

**STATED MONTHLY SESSION MEETING**  
**May 11, 2010**

The Session of Memorial Presbyterian Church of Appleton, WI held its stated monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 7:15 p.m. in the church lounge. Rev. Darryl Baker opened the meeting with prayer.

Elders Present:

Class of 2010

Carol Bloemer  
Tracey Hornung  
Lisa Lux  
Calvin Manuel  
Kevin Loomans

Class of 2011

Beth Lepinski  
Tom Neal  
Lynne Selle  
Nancy Umland

Class of 2012

Travis Andersen  
Jim Bowman  
Scott Kornish  
Laurie McCulloch

Pastoral Staff Present:

Rev. Darryl Baker  
Rev. Sara Ver Burg

Other Staff Present:

Linda Boldt, Lay Ministry Coordinator  
Ellen Braatz, Director of Christian Education  
Shirley Collins, Clerk of Session

Others Present:

Greg Braatz, Vision Task Force Representative  
Carol Foss, Deacon Representative

Devotions Led by:

Nancy Umland

**M/S/C:** to accept the agenda.

Clerk's Report:

**M/S/C:** to excuse Travis Andersen.

**M/S/C:** to accept the minutes from the April 13, 2010 Session Meeting.

**M/S/C:** to accept the minutes from the Special Congregational Meeting on May 2, 2010.

**M/S/C:** to allow the Watercolor Class 101 to meet on Wednesdays from 12:00-3:00 p.m. from May 19 through September 29, 2010, in the Music Room, with fees waived.

**M/S/C:** to send a letter of transfer for Sarah Dodge to the First United Methodist Church in Decorah, Iowa.

**M/S/C:** to remove Ginger Werwie from the membership rolls, at her request.

Update from Visioning Task Force:

A written report was distributed.

## Ministry Team Reports:

### Business and Finance

The Personnel Action Group talked about staffing. The action group is working on a Personnel Policies manual.

**M/S/C:** to receive and file for audit the March and April financial statements.

The Property Action Group prioritized some repairs including: sump pump repair for \$800; office window treatments for \$1,400; parking lot repairs for \$2,000; and boiler pump repair for \$400-\$500.

### Membership Nurture and Development

The Membership Renewal Action Group met and sent cards saying either "We miss you," or "Glad to see you back" to about 50 members. They have decided to stop writing cards to about 32 families, but will continue contacting eight families. Eight other families are now attending more regularly. The elder team will be looking at visitor care.

About 43 people attended the Dead Sea Scrolls museum trip; approximately 15-20 people attended the Mother's Day Tea; and 15 people participated in the Road Rally.

They would like to do outreach to families with young children who haven't been to Sunday School.

### Mission and Outreach

**M/S/C:** to endorse the Presbytery Grants for Project Bridges for \$2,000.00 and Fox Valley Warming Shelter Building Fund for \$5,000.00.

**M/S/C:** to collect a freewill offering on June 20, 2010, for Debbie Chase for the Malawi mission.

### Worship and Education

The Youth Fellowship groups will take a summer trip to Noah's Ark.

There will be two youth groups: one for 8-12 graders; and one for 5-6 graders.

During Sunday School teacher recruitment, most of the teaching positions were filled. However, a few more teachers are needed for the 2-3 year old class, the 4-5 year old class, and Senior High class. Also some Youth Fellowship leaders are needed.

The Adult Education program has been developed for 2010-2011.

## Youth Elder Report:

Over \$1,000.00 has been raised from the stock certificate sales, and \$149.50 was raised from root beer floats, to benefit the Senior High Work Trip this summer.

**M/S/C:** to approve Greg Braatz, Jacob Johnson, and Calvin Manuel to administer communion during the Senior High Work Trip.



Deacons Report:

Pastor Baker led a discussion on the need for deacons to take on an increased level of care for members, as Pastor Sara is leaving.  
At their April meeting, the Deacons prepared for Deacon Sunday, to be held on May 2, 2010.

Staff Reports:

Director of Christian Education:

A written report was distributed.

Lay Ministry Coordinator:

A written report was distributed.  
On Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Welcoming Walls Dinner. Session guests should RSVP with Linda.

Associate Pastor

**M/S/C:** to hold a Special Session meeting on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to accept the confirmands as members.

Interim Pastor

A written report was distributed.

Commissioners' Report from May Presbytery Meeting

Lori and Dan Cramer wrote a letter of support for Pastor Sara which was read at the public reception of Pastor Sara's dissolution request.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Baker.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Collins  
Clerk of Session

Membership Status as of April 12, 2010 .....	487
Additions .....	0
Losses .....	3
Charles "Chick" Fenlon, who passed away on May 1, 2010	
Sarah Dodge, who transferred her membership to First United Methodist Church in Decorah, Iowa.	
Ginger Werwie, removed from membership rolls at her request	
Membership Status as of May 11, 2010 .....	484