



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OVIEDO

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Call to Order:

Chairperson, Eric Spriggs, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A copy of the "Attendance Sheet" for this meeting is attached to these minutes for the file. Registered were 20 members. A copy of the "Agenda" is attached for the file.

I. Loving:

A. **Opening Prayer:** Prayer by Chairperson Spriggs

B. **Invitation to Glory & God Sightings:**

- Lynell Pacey thanked the Trustees for a great job on the fundraiser for the new tables and chairs
- Brian Boyington thanked God for the buyer who agreed to purchase 100+ of the old chairs.

C. **Devotion** by Kathryn Halterman

Scripture reading: Proverbs 3: 5-6. Trusting with all our hearts and just relying on God is sometimes hard to do. We should acknowledge God in all we do. Read: John Wesley's prayer of surrender:

"I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

II. Richard Hood, Boy Scouts

Richard prepared a very interesting Power Point presentation with pictures and statistics on Scouting at FUMCO, Boy Scout Troop 608 and Cub Scout Pack 608.

- The program of the Boy Scouts of America is administered through 272 local councils with six in Florida. We are included with the Central Florida Council in Apopka which has nine districts with ours in Seminole County.
- Programs within the Boy Scouts of America: Pack, Troop, Venturing, Sea Scouting, Exploring. We have the first two. Cub Scouts include Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Weeblos. Boy Scouts "age out" at 18 years of age.
- Both parent participation and adult leadership is high with both troops. Lists of planned activities for the year for both troops was provided along with names of those in leadership positions.
- In the organization, there are also "Girls in Cub Scouts" and "Girls in Boy Scouts", but scouting at FUMCO is limited to boys at this time. (Full report copied for the file.)

III. Leading:

A. Actions:

1. a. Approval of Minutes from the February 2019 meeting.

Motion by Brian Boyington: To accept the minutes of the February 25, 2019, meeting of the Administrative Council as written. Seconded by Margaret Morris. Vote called. All in favor

2. Business Area Reports/Requests

Treasurer/Finance Reports

a. Report from the Treasurer:

Two written reports on the financial condition of the church as of February 28, 2019, were prepared by Treasurer, Kevin Kranz, and reviewed with the group by Finance Committee Chair, Jon Sauter. The reports state that for the month of February, the church received total revenues of \$83,526.23, against total expenses of \$123,116.17 for the month for a net loss of \$39,589.94. Year to date income is \$154,336.91 with expenses at \$221,699.29.

On February 28, 2019, the church had a total of \$784,561.51 available in cash on hand in the church's combined checking and savings accounts at Citizens Bank of Florida. Net balance of the 'Under One Campaign' was \$94,340.25

Comments from Kevin: It should be noted that the cash shortfall for the month of February was due to the payment of our annual hazard and liability insurance in the amount of \$50,953.38. We have an option to pay the insurance in quarterly installments, but by paying in full we receive a discount of about \$1,000. Although it creates a large cash shortfall for the month and YTD, we had the funds available to pay the full premium and since the discount exceeds the amount of interest we would earn we made the full payment as we have done in prior years.

Charitable giving as of February 28 was still lagging behind the amount expected based our historical giving model (\$27,195.88 shortfall) and actual giving at the same point in 2018 (\$20,077.89 shortfall), but we have seen some improvement in this gap during March. As of week #11 (03/17/19), 2019 charitable giving was running about \$11,000 behind the same week in 2018.

Giving to the Under One campaign for February was very similar to January with \$5,694.50 received. This represents about 37% of our monthly mortgage payment. After receipt of these funds and disbursement of our February payment, we had 6.1 payments in reserve, down from 6.7 payments as of January 31.

b. Report from Finance Committee, Chairperson, Jon Sauter:

Jon reported that the Finance Committee is continuing to review revenue shortfalls. The Finance Chair and Kathy Taylor continue to watch the required use of restricted account funds prior to general budget use. Stewardship results are – 83 pledges for \$481,577 (40% of budgeted tithes and offerings) Tom Polhill will be conducting our 2018 audit.

Annual review of Financial Controls, Policies and Procedures for the conference is underway.

