

**Minetto United Methodist Church
Planning Retreat
Fallbrook – 8/10/10**

Attendance: Pastor Chuck Forbes, Wynnette Dohse, Carol Buske, Trevor Burdick, Jennifer Brown, Steve & Carla Salisbury, Derek Salisbury, Diana Rockhill, Lucille Becksted, Jeff & Megan Rothrock, Frank & Gloria Bickel, Vern & June Tryon, Mary Cipra, Sue Ann Simonson, Dan Williams, Eloise & Dale Slife, Dennis Dumas, MaryLou Bjorkman, Bill Martin, Nancy Prarie, Becky Craig, Linda Rosche, Tim Page

Devotion and Ice-breaking

What are the qualities of a good leader? Jesus directs us to “Think Young” (not to “Be Young”). Ask more questions. Look for help from whomever God brings to us. Be like the youngest. Arise and think young.

Getting to know you – an active learning activity

Pastor Chuck’s Beliefs / Dreams

We as the church ...

Our hands are the only hands that Jesus has to rebuild in broken places.

Our feet are his feet to march in the war against poverty and injustice.

Our voices are his voice to share the good news of eternal life and offer hope to the hopeless.

Our bank accounts are the only fiscal resources he has to carry out the Father’s mission.

If we don’t take action, who will?

And, if we don’t act now, then when?

Now is the time for the church to be the church

We need to go outside of our walls

Jesus’ first allegiance is to follow the will of the Father

Discipleship Training

Daily practice of the 5 classic disciplines of Christian faith:

1. daily scripture reading
2. prayer and meditation
3. life in community
4. service
5. stewardship

Our training of people in the church must go beyond inducting them as members. We must provide core competencies for lifestyles of servant discipleship.

Life is short!

Life is defined by the “dash” between the dates.

Your life is a gift from God.

It is what each of us does in the “dash” that becomes our gift back to God. **Don’t waste the gift!**



Pastor’s dreams/vision

- Partnership with an urban church
- Partnership with a church(s) in Africa
- Free Meals more than once a month
- Summertime education opportunities for the children of our area

We are the **people of the United Methodist Church**

We believe in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

We live by 2 kinds of holiness: personal & social

We follow 3 simple rules: **do no harm, do good and stay in love with God**

We work in 4 areas of Focus:

- Developing leaders
- Creating place for new people
- Eliminating poverty
- Improving health globally

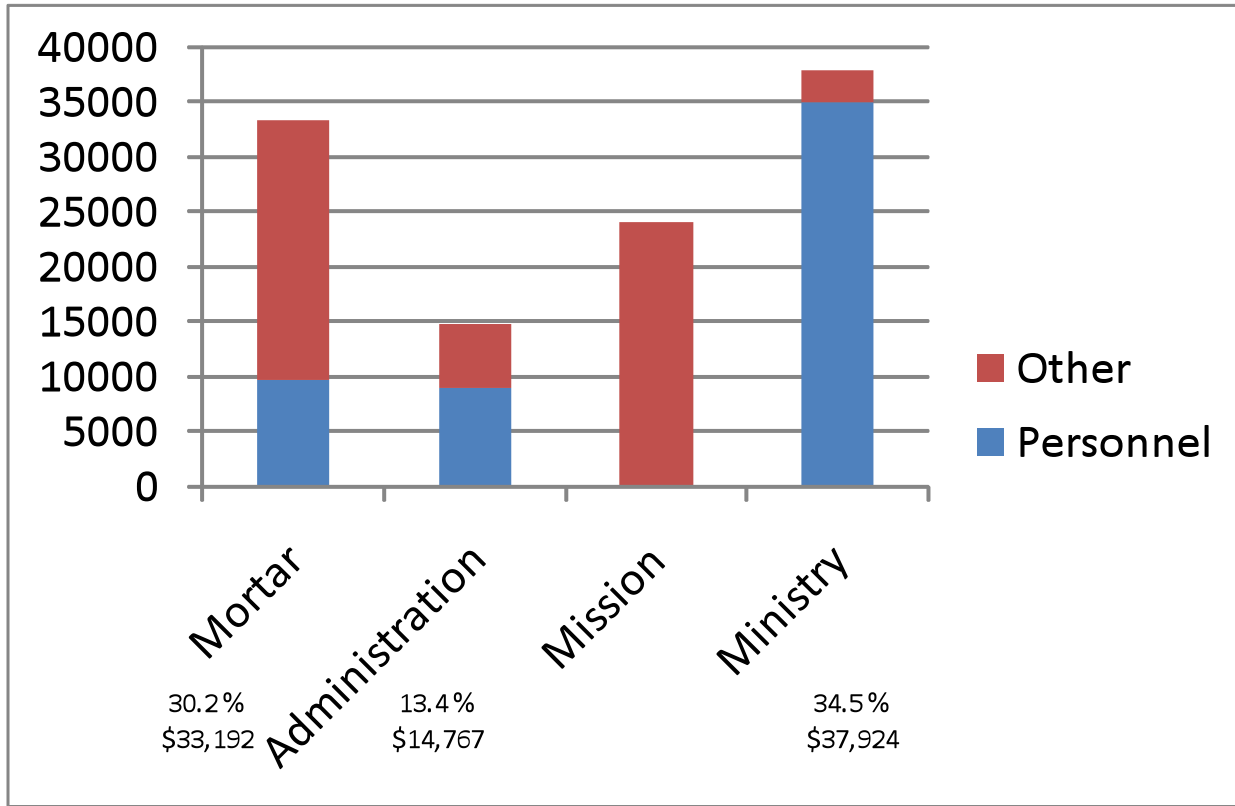


We support the local church through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

Pastor Chuck’s Hours

Monday	Sermon Preparation	Approx 8-12 hours
Tuesday	Next Sunday Service Preparation	Approx 4 hours
Wednesday	Office Hours	4 hours
	Committee Meeting	2 hours
Thursday	Office Hours	4 hours
Friday	Day Off	
Saturday	Sabbath Day	
Sunday	Worship & Visitation	4 – 5 hours
	Typical / Average Week	31 hours

Mission vs. Mortar – Minetto United Methodist Church



2010 Total Budget \$ 109,976

What are we doing well?

