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TNC Meeting Agenda
Feb 24, 2018 - CUMC - Room B113

I. General

- A. Morgan Tsvangirai, past president of the MDC-T political party and long time challenger to President Mugabe, died on Feb 14 of colon cancer. Tsvangirai was Prime Minister of Zimbabwe from 2009-2013 during which time he shared leadership of the country with President Mugabe.

- B. Election dates for 2018 are not yet set. Nelson Chimaza, acting president of the MDC after Tsvangirai's death, is expected to be their candidate. President Mnangagwa will run for Zanu PF, and Joice Mujuru is expected to run for the "People's First" party.

II. Fund Development (Debbie Little)

- A. TNC "Church Network" - D. Harvey presented TNC's story to the staff of CUMC on Feb 6. Information about TNC will now be included with the New Member Class Orientation. Programs have been presented at 7 active TNC churches.

- B. Crowdfunding
 - 1. Jessi Mazzone is helping to launch another crowdfunding campaign which will kick off in the spring and will raise funds to finish the administrator's house at the Home of Hope so that the children can move in. The fundraising goal is \$18,000.

 - 2. Upon meeting our goal, TNC members will "celebrate" together by spending a Saturday painting at Healthy Village Learning Institute in McKeesport. Healthy Village is an urban camping and retreat center with a focus on African culture. To learn more, their website is hvliweb.org.

 - 3. We need folks (at least 10) to push out the crowd funding link on social media and to participate in the work day at Healthy Village. Depending on the date, TNC people are supportive & will participate in the workday.

C. TNC Month at Dutilh

1. Dutilh UMC will again be holding a "TNC month" running from April 15 to May 5. There will be a "TNC tree" with sponsorship and donation opportunities for the congregation. Ralph Duckworth is lining up "mission minute" speakers/videos from TNC to be presented during services
2. A TNC/VIM trip presentation by D Harvey and M Michael will be scheduled during the event which will be open to the congregation, target church leadership (budget purse strings) and also those who might want to go on a Dutilh VIM trip in 2019.

III. Health - (Mark LaRosa)

A. Container Shipments - (Drew Harvey & Rev L. Mukundu)

1. Six boxes from the recent Nyadire container shipment are missing. Contents are one manual and one electric sewing machine as well as sewing supplies and hygiene kits for the GEP program. The 10 portable blue cots to be used in Early Childhood Development are also missing. The container was initially offloaded at Old Mutare and this may be where the items were lost. We understand that some of the boxes were open and were wet from rain at the time Nyadire came to collect them. Rev Mukundu is investigating and hopes to understand what happened and perhaps locate the missing items.
2. Brother's Brother Foundation is now working to load a container filled with furnishing for Munyarari Clinic which will soon start construction. Dave Talbot's organization that is rebuilding Munyarari has provided \$10,000 to cover shipping expenses for this container. Items will be stored at Old Mutare until needed at the new clinic.
3. BBF is considering a container shipment to Zimbabwe that will contain items for Mutambara hospital, including an Autoclave from CHOSEN. Date is not yet scheduled, but TNC should have an opportunity to include some items with the shipment.
4. Items recently received and awaiting a container shipment include 2 boxes of pastoral supplies from Trinity UMC and 2 boxes of Choir Robes from Shipperville UMC. Eyeglasses, GEP materials, some medical supplies, HOHO materials, and several boxes of baby blankets/hats also await a shipment opportunity.

B. Eye Glasses - (Don Ziegler & Dr Larry Tanyanyiwa)

1. EYEGLASSES CLINICS: Our first Eyeglasses Clinics (3) independently led by the trained Zimbabwe team were recently completed. All were very successful and in total served 759 patients, distributed 140 pair of prescription glasses, 373 reading glasses, and 144 sunglasses. Expenses came in below budget.
 - a) Schedule of the 3 clinics was: Dendera 1/29-2/2; Nyahuku 2/5-2/9; Nyadire 2/12-2/16
 - b) Overall leader was Geraldine "Ruvimbo" Matsika; Expenses tracked and funds dispersed by Lenny Kateguru (Nyadire Hospital Administrator); Participants included Head Nurse Primrose (Dendera), Nurse Elizabeth (Nyadire), Nurse Paul (Nyahuku) and Obey (Dendera).
 - c) Pluses and Minuses:
 - (1) + Conducted clinics making decisions locally on logistics and day-to-day details
 - (2)+ Team worked well together
 - (3)+ Team was frugal on expenses
 - (4)+ Lenny was most helpful in disbursement, control and recording of funds
 - (5)+ Geraldine and Lenny worked well together on the funding
 - (6)+ Overall expenses came in under plan
 - (7)- Patient turnout somewhat under anticipated, especially Nyahuku
 - (8)- Announcement to communities of clinics could be improved in future
 - (9)++++ Overall very successful for our first eyeglasses clinic conducted by the Zimbabwe team
2. VISION2020 - "USee" SYSTEM: New Eyeglasses System being evaluated. Working with Charlie Moore on possible testing. Evaluated by Mission Vision and Kendall Optometry Ministry. Possible trip to Old Mutare area for testing.
3. HONDURAS "EYEGLASSES" CLINIC:
 - a) Don & Judy Ziegler attended on 2/10 - 2/17 with Holland Kendall to learn about his process. 75 other doctors, dentists, spouse and

