

Community United Methodist Men

Report to Church Council

For August 10, 2016

The Community United Methodist Men did not meet during the summer months but there has been activity.

The CUMM hosted the Aurora District Prayer Breakfast on Saturday July 23, 2016 for approximately 30 men from across the district. Bill Denwood, member and also Aurora District UMM Prayer Advocate, did an excellent job on the prayer service and incorporated the participation of Jeff Haake and Bruce Richmond in this moving service. Two hundred dollars in offering was collected to support the Upper Room Prayer line. We would like to thank the UMW Artisans, Crafters and Knitters (and the men who helped them) for the breakfast portion of the day and hope they collected sufficient free will offering to buy lots of supplies. We would also like to thank them for suppling a prayer shawl for one of our brothers who is in the hospital and received many prayers that day. The UMM group prayed over the shawl during the final song of the service – it was a stirring moment.

The CUMM collected funds amongst our members and order a box (52 books) of the *Strength for Service – To God and Community* daily devotionals for first responders. Plans were to give these devotionals to the firehouse that responds to the church, but after the incident in Dallas it was decided to give them to the police. We are investigating ways to distribute them to the Naperville Police Department, with some going to a member of the congregation for distribution to his colleagues.

CUMM members also helped arrange and host the visit of Rev. Dr. Mark Hicks, President of Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries National to lead Disciple, Rings of Fellowship and DBOM training at Gary UMC in Wheaton on August 6 (attended by 16 potential volunteers) and his preaching at the 8:30 and 11:00 services at CUMC. Moneys collected from the special offering are greatly appreciated to help purchase materials for a pending youth program at the St. Charles IYC.

The normal meetings of CUMM on the third Saturday morning of each month will resume in October. The NIC UMM Spiritual Congress in Williams Bay, WI on September 16th- 18th, replaces the September meeting. The topic of this year's Spiritual Congress is "The Power to Overcome" Practical, Real Life Applications of the Tremendous Power of the Holy Spirit – presented by Mark Lubbock, National Men's Ministry Speaker. This should be another fabulous men's retreat.

For the CUMM,

George Groves