IMAGINE Program:

Trustees and Finance are continuing our reserve studies for future deferred maintenance expenses for roof, A/C, IT and A/V replacements and interior/exterior painting. Plans are to incorporate these results into the 2020 Budget. Plans for a narrative budget are being formulated to include preparations for a brochure.

Jon provided printed reports for Council review:

- Under One Campaign – Receipt Totals by Month for 2016 – February 2019.
- Principal and interest calculations beginning with first P & I payment due 5/01/10

(Full reports copied for the file.)

3. Staff Parish Relations – Frankie Godwin

We held a very successful celebration send-off for Megan Keiser on March 3. Then, on March 10, we invited the youth and their parents for Tacos for Jesus – Lettuce us talk – for input on how to take the program to the next level. Staff Parish and Youth Council are working together on a plan to move forward, interrupted briefly by Spring Break.

On March 14 Gwen Hubbs submitted her resignation as our Facilities Manager effective immediately. She has taken a full-time position at UCF. Staff Parish will meet next on April 1 to determine how to proceed with this very important position but in the meantime, Charlene Davis and Chris Brown are making do. Bless you both, as always!

Finally, you already know that the work of Staff Parish is confidential, but I want to share with you an amazing example of God's timing that we have been privileged to watch unfold over the last few months:

In December, Damien Herrington and his wife, Shawna, who is Pastor Patina's daughter, decided they would leave their jobs in Tampa and move to Oviedo. They had been feeling the pull to do so for several months, so they jumped out on faith. We had been looking for over a year for a male influence in the Youth program, so we offered Damien 10 hours a week, effective January 1, and he accepted, knowing that he would also need to seek work elsewhere.

On December 17 and just before Christmas holidays, Tony Awtry suddenly tendered his resignation with a two-week notice. Knowing that Damien had some technology skills, we asked Tony to interview him to determine if he would be a suitable candidate for that position. Tony gave him high marks but suggested that based on the work that Tony had already done to upgrade and protect our IT systems, the position could be reduced in hours. We offered Damien 10 IT hours, and he accepted. So now he's at 20 hours a week.

Fast forward to last month when our AV contractor left. Damien had already made some significant contributions to the 9:30 service, and we knew that he had worked a similar board at his church in Tampa. Based on that, we offered him those additional 10 hours, putting him at 30 hours a week.

In late February, of course, Megan gave her notice, which meant we had to quickly figure out an interim plan for Youth, so we upped Damien's Youth hours from 10 to 15. Now he's at 35. This also opened up the Talbot House, and we have offered that property to Damien and Shawna. Before they moved to Oviedo, they made plans to rent a cottage on a large tract of property off Lockwood Road. Just before the move, they learned that the owners had decided to sell the property, so they had no place to go. God closed that door so they have been staying with Pastor Patina until they could locate something else.

The added value of having Damien in the Talbot House is that he will be available to act as property security. He will be responsible for opening and closing the campus on Sundays and making sure other days of the week that the buildings are secure at night. More importantly for Charlene and Pastor Brian, he will take the fire alarm calls so they don't have to come out in the middle of the night.

The question has been asked, why aren't we saving the Talbot House for our next Youth Pastor? Pastor Brinda and Jim lived there for several years and Pastor Dora lived there for her time with us, but Megan is the first Youth Pastor in my memory to live there. It was offered to her simply because it was available, not because it is designated for anyone in particular. We can't offer it for rent to the general public because that puts us in the landlord business and could affect our 503.3c status. Plus, we don't believe that it's good for the house to sit empty. So feeling the pull from God to come here, without employment or permanent housing, God has provided for Damien and also for us.

But let's get to the serious part. We are required each year to affirm the Employee Conduct Policy of the Conference which was last amended in 2015. Each employ must review the policy and sign that they have done so. The Pastors' forms are sent to the District, and we keep the employee forms here.

Motion from the Staff Parish Relations Committee: To affirm the Employee Conduct Policy for 2019. Vote called. All in favor.

And there you have it. The latest from Staff Parish, and a story of God's perfect timing. The Committee is often accused of lacking transparency because we can't always be transparent. We are bound by that confidentiality, but sometimes it's OK to add explanations, and I have Damien's permission to tell his story. Please, please share this information with anyone who asks. Any questions?

4. Trustees – Chris Brown

Brian Boyington and the Space Utilization Committee has collected inventories from most of the stake holders so we are in compliance with our insurance carrier.