others attended. 37th year group made trip (with BMDMI organization)

b) Wonderful Christian experience; we plan to attend again next year. Some learnings from Kendall's eyeglasses system, and some improvements suggested for his system.

4. USED EYEGLASSES DONATIONS: As we continue to distribute more used eyeglasses, everyone's help is needed to place donation boxes in churches, doctors offices, businesses, schools, etc. Program really helps our sisters and brothers in Africa.
5. Eyeglass Program Funding - D Ziegler and D. Little are scheduling an initial phone call to develop a fundraising strategy. Initial budget target for one year is \$6000 which funds 12 eyeglass clinics. Ideas include sponsorships, connecting with ophthalmology professional organizations and businesses, and continued funding appeals at churches. The 2018 Lenten Calendar proceeds will also go to the Eyeglass Program.
6. Don will work with Tim Wesley to develop a TNC Eyeglass Program Brochure. Don will also contact Diane Welty and expects to join her with an eyeglass table at the Western Pa annual conference (June 7,8,9)
7. FUTURE TRIPS: Might include:
 - (a) Trip in April to Old Mutare with USee Kits
 - (b) Trip with M. Micael in June/ July.
 - (c) August with Engineers Without Borders (2 weeks of August 12 & August 19. Don not available 8/9 to 8/18)

C. Girl Empowerment Pad Program - (Bonnie Lawson & Charity Horiro)

1. Pittsburgh Based Activities:
 - a) Work continues on the preparation of 325 Hygiene Kits. Drawstring bags are completed and the MLUMC Hands and Hearts labelled and prepared the bottles. Powdered hand soap was purchased for use in the Soap/Water bottle. Instructions were modified and printed. The kits will be assembled at the April 12th MLUMC UMW meeting.
 - b) The Linus project at CUMC cutting cotton fabric circles in preparation for the May 10th kit assembly.

- c) On Feb 18th, the MLUMC Network Class cut enough flannel for 500 GEP kits. They also made a donation of \$100 towards the cost of the flannel. A work session to assemble GEP kits will be held on May 10th at a MLUMC UMW meeting.
 - d) Three sewing machines have been converted to manual hand crank and were packed for the upcoming shipment. GEP kits and sewing supplies were used as "packing material". Other machines await conversion. Manual machines will be the focus this year.
 - e) Solar Powered Sewing/Grove City. Reviewed proposal from Isaac and established a What's App connection between Isaac and Charity. Questions about the location/storage/mobility of the unit will be discussed.
 - f) Reprinting "Growing Up in School". Written permission to reprint was obtained from the author and Water Research Council (South Africa). Fed Ex was selected as the vendor. Barbara Gutzwiller of the Uganda charity requested 100 copies for their program, resulting in a further reduction of the cost per copy. A hard copy proof was approved and the books should be delivered in early March. Currently Linda Ambroso is designing a "Gift from TNC" label for the booklets.
 - g) Noel Slater updated the website with the revised material.
 - h) Spreadsheets for potential March shipment are in progress. To date (2/20) there are 16 boxes ready for shipment.
 - i) Donna Richards of Belleview Charge near Sommerville, PA contacted Bonnie for information on the program. Information sent and she will send the information from their group. She was given my name from a someone in Emmaus and the Mt. Pleasant area.
 - j) Sheli Flemming of Baldwin made contact regarding the program, as she is working on something for a UMW circle.
2. Nyadire Update:
- a) Crescencia and Charity report that the boxes have arrived and have been distributed. Crescencia provided photos and these were posted to Facebook. Mashambanhaka and Dindi clinics now have machines.

- b) Charity indicated that some kind of storage solution is needed for Nyadire and outreach schools for program materials and machines. She will be discussing the options with the teachers and will report back with options. Fundraising may be necessary since it may be desirable to purchase or have these made in Zimbabwe.
- c) Shipping and Distribution Issues. We are evaluating improved labelling to assist in the sorting and distribution. A few boxes are missing from the last shipment and improved labelling may be helpful.

