

**The Mission Interpretation and Stewardship (MIS) Committee met April 26th for its regular bi-monthly meeting.**

The following people attended: Paul Burkey (Chair), Receiving Treasurer Marilyn Brumley, Doyle Edmondson, Joyce Whittenburg, and Doug Roberts.

Marilyn reviewed our current financial status with input from Sandra Carter. As of the end of April, we have \$12,176.45 in the general fund. Marilyn noted that our year-to-date general offerings as of the end of April were \$35,418, about \$1921 above the amount needed by this time to be on pace for 2015. That surplus all came during a very generous April. While extremely encouraging and worthy of thanksgiving, being slightly above pace at this point is important as giving normally drops off during the summer months.

Marilyn also commented on additional generosity of the Church with special offerings so far this year which included \$129.15 for Five Cents a Meal, \$175.30 for the Souper Bowl Offering, \$220 in donations at the Valentines Dinner for Youth programs, and \$1590 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Memorial Fund donations so far this year include \$300 for Bill Wyatt and \$665 for Jeanette Cross. She noted that Timber Ridge also contributed to Holy Week Community Services offering that totaled \$1225. That offering purchased Food City Gift cards for deserving families in the Glenwood Community.

The Committee approved a motion regarding the repayment of the Cemetery Fund loan to the Building Fund for the manse heat pump purchase last December. Since the Building Fund is almost empty and the Cemetery Fund is healthy, the Committee directed the treasurers to allow the Building Fund to grow to \$2000 plus the remaining amount of the Cemetery Fund repayment before we make that repayment. That growth will come from on-going "Raise the Roof" pledges, which will continue until May 2016, and donations to the Building Fund Offering which will be taken in late August.

As directed by the Session at its March meeting, the MIS Committee discussed options and approved a motion to designate the donations to the Memorial Fund given in the name of Jeanette Cross for the Building Fund. Her family had indicated they would like us to use those gifts as the Church desires. There was some discussion of putting that money specifically towards shelving in the Choir Room to store music, but, since funds for shelving would come from the Building Fund anyway, designating those gifts as decided left that option open for future consideration.

The Emergency Fund for 2015 has \$500.

There are three special offerings between now and the next MIS Committee Meeting. They are the Cemetery Offering on 10 May, the Pentecost Offering on 24 May, and any special offering taken during Vacation Bible School in early June. Charlie Harmon, Cemetery Committee chair, is leading the Cemetery Offering. Paul is going to ask one of the youth to interpret the Pentecost Offering during May since that offering is focused on youth programs.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Marilyn.

The next MIS Committee meeting will be in June.