Shingle replacement on the main sanctuary is in process. We have budgeted \$41,000 for this repair. The next repair will be the to the back wall of the Family Life Center which has 3 active leaks. After that repair is completed, we will replace singles over the Narthex. I have been working very closely with our roofing contractor and he confirmed what we had suspected that the original roofer didn't nail the singles on the nail strip and therefore the nail guns shot completely through the shingle so our roof is held in place basically...by gravity. Since Friday, they have pulled 3 dump trailers full of rotten plywood from our roof. This should have been no more than 3-4 sheets of plywood, if the roof was installed correctly 10 years ago.

We pulled the old carpet out of Talbot house and found beautiful solid Oak Flooring under the carpet. Brian Boyington, Mike Druck, (our Nomad) and I are in the process of sanding and re-finishing the floors. We will be adding new carpet to the sunroom as well. By doing the work ourselves, we are saving \$3.50 per foot or around \$4,000.

The past few days, we have rented a yard vacuum. We (myself and 2 helpers) have been removing a few tons of oak leaves that are choking out our landscaping and cluttering up our parking lots. We want to put the word out that we are looking for a donation of a decent lawn tractor/mower with a leaf vacuum attachment if anyone has 1 laying around, so we can take better care of our facility and cut expenses. We are upgrading the quality of our paper products in our restrooms...so as soon as we use up our existing inventory, you will notice an upgrade. We have also added Kleenex to each restroom. We passed our fire inspections for 2019.

Our Campus Work Day, held last Saturday, was a huge success with many tasks and projects being accomplished. The more volunteer labor that we have, the less we spend to hire folks to assist in taking care of our wonderful campus. Our electrician made many repairs to various items throughout the campus and will be back again Tuesday for more repairs.

Our new cleaning crew has been doing a much better job. Charlene and I have been working closely with the crew and the attention to detail has stepped up to an acceptable level. Our new crew has been provided with upgraded equipment so they can clean our facility properly. They had been using dirty, worn out equipment that didn't allow them to do a good job however that has been refortified.

We have added leaf blowers to each of the usher stands so the ushers can quickly blow off the entry and steps prior to each service. We also have provided the ushers with new floor brooms so they can quickly clean the Narthex of each sanctuary between services so we present better to our congregants and visitors.

The Tables and Chairs event held Saturday evening was a huge success! Patty Mack and Linda Brentzel worked hard to select replacement tables and chairs, but also sold the tables for \$900 cash and will sell the chairs in the near future. The event last Saturday drew a large crowd and funds were raised so we don't have to spend budgeted funds for upgrades. Their whole crew worked hard to pull off a grand event!

SOAR has agreed to perform detail cleaning of our facility which will include cleaning our windows, wiping down our baseboards and trim work, emptying office trash and more. They are thrilled to have tasks to perform and to give back to our Church and we are thrilled to have the help as our janitorial contract doesn't provide for detail cleaning. We purchased new door mats for each door into our facility so we can catch the dirt and leaves prior to entering the buildings.

We had the carpets professionally cleaned in the main sanctuary as well as the area rugs in the Narthex and Jones Parlor as well as the music room floors. We hope to have the ceramic tile cleaned in the main sanctuary within the next month. We had the tile stripped and cleaned in the community room which hasn't had much attention in many years. The locksmith will be out this week to repair several doors that need attention. We will replace the elevator carpet this week, total cost, less than \$70.00. This carpet has been down since 1985 so it was time to be replaced. We are also replacing the vent fan in the elevator on Tuesday.

5. Membership & Attendance Reports: Jeanette Dickson

For the monthly report to Administrative Council, as of February 25, 2019:

Current Membership:	1403	Families:	745	Child:	391
Females:	789	Head:	586	Other:	3
Males:	614	Spouse	422		

One death, one new member, and one reinstatement. Included in the report were a list of membership totals by month for the years 2015 – 2019 and a list for attendance for the years 2015 – 2019 by month with a total average for February 2019 of 485 and March 2019 of 412.

B. NEW REALITIES:

1. Staff Updates/Requests:

a. Music Ministry, Lynn Roop

Farewell to Ann Irwin a devoted Choir member and Music Librarian for 38 years at First Church, Oviedo! She will be moving to Michigan to be with her family. We wish her well and we are thankful for her many years of faithful service!

