

July 8, 2021

Visioning Committee Meeting

An abbreviated meeting was held, as only 3 people were in attendance.

I. *Birthday Club*

Patty continues to inscribe, address and send the birthday cards out to those on the list.

II. *Recent Ideas*

- 1. Church Pot-luck Picnic** – Nothing new.
- 2. New Fall Bible Study** – Nothing new.
- 3. Church Softball Games** – Nothing new.
- 4. Fall Church Self Analysis** – Nothing new.

III. *Potential New Initiative*

Before the pandemic, a church member had provided Rich a welcome bag for new attendees to the Estherville UMC, suggesting that we might do the same. The bag is a little larger than a lunch bag, with handles and a church sticker fixed to it. It contains a welcome note from the , a very nice insulated drinking cup with straw, a church pen, their latest newsletter, two bookmarks, a small bag of M&M's, information about UMW, an a refrigerator magnet.

The committee kicked some ideas around for welcome bag contents if we were to implement a similar arrangement. They include the latest *Upper Room*, a compact edition of the *New Testament*, a book of prayers, the *Summer/Winter Times*, other pamphlets from the Chamber of Commerce, and information from or about the Pathways to Wellness organization. If initiated, Paster Craig would hand the bags out to first-time visitors at worship service. More thought is required regarding the operation of the venture and the contents of the bags, if initiated.

IV. *The Calendar of Visioning Committee Events was not discussed.*

Next Meeting Date & Time – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, at 7:05 p.m. at the church.