

The prophet Joel looked forward to a time when God would pour out His Spirit on all people (Joel 2:28). On the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples, Peter proclaimed that this prophecy had been fulfilled: ***“I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.”*** (Acts 2: 17)

June 23, 2008

Dear

Thank you for serving on our Joel Team. What will our Joel Team do? Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will dream God’s dream as we work with the trustees over the summer to make the best use of the space we have now in preparation for increasing numbers of children, youth and adults in the Aug 08-May 09 school year. We will see God’s vision as we pray and listen to God’s plans for Christ UMC to provide places for us to grow together as a family over the next five years. I am excited as we begin to meet together.

I am scheduling dates/times on the church calendar for the next two months (we will decide as a group another meeting day/time for September and following) and I’m asking you to try to attend as many of these meetings as you are able. We will meet in the “Gathering Area” of the Church. Please bring a sandwich and I’ll provide drinks for each meeting. It will be important for us to eat as we talk since many of us will have another meeting or small group following our Joel Team Meeting. (I have intentionally scheduled dates where we have another meeting so that we can be good stewards of our means of transportation.)

- **Sunday, June 29th 5:30-6:45 PM**
- **Sunday, July 13th 5:00-6:15 PM**
- **Sunday, July 20th 5:30-6:45 PM**
- **Sunday, July 27th 5:30-6:45 PM**
- **Sunday, Aug 31st 5:30-6:45 PM**

As you can see, I’ve scheduled several meetings before August in order that we can plan for the use of our current facility for the 2008-2009 school year. During July, we will work with the trustees in preparing the existing space so that the ministries that Jesus has called us to do may be completed in love and joy. We are especially mindful of the growth of our ministries with children and youth and their need for space to learn more and more about Jesus and His Love.

In preparation for these meetings, I ask you **to pray daily** as we seek God’s vision and guidance for our church family. I will be fasting from lunch on Wednesdays until lunch on Thursdays if you would like to join me in those days of fasting. At our June 29th meeting we will look at the report from the trustees on the Ministry Facility-Use Survey as it pertains to the upcoming 08-09 year.

Please let me know as soon as you have received this letter so that I can be sure I’m in touch with all the members of the team. (The easiest way is to reply to this email or call me and leave a message: 645-5785 or 645-7804). I give God thanks for you in my prayers.

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be all glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” (Eph 3:20-21)

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Naomi