We welcome a new member of the Choir, Marc O'Mara who recently moved here from Costa Rica. He brings us a beautiful Baritone voice that offers a wonderful support to the section. Welcome Marc.

Audio Sound. We are happy to announce that Damien Herrington is the new sound engineer for all worship services in the main Sanctuary. He is also a very talented musician which offers an ability to support various styles of worship and music. Please stop by the booth and welcome Damien.

April 14 Music Ministries will offer inspiring music titled Upon This Rock by Pepper Choplin that leads us through Peter's experience with Christ, his call and his confession. Music has been specifically chosen for Holy Week along with a sermon offered by Pastor Brian James titled "SON SET" Please join us for the 9:30 and 11:00 services in the main Sanctuary for this special offering. 8:00 worship will also be led by Pastor Brian in the historic Sanctuary.

April 18 We are honored to offer a Passover Seder presentation lead by Karol Joseph who is a Missionary for Jew's for Jesus. "I grew up in a Conservative Jewish home in the suburbs of Boston and came to know Jesus as my Messiah in 1988. It wasn't long before I sensed God's call on my life to become a missionary, and have been serving Him full time with Jews for Jesus since 1990". Please be sure to register for this wonderful opportunity to be presented on April 18, at 6:00 PM. Klezmer music will be provided by Bethany Connell, Violin and Kendra Juge, Clarinet

April 19 Good Friday Service at 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday April 21 there will be four services offered. Sunrise at 6:15, 8:00 Traditional Casual, 9:30 Contemporary Worship style with a live Praise Band along with Special offerings by our children and Youth Ministries, 11:00 Traditional Worship with the Choir, Orchestra, Brass Choir along with a Children's festive processional.

Music Ministries Concert Series

April 28 at 3:00 in the main Sanctuary. Mark your calendar and please invite a friend to attend a free concert offered by The Orlando Concert Band titled "Music Around the World in 80 Minutes". You will hear familiar songs that are represented from various countries! The concert band is a 65-member wind ensemble composed of both professional and amateur musicians. The Band performs throughout Central Florida for concerts, plus a variety of ceremonies and other special events under the direction of Jon Territo.

2. Mission Area Reports/Requests:

a. Orange County Academy

Good things are happening at OCA this year. I have written about our fabulous Christmas in the church newsletter, but just want to mention what a fabulous success it was, even considering the horrible weather the day of the party. Thanks to Brad Merrell, every child received a bicycle, a new helmet, and a new bicycle lock. Tons of gifts were distributed as well as family food bags for the winter break. We ended up having to eat our lunch in the school building, but it was still a fun time.

We had a great Valentine's Party last month. Our Larry Smith brought everyone Chick Fil A for lunch. The women of the church made candy bags, plus made each child a special Valentine card. We also had a balloon artist there who made each child in kindergarten through 5th grade a special balloon.

On April 1st we will have a Pajama Day. We will read the book written by my niece, called Pajamas of my Dreams and Dominick will prepare everyone a pancake breakfast. All children K-5 have received a new pair of pajamas, as donated by the women of the church. The middle and high school students will receive a new bath towel, soap, scrunchy, and deodorant. These were provided by the members of Faith Circle.

As for Easter, Kathryn Halterman and her team are preparing a special day for the children on April 21st. There will be an egg hunt, lunch, and games for the kids. Last year she made the day super special for the school. The older kids will get to hide the eggs again this year.

Thanks to the availability of the church bus, we have been able to take field trips, and plan on additional trips next month and in May. We took the 4th and 5th graders to see the Birds of Prey in Maitland, followed by a wonderful lunch at McDonalds. They were all smiles, as they got to order whatever they wanted to eat, including frappes, followed by McFlurrys.

The 1st through 3rd graders will be going to visit channel 9, thanks to Benny, one of the students. There were three women taking a tour of the school and they stopped in Benny's classroom to check it out. Benny mentioned to one of the women that her voice sounded like a TV personality. The woman told Benny she had worked for a TV station before and asked if he would like to take his class on a tour. Benny is never at a loss for words or questions. While I was giving a tour to a couple of Mary Scott's friends he looked up at the gentleman and said, "So what do you do"? The man replied, "As little as possible".

