The Council on Ministries met at 6:30 p.m., September 27, in the library. Members present were: Tom Stark, Nancy Stark, Holly Eggleston, Ann Marie Langford, Jean Weynand, Mary Whanger, Don Sellers, Houston Blair, Bob Skinner, Bill Martin, Donna Elm, Shirley Few, Maurice Ritchie, and staff persons, Hazel Terhune, Jane Lynch, Rick Haverly and Tom Faggart. Maurice Ritchie presided.

Bob Skinner opened the meeting with prayers.

The minutes were approved as mailed.

The first agenda item was Christmas scheduling. After discussion, Terrific Tuesday schedules looked like this: November 1, Aging – Lisa Ewyther; November 8, Open; November 15, No Meeting, Bazaar preparation; November 22, Charge Conference; November 29, Jamaica work team; December 6, Lecture-Recital on the music of Christmas – Jane Lynch; December 13, United Methodist Men (no Terrific Tuesday program); December 20, a family centered Christian program sponsored either by family ministries or a special task force; December 27, no meeting.

Special Sunday events include another production of "The Coming of Christ" on December 4, 7:30 p.m.; The annual UMW Christmas party on December 11, 2:30 p.m. and special music by the Junior choirs on December 4, 11:00 a.m. and Sanctuary Choir on December 18.

The second agenda item focused on Terrific Tuesdays, particularly the conflict between programming and meetings. After extensive discussion Council agreed programming should continue strong on every Tuesday evening but third Tuesdays when low-keyed alternative programming will be scheduled against work areas.

Tom Stark raised concern for an increase in prices for Terrific Tuesday meals in order to make them cost effective. After discussion Council agreed to support a price increase, setting as the new schedule: $1.50 for children; $2.50 for adults and $8.00 maximum. The new schedule should not be implemented prior to November 1 in order to allow ample lead-time for interpretation to the congregation.

Finally, Holly Eggleston reported for the Commission on Education. The rally day program was a grand success. Part of that program included parent feed-back which included concern about safety on the second floor of the educational building. In response a fire marshall will be invited to assess that location and make recommendations on escape routes and equipment needs.

A request came to mail reminder cards for work areas and Council meetings a bit earlier because some cards are arriving after the meetings. Tom and Maurice are to speak with Mrs. Massey to request an earlier mailing date. Members were reminded work areas will meet at 7:30 p.m. on October 18, (not 6:30). Next meeting of Council will be on October 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

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