

Christian Education Committee 2016 Members: Heidi Klevemann (chair & Governing Council representative), Lisa Perrin (secretary), Sharyn Beard, Steve Heinisch, Melanie Knoepfle, Janet Lyon, and Edward Yang (staff)

Christian Education Committee met monthly (or as needed) to successfully provide fun-filled activities and fellowship opportunities throughout 2016. Early in the year, our committee met with the APNC (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee) to discuss our thoughts on the new associate pastor for children, youth and families. All committee members were excited to have the new person join our team and provide leadership to build our youth and children's ministries.

Our committee took on a goal of replacing all the heavy and worn-out tables with lighter and easier-to-use ones in the church's Education Center. Steve meticulously counted all the tables (and chairs). Then we determined how many tables needed to be replaced in order to figure out the total cost of this project. did a count of all tables and chairs in the church. With Melanie's help (and support from Thrivent Financial), our committee sold roses on May 8th (Mother's Day) after Sunday worship. We thankfully raised more than \$800 to replace Education Center tables.

In June, the Federated Church hosted VBS (Vacation Bible School) in partnership with the First United Methodist Church and St. Luke's UCC. We appreciate all the work Kristi Wolfe put into organizing this annual event and making it a tremendous success.

In July, our committee welcomed Edward Yang as the new Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families. Soon after, he helped us complete the purchase of new tables for the Education Center.

In September, we had a kick-off party to start the Sunday School year. We celebrated with animals brought by the Horn T Zoo. Along with the Youth Ministries Committee, we had a BBQ to welcome the Yang family to our congregation.

In the closing months of 2016, our committee worked on decorating the Education Center hallway with themes for the Advent candles: hope, joy, love and peace.

I would like to thank all the members of this committee for all they have done to make this year a total success! Heidi Klevemann