The owners of the Winter Park Boat tour have invited the entire school to take the boat ride in May. The Orlando Art Reach group is taking the first through 8th grade to the Orlando Museum of Art in May, as well. Libby Boyette will take her 4th and 5th graders to see a Dr. Seuss play at the repertory theater, as well. We are so grateful that Lannie and Dianne Holland have agreed to be our bus driver and escort on these trips, as well as Brad Merrell.

Most of our children have a mentor, and several have tutors. However, we are still in need of more men to mentor some of our boys. Several of these folks are from our church. Two more of our ladies took a tour recently and have signed up to be a mentor.

Continue to pray for our children. Some of their stories are mighty sad. They will be thrilled that Suzie, the director, will return today after breaking her ankle 6 weeks ago.

C. POSSIBILITIES:

1. Plans & Strategies:

a. Brian Boyington reminded everyone that the Space Utilization Committee will be working to update the church inventory, specifically for the insurance policy. All committees should clean out their closet and only keep the items which are necessary. A list of all items should be made along with a value for each item. If your list does not include an item, it will not be covered by the insurance. The deadline is March 31.

2. Goals: No comments or requests this reporting period

3. Implementation: No comments or requests this reporting period

4. Evaluation: No comments or requests this reporting period

5. Old Business: No 'old business' was brought before the Council this reporting period.

IV. SENDING FORTH:

A. Pastor's Reports:

1. Assistant Pastor, Dr. Joseph Okello – no report

I do not get to stand before you as often as I used to, and so I consider it quite an honor to present my report to you of the recent happenings in First United Methodist Church of Geneva. I will deviate from my usual bullet point presentation, and simply give you a narrative of the ministry there. Since returning from Kenya, a lot has happened on this part of Seminole County called Geneva. Let me give you a few highlights. The first of these, of course, is the Sunday service attendance. On the first Sunday of February, namely, February 3rd, attendance peaked at 81. On the second Sunday, it dropped to 55, and I think that was because it rained all day. On the third Sunday, it climbed to 65, and on the fourth Sunday it clocked at 100, which, I think, was a first in many respects. The explanation for that seems to be the baptismal service for Hendrix Matthews Ho, Kevan Ho and Elissa Buckley's son. The following Sunday was March 3rd, and the attendance dropped to around 65. It then climbed to 74 on March 10th. I was out of town on March 17th, but I hear it dropped to about 34 that Sunday. Yesterday it went up to around 70. The unfortunate trend points to the fact that my presence there directly impacts attendance, and I do not think that is a healthy way to do church.

We are therefore putting certain structures in place to arrest this situation. One of them involves the introduction of a weekly Bible class which we hope will help ground them in the faith to the point that they can be spiritually mature and see Sundays as a day when they meet with God collectively as a group rather than come to hear a personality. To help accomplish this, I initiated a pilot project called Christianity 101, which became extremely popular at first. In fact, on one of the Thursdays, which happened to be the week of Sophie's surgery, I could not meet with them. However, they decided to meet on their own and run their own study by themselves. To me, that decision gave me a lot of hope

and encouragement because it gave me the impression that they can run a study on their own. The Christianity 101 class comes to an end tomorrow, and it paves the way for me to introduce a more thorough discipleship program on the ground there.

One of the issues I will be exploring with the leadership team there is to make a more formal instruction of the Christian faith as outlined by the blue-print I presented to you on the 26 of November. I intend to introduce them to the following standard elements of the Christian faith which every Christian should know:

