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## Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

After-School Instruction for Children – A picture used on the after-school Facebook page seems overused. More pictures would make the page more interesting, but there are some technical difficulties in adding photos to the page due to the way it is set up. Jan will ask Sheri Rue and Ginny Nelson to revamp the page. On another note, last week was the first time we had a shortage of volunteers. It was due to illnesses and other unavoidable goings-on that affected our faithful volunteers. Linda (one of the dedicated ones) offered to make arrangements for a substitute if she is unable to make it in the future. Jan will ask Sharon and Devon to do the same. And on a final note, we need to encourage more people to go through the Safe Gatherings training!

Study on Forgiveness – The study got off to a good start, with a lot of participation.

Comfort Boxes – Comfort baskets were sent to Doug Johnson, his son Derek and daughter Devon. One will also be made up for Vicki Podominick. We discussed the criteria to be used in giving out the baskets. We will start small. It's better to provide room for growth than to start too big and then have to cut back. So, we will initially send the baskets to church members who are mourning the death of a close family member, and to the parents of new-born children. In the future, we may expand to members who move, those who are suffering serious illnesses, are hospitalized, have had surgery, or are admitted to a nursing home or assisted living facility. Although, we ordinarily know of births and deaths of relatives of church members, we definitely do not want any to slip through the cracks. To prevent that, we will ask the congregation to immediately notify the pastor with such news. Sheri and/or Keith will announce that in a couple of church services, and Rich will write an article for the *Fish*. The issue of basket delivery came up. Some people would be uncomfortable making these deliveries. Linda offered to do it. Finally, Jan informed us that Pam Turnbull, who works at R&R Transfer might be a very good source of items to put in the baskets and even to make them up. Pam is apparently very good with crafts. Linda will check with her.

Movies – We are leaning strongly toward showing the movie *Courageous*. All Visioning Committee members are encouraged to review it before our next meeting. Another movie we might consider for a future showing is *Unstoppable*. Also, an idea was aired to show two movies simultaneously, one for the adults and another for young children. The needs further deliberation.

Gifts for Nursing Home and Assisted Living Residents – Some residents get no special attention at Christmastime other than that provided by their caregivers. We could help by making little gift baskets for them, something akin to the comfort baskets we have now initiated. The children in the after-school kids' club could even help out by making cards to put into the baskets. They might also learn some carols to sing at the facilities. Because caregivers in the facilities are restricted from giving information about patients, we would rely on the caregivers to decide who should get these baskets. We would have to come up with some criteria they can use for making those decisions.

Child Care – An idea was presented to provide child care during certain events the church puts on. We will be discussing this further.

Next Meeting – In keeping with routinely meeting on the second Thursday of each month, the next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 2018.

### Calendar of Visioning Committee Event

**February** • Pot Luck on the 4<sup>th</sup>

**March** • Supper and a Movie

**April** • Supper and a Movie

**May** • Pot Luck on the 6<sup>th</sup>

**June**  
• Pot Luck on the 6<sup>th</sup>

**July**

**August** • Pot Luck on the 5<sup>th</sup>

**September** • Bring a Kid to Church month – *before Summer break approach Ad Council for funding for books*  
• Kids' movie

**October**

**November** • Pot Luck on 4<sup>th</sup>  
• Advent Study 1<sup>st</sup> two Sundays

**December**

**January**