

DUNCAN MEMORIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
March Meeting Summary

The council met on March 17 and reports were given by the pastor, lay leader, trustees, and Finance Team. Minutes of the February meeting were approved. Pastor Hindman reported we had 115 people at our two Ash Wednesday services and based upon that response we will participate in an ecumenical “Stations of the Cross” service (in partnership with St. Ann’s Catholic Church and R-MC) on Good Friday. The Beacon services are only one Tuesday per month now, but we are having a Service of Healing on Tuesday, April 5. Easter Sunday we will receive new members. Teena Chinn attended a conference on the new songbook, *Worship & Song* (the follow-up to *The United Methodist Hymnal* and *The Faith We Sing* resources) and we will begin using them soon.

On May 22, at Wright’s Chapel, there will be a “celebration” in honor of Mark Ogren, Superintendent, and the Ashland District, which will end July 1, 2011.

The Finance Team reported that we are spending over budget currently, but that is because he have had to pay some expenses in advance and those will even out as the year progresses. We have paid our apportionments each month.

Trustees report that the drainage problem in the parking lot is soon to be addressed and there may have been a solution to the boiler problems for the sanctuary heating system. Meanwhile accessibility issues have been researched and are on hold until after the drainage problem is fixed. Trustees also noted that John Hudson has been an incredible asset to the church in that he has done so much in repair and maintenance that most people do not realize.

Van Use and Kitchen Use Policies were presented and there was considerable discussion. There were questions generated that need to be answered before a vote at the April meeting. The Worship Team will also have a revised Wedding Policy proposal to be presented at the next council meeting.

The *Financial Peace University* had ten couples sign up for participation.

Team leaders will be asked to bring reports to council meetings quarterly beginning in April.

The next council meeting is the second Thursday of April (14th), a change due to conflict with the Maundy Thursday service.