick

Joys and Concerns were shared. Paula shared a devotion on admonishment.

Minutes from the September 25, 2022 meeting were distributed for review. Jo motioned to approve, Diane seconded.

Goals for 2023 were discussed.

OUTREACH GOALS

- Review and update informational insert for placement in hymnals.
 - at next meeting Paula will bring supplies to make new page marker inserts for hymnals.
- Create card for placement in pews for prayer requests. People would fill out with prayer request and address so a card can be sent to let them know they are being prayed for. Will also need a spot to collect cards.
- Lynda will contact Deb Schoenfelder for suggestions on how to continue group email for prayer concerns.
- Paula will update current church brochure, possibly adding information about Little Library.
- Create church t-shirt to wear when volunteering, also possibly an apron type that could be worn over a coat.
- Paula will look at the button maker COME already has to see if we can also make a button to wear when volunteering at an event.
- Paula will check with Crestview to see if we can resume any of the activities that have been on hold since COVID restrictions started.

MISSION GOALS

- Diane will update Mission Bulletin Board

EVANGELISM GOALS

- Adopt same goals as 2022, removing line about church answering machine.

After discussing goals for 2023 we discussed current needs

OUTREACH

- Worship attendance sheets-Jo has info for 2022, need to compile into a form
- Main Street West Branch is making welcome baskets for residents new to West Branch, Paula will get them info to add about Springdale UMC.
- What more can we do? Possible ideas: host event to help elder community with cell phones and laptops, host babysitting event around Valentines day or Christmas shopping time, parades, Hoover Hometown day, young mom class.

MISSION

- Selected Special Offering Sundays for 2023
 - UMCOR-March 19, 2023
 - Peace with Justice-June 4, 2023
 - Christian Education Sunday-September 10, 2023
 - 38% goes to supporting church camps, thought might be able to tie in with start of Sunday school
 - Will also do Ingathering in the fall
- need to brainstorm on what else we can do.
- Julie, Lynda, and Diane will make a list of what was collected for 2022
- Ruth may line up a time to volunteer at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois and could deliver the items then.

EVANGELISM

- will bring ideas to next meeting on what more we could be doing.

Next meeting—February 26 after church, bring a sack lunch, will also assemble hymn bookmarks.