A general introduction to the Bible (both Old and New Testaments), A general introduction to the doctrine of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and of the Trinity; A general introduction to the doctrine of Angels; A general introduction to the doctrine of Humanity; A general introduction to the doctrine of the church, and a general introduction to the doctrine of the last things (also called Eschatology). All these introductions will be at the elementary level in a way that even the pre-schooler, the middle-schooler and the high-schooler can understand. Besides instructing them in the faith, I am designing a framework that will foster some kind of spiritual formation for all them, wherein they will make several important Christian Disciplines a priority in their daily lives, namely: Individual prayers, Individual Bible Reading, Individual sharing of their faith, and taking time to fellowship with other members of the congregation in some kind of small group meetings. More will be said in later meetings about how this is developing. Several positive things have happened in Geneva worthy of attention. Besides the clear change in attendance, the community has come together to conduct a community-wide revival in the Geneva area, to be hosted in the family center of the Church of the Nazarene. I was asked to be one of the speakers in that community-wide revival. Our presence there seems to be making a community-wide impact that, quite frankly, I am unable to appreciate given the fact that the history of Geneva, and indeed the history of the United States, is really not the kind of context I fully understand. To give you an idea of the impact, consider the fact that a member of Bethel AME, located in Geneva, stopped by my office to relay the following sentiment to me. She said, "You have no idea what your coming to Geneva has done for the community." She said, "You are preaching from a pulpit where the Grand Wizard of the KKK regularly addressed the congregation. The very fact that you are speaking from that pulpit on a regular basis is staggering beyond words." I am sure you can appreciate the impact of that statement. I am still trying to understand its existential significance.

The other positive thing going on there is that the sanctuary is receiving a facelift of sorts, and the person helping us out with that is none other than our very own Tracy Stebbins. She is doing it at a slow pace owing to the fact that it is a historic building for which specific permits must be obtained before any substantial improvements can be made on that building. Also, the pews to the left of the building have been re-arranged to give the sanctuary more space to accommodate more attendees. I am also in conversation with the leadership team about streamlining the leadership so we can have more structured committees in place, including the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees. In order to facilitate this, we need to begin at the very beginning, namely: conducting a few New Members' Classes over the course of this year. We can then introduce them to the possibility of having these committees in their radar. But these are only the administrative aspects of the church. We also need to focus on the discipleship aspects of the church. The Discipleship class that I will be initiating will include incentives for attendance, which I am not at liberty to share right now until I float that idea to the leadership team. My hope is to have a very strong and mature body of believers who can execute the task of ministry even in the absence of the pastor. In addition to these, the church website needs a serious overhaul. I will be meeting with the leaders of the church tomorrow at 1 pm, and we will begin working on the pieces of information that will need to go onto that website. Our sound equipment has received a \$5000 grant from one of the members, which will include live-streaming of the worship services. Unfortunately, we simply do not have experienced sound personnel to turn this dream into a reality. We will keep praying for someone to come our way.

Also, we do not have a Facebook account. Building such an account is something I (Joseph) can do, but I do not want to jump the gun because I suspect certain procedures need to be followed in putting such an account in place. Given the fact that I travel quite a lot and I tell people that I am the pastor at Geneva United Methodist Church, the moment they Google the name of the church, my name is not the name you see on the Pastor's section. The Pastor named on that Website is a minister who was there several Pastors ago. Needless to say, so much needs to be done, including giving the bulletin a more attractive look. I tried to explain what I felt I needed to see on the bulletin. I am glad some changes have been made. However, more changes are needed.

What are my projections for the future of Geneva United Methodist Church? Humanly speaking, I do not know. But if God is in this, I believe the sky is the limit. It is a ministry filled with so many challenges,

sometimes I am not sure I know where to begin. However, I can say that the future looks really bright for that congregation. All I ask for are your prayers. I have never been in a situation like this before, but I am not intimidated by it. Thank you for listening.

2. Pastor of Mission Engagement & Contemporary Worship, Patina Ripkey

No report.

3. Senior Pastor, Rev. Brian James:

Reactions from our church were interesting to the decisions made by the General Conference. We are thankful for the traditions and for taking it in a progressive way. More discussions to come. Our church is changing its make up and how we understand the scriptures. Listen carefully as information is presented with five items to focus on. Keep being the church. I have met with a lot of members, some who are gay. We believe there is a ministry here for all members. We will not display rainbow banners. We will be working on how to present ourselves as a church for all. I am thankful to be your pastor. Call me and I will show up.

There will be another General Conference in the Spring of 2020. Pray for the delegates. There will be some openings for delegates in Florida. I will provide more information when available.

B. Announcements & Date of Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

C. Prayer Requests:

Prayers for Leona Abell who will be having cancer treatments starting tomorrow.

D. Closing Prayer

The Council members were asked to stand, join hands, and Pastor Brian offered a closing prayer.

E. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Lange
Recording Secretary
First United Methodist Church of Oviedo, Inc.