

**Worthington United Methodist Church Evangelism Team Meeting**  
**January 5, 2010**  
**Minutes**

The minutes were emailed prior to the meeting and approved at the meeting as distributed.

Judy distributed the WUMC Evangelism Team Job Description and the 2010 Goals for the Evangelism Team. The changes in 2010:

- (1) Ushers will fall under the Evangelism Team and Evangelism will assist with training;
- (2) Evangelism will establish and train greeter teams;
- (3) Evangelism will establish greeter and usher teams for special events, such as weddings, funerals, and other special events;
- (4) Evangelism will work with Board of Trustees to develop and install a Way Finding System both outside and inside the church;
- (5) Evangelism will provide name tags for all members who request one and for children.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

\***Welcome Center**- Al and Mysel Mathews will continue to lead. Workers in the Welcome Center are scheduled through January. Welcome Center times are 8:40–9 a.m. and 10-10:15 a.m. Persons in the Welcome Center need to wear their name tags and remember to also attach the “Tell me if you are a first time visitor” tag to it.

\***Greeters**—Eleanor has all of January scheduled and most of February. Greeter times are 8:40 – 9 a.m. and 10:45 – 11 a.m.

\***Attendance Cards**—Gari Aber reported that the Attendance Cards are going well. The time involved in gathering Attendance Cards and tracking necessary information takes only about 10 minutes now. We do not need as many people to serve on the team. Gari will check to find out who wants to remain on the Attendance Cards team. Gari and David are working on merging the Attendance Card and First Time Visitor duties. It is possible that the person who is working in the office will sort the attendance cards during the church service and make a copy of the First Time Visitor cards for the “FTV” caller to pick up immediately after the second service.

\***First-Time Visitor Calling**--David wants us to introduce First Time Visitors to Cyndy or him on Sunday mornings. Also, David likes to be reminded by the First Time Visitor caller the names of the people who signed as a First Time Visitor right after the last service. Reports on contact with First Time Visitors should be sent to David by email. It makes a very good impression if the First Time Visitor Caller makes calls sometime on Sunday afternoon or evening. If that is not possible, the calls need to be made on Monday. Gari and Eleanor will work on First Time Visitor calling scripts.

\***Ushers** - Terry Wilson and Dick Byrd are Co-Captains for the Ushers. Cyndy, David, and Judy will hold a training session for the Captains later this month. There will be expanded duties and a learning curve for some of the ushers on the team. Terry and Dick are contacting persons who have expressed an interest in ushering on the recent Interest Finders. Ushers are also needed to cover special events.

\***Greeter Teams** - Ushers and greeters will be a part of the Greeter Team for concerts, weddings, funerals, special events and the Cluster Conference.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Name Tags--** David said the 1/10/10 Sunday bulletin will have a notice for members who need name tags to let the church know so they can be made as soon as possible. Children's tags will have first names on front and last names on back.

**Proposal for Signs to Trustees.**

Al Mathews will attend the February Trustees Meeting to discuss having a Way Finding System starting from outside the church on High Street and the parking lots at the back to inside the church to and including every room in the building. Some signs are expensive, so this project will likely take an extended period of time to accomplish.

**New Member Classes--** New Member Classes will be expanded from one Sunday to three sessions on three different Sundays. Persons interested in joining will share in a Pizza with the Pastors event which will offer an informal time to visit and ask questions of the pastors. There will be three New Member Series this year. The dates are as follows:

- 01/24 Pizza w/Pastors—
- 02/21 1<sup>st</sup> Class—5-7 p.m.— Meeting with clergy and member of Evangelism team
- 02/28 2<sup>nd</sup> Class—5-7 p.m.—Meet with clergy
- 03/07 3<sup>rd</sup> Class—5-7 p.m.—Meet with clergy and Evangelism team
- 03/14 Join church

The structure will be essentially the same for the following two sets of classes:

- 07/11, 07/25, 08/01, 08/08, JOIN 08/15.
- 09/19, 10/03, 10/10, 10/17, JOIN 10/24.

**Church Picnic—Judy.**

The church picnic is scheduled for July 18.

**Mission Statement**

Judy asked everyone to read the Mission Statement. Some inquiries were made about retaining our members and the process of what happens when people ask to transfer membership. Are there exit interviews? Is there a way to track and connect with people who haven't attended for awhile? David reported that Cyndy is looking at ways to be more open to the community including opening the rest rooms on Saturdays when there are festivals and events in downtown Worthington.