- **Prayers & Squares Ministry Outreach** – minister to sick
- **First Tuesday**
- Sunday School (3); **building Christian Ed**
- **Communion Sunday**
- Preach / promote a **good/spiritual message**
- **Good music**
- **Harvest Dinner**
- **serving needy** (ie. Freewill dinners)
- support our **local school children** / serving/reach out to **community** / aware of **community needs** – try to address them
- **generosity** toward community groups (rehearsal space; osteo class)
- reaching out to community and welcoming people / **welcoming and helping** community
- / welcome of most strangers (visitors) / greet on Sunday / **warm & friendly** / our church has the gift of **hospitality** – we make people welcome
- coffee hour – welcoming / provide an opportunity for **fellowship**
- **get along** with each other
- **open doors** / **welcome** to all of activities that take place there / **open** to visitors / **friendly**

What are we NOT doing well?

- reach out beyond Minetto community / regional and global outreach / improve our evangelism efforts and public relations / promoting our activities
- having young families joining church / attract more families (& children)
- meeting the needs of families with young children
- could be more welcoming at coffee hour (we may be too “clique-y”) - few name tags used
- we seem to have a hard time getting new faces to work on church events; we see the same faces over and over again / keeping the attention of the members (interest) / get more people involved / don’t have a broad base of participation for operating the church / providing opportunities and encouragement for everyone to be more equally involved in the life of the church
- lay people need to do more visiting (nursing homes, homebound, our own members & community members)
- consistent attendance from congregation
- child care for bible studies
- would like to see support for Christian school – pledges, scholarship, time – PRAYER
- no teenage youth / MYF / getting youth/young people involved in church (2)
- grade 7 – 12 Christian Ed / would like to see Sunday Study classes after or before church
- need to do more for youth and young couples
- we need to modernize – music, LCD projector / need more contemporary / modern music / folk / modern music group for an occasional service / praise band
- I am not a fan of the 9:30 service in summer (sorry)
- need more group time to spend with others to get to know each other
- we don’t always accept change / new things gracefully
- be green

What would you like to see in our church in the future?

What should be the direction of the church over the next 10 years?

- keep Pastor Chuck until he retires
- I would like to see more young people join our church
- Kindergarten – adult Sunday School
- balance between the needs /wishes of all age groups
- a Covenant Discipleship group
- John Wesley’s class meeting
- increase membership (by at least 30 %)
- support disaster relief
- more outreach to needy people in our parish and elsewhere in world, eg. sister church in some developing country
- missions to Africa
- identify folks in our church who are interested in regional or global ministry (disaster relief or African poverty) and then financially support them
- opportunity for mission trips
- all year Sunday School
- develop a Needs-Based Evangelism Action Plan and implement it thru our church Evangelism Team
- food pantry at church supplies and maintained by members (Byrne Dairy voucher for \$ 3 on Byrne Dairy products only)
- have a sister Afro-church – sometimes combine choirs and exchange pastors / pulpits and choirs occasionally
- another church service
- continued bible studies / more bible studies
- men’s group (2)
- mission work – “Pennies for Peace” in the fall
- growth in church membership and participation
- women’s groups who meet in homes (like the Book Club)
- contemporary service / music
- contemporary music; alternative services; mission focus
- continue Seder dinner
- transportation assistance
- integrate more current music
- do occasional combined services with other local churches
- 10 years: thriving church community with a larger, participating congregation

Discussion

- support the part-time pastor
- Themes – growing the congregation, participating, modernize
- need to get more members in the church to do all of this – bring the modern era into the church
- need to do more mission work / outreach
- there are many young people in the community who are unchurched
- At least 50 % of those in attendance were in favor of **partnering w/ an African-American church** (closest is in Syracuse) - they may have needs that we can meet; getting acquainted and understanding each other; **partnership w/ an African church**
- Men's group
- Update the Survey and distribute again - need to be careful not to take too much on too quickly
- go 1-1 to people to get them involved
- can't be just expecting the Pastor to do it all
- Worship and Music – look into the **modern music** (happy medium) – close to 100 % in favor
- **Alternative worship**
- a way to post some place during the week where help is needed (people don't have as much time to read just during Coffee Hour)
- Newsletter – email instead of mail ? (partner w/ people who don't have email; include note in the newsletter about if want to continue getting it – submit email addr)
- can be difficult to meet people at coffee hour – not everyone wears name tags and often sit at the same tables; if we want more people becoming involved; have a wonderful flurry the first week or 2 of a new visitor, but then drops off
- New people to the church should be given something – what we do
- Lots of these ideas come up at Chapter in the past – same people who get worn out; either need a new vehicle to get all of this done or add to those participating in Chapter (do we still believe in Chapter or do we need to make a different format?)
- Chapter – misconception that have to be invited to attend
- We would love a full-time Pastor but don't want to jeopardize losing Pastor Chuck while he is continuing his schooling
- Need to follow-up once the surveys are completed – people don't sign up – need to approach them
- Is there a welcome table? Hours of the church, what type of music you have, wear a visitor tag that is given at that table (we could give them a church coffee cup)
- Pastor Chuck sends a letter to the visitors we do have
- Organist Dan is willing to speak w/ a colleague who has experience with more modern worship music