

Christian Education Minutes
Wednesday, Aug. 30 - 12 noon

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 13
Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009 - noon

Attending: Carolyn Douglas, Donna Robinett, Jim Janovick, Pastor Linda Hanson, Wes Mathes and Carl Duling

Confirmation: Pastor Linda gave us her list of expectations and suggestions for confirmation. She will use one-year confirmation material which is specific to UCC. The confirmands will meet Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. at the church. We still want to have a meeting with parents before confirmation begins, which will be

The confirmands will be asked to attend Sunday School with Carl Duling as teacher on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, starting September 20, and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays they will be asked to participate in the worship service in various capacities, such as reading scripture, lighting candles, ushering, and learning how to set the sound board. It was suggested that they could come up with a design for t-shirts or sweatshirts, design a calendar, take part in the Crop Walk and help with a children's sermon. We questioned whether we would have mentors for each confirmand. They will meet with members of Diaconate following their studies and would be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday.

Wes and Carolyn will help the confirmands plan a fund raiser for Confirmation Camp, which is held in October. There will be a Bike Ride for the Trail through Madrid and the youth could also have a booth and sell sandwiches, etc. We need more information on this subject.

Teachers: Carolyn Douglas will teach preschool, Donna will teach K-2, with help from Brenna and anyone else who wants to help, and Jim Janovick will mentor the older students. Robin Brown has agreed to coordinate the crafts and snacks. We can always use help with Sunday School. Denny Davis has volunteered to help with mentoring. Sunday School will begin at 9:15 a.m. and be out at 10:15 a.m.

Snacks: We have decided to have the teachers alternate bringing snacks.

Supply room: The cupboards which were taken out of the pastor's study have been moved to the "stage" room behind the partitions so that we can have a place for our supplies. We still need to organize the area, but it is a start. Thanks to John and Jim Janovick!!!

Move choir robes? The robes and music remain in the upstairs classroom. This is now Jim Janovick's room and Carl has taken over the "stage" classroom for the confirmands. Pastor Linda would like to group the confirmands with youth group, so that there is more continuity in planning.

Carolyn and Donna meet at the church on August 25 and started the clean-up and organizational process for Sunday School.

Pastor Linda brought up the need for a "safe" church and will bring this to the board's attention. This includes a standardized permission slip for all church events involving children and youth.

Donna will put together a list of students and parents names and addresses so that we have that information on hand, and will send out post cards to our students and prospective students.

submitted by Donna Robinett