

Work of the Church - August 14, 2016

Present: Lots!

The meeting opened with prayer.

- August 27-28 – Transfer Weekend. Potluck cookout at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday night. The service will be Sunday morning at 10 a.m. at Big Al's Lookout followed by a potluck lunch. The group campground is reserved for the church on Saturday night.
- Youth groups will start up after school starts on Monday and Tuesday nights.
- Beth Weatherall is interested in starting a women's group that might be a book study, prayer group or something else. More information to come. Craig is also considering starting a men's group and is planning a small group study on grace.
- Carolyn "Coco" Smith would like to start a children's choir called Joyful Noise with the aim of having the children sing at the service once a month after a practice the previous week during the Sunday School hour.
- An Emmaus Walk will be October 13-16 at Hesperus Bible Camp.
- Craig will be attending a men's spirituality conference in Albuquerque during November.
- Craig would like the congregation to consider keeping the schedule at one service after the summer ends. There was discussion about the pros and cons, musical considerations – praise music versus traditional hymns, and how to best meet the needs of those who currently attend church and especially those who do not. Esther presented a written summary comparing various aspects of the two services which led to more thoughtful discussion about church finances in general as well as the mission of the church, its place in serving the local community versus the larger world community. A motion was made and seconded to come up with a paper survey to give everyone a chance to give input for the next month then discuss this again in September.
- Craig reported on the appointment of the new, openly gay, Bishop Karen Olivetto. The new interim district superintendent Marv Vose told Craig the bishop is planning a "windshield" tour of the state soon after her installation in late September. There has been some fallout and the possibility of a schism in the larger church exists.