3. Upcoming Events:

- a) March Southside Group Work session: March TBD
- b) March Workshop USC Girls United Globally USC HS: TBD (follow up email sent)
- c) April 10th: PEO meeting at CUMC at 5 pm.
- d) April 12th 11:00 to 1:00 MLUMC UMW work session: Hygiene Kits
- e) May 10th: 11:00 to 1:00 MLUMC UMW work session: GEP kits
- f) May 18 to 20: UMW General Assembly: Gathering TBD
- g) Sept 9th Sewing Party MLUMC 3 to 6 pm

D. Medical Supplies - (Irina Sheyko & Wilson Nhamoinesu)

- 1. TNC transferred \$3000 in January for the last drug purchase. We await the consumption report and specific date that funds are required for the next purchase. The objective is to establish 4 dates during the year that quarterly drug purchases will be made.

E. Rural Health Clinic Rebuilds - (Ralph Duckworth & Rev Austern Chepiri/Hannah Mafunda)

1. Rebuild of Next Clinics

- a) The organization coordinated by Dave Talbot, "Chabadza Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe", is funding the rebuild of Munyarari Rural Health Clinic which is administered by Old Mutare Hospital. Con-

struction work will begin in early March. BBF is assembling a container of furnishings for Munyarari which should depart in March.

- b) We continue to work with GBGM on the possibility of additional clinic funding so that the rebuild of Dindi Clinic can proceed. C. Moore will be in Atlanta on Mar 3 and will meet and review status with GBGM. Charlie will also meet with H. Mafunda and the Zim Health board during his March trip to Zimbabwe.
- c) TNC has approximately \$22,000 available for clinic rebuild but awaits direction before committing these funds.

F. Medical & Hospital Support - (Sue Bower & Dr Larry Tanyanyiwa)

- 1. BLESSING (student in need of knee surgery): Dr. Ronald Nyabereka has scheduled the diagnosis testing for Blessing's knee on 2/27. After receiving the results, we can determine possible treatment options. Dr. Tsou, (Stephen's father) is an orthopedic surgeon and may provide a recommendation. We understand the "Shriners" sometime help with such cases and will evaluate this possibility. Don Ziegler is coordinating this effort.
- 2. Dr. Ronald Nyabereka has begun a Masters of Public Health program at the University of Zimbabwe. The program is from Jan 2018 - Dec 2019 and Dr Nyabereka hopes to return to Nyadire at completion of the program.

IV. Education (Molly Michaels)

A. O Level Text Books - (Sandy Mcknight & E. Chiimba)

- 1. 250 Commerce textbooks were purchased in Nov and distributed to the HOHO schools. Over the past eight years, TNC has purchased five rounds of O Level Books to be shared among students at Nyadire High Schools and 4 schools located in the remote areas beyond Nyadire mis-

sion. A total of 900 books at a cost of \$17,500 have been provided in varied subjects: English, Agriculture, Home Economics, Accounting and Commerce.

2. The initial service work plan for the commerce books was to have students perform farming chores at the HOH as they did in January 2017. However, due to the drought, these plans have been cancelled. E. Chiimba will work with the school headmasters and identify a new service project.
3. Due to anticipated change in government and some question about a change in the syllabus for O Levels, E. Chiimba suggests that we put the O Level text book program on hold. Also, the 5 subject books already purchased may be all that is required. All will be reviewed before any additional books are purchased.
4. Future teams will meet with the program headmasters and discuss the impact of providing these O-Level Textbooks. We would like to understand if there is any improved pass rate of exams at the schools where textbooks have been provided.

B. Engineers Without Borders/CMU - (Drew Harvey & Rev L. Mukundu)

1. EWB is working with Nyadire to insure that reports are regularly received documenting that funds are accumulating in the "Solar Light Battery Replacement Fund".
2. Company Sinet will provide a single, free standing Solar Street Light for an installed cost of \$1747. Rev Mukundu is considering if funds may be raised to install additional lights in specific spots at Nyadire. One or two lights could also be installed at each remote health clinic. This could be a good fundraising idea for specific organizations, Sunday School Classes, UMW groups, etc.

3. The EWB student team continues to finalize the "Alternative Analysis" which compares options to firewood for the cooking program. Bio-Gas is the recommendation, but the report showing the methodology must be submitted to national EWB for approval before moving to the next phase.
4. An EWB team of perhaps 4 or 5 students tentatively plans to travel to Nyadire in late August.
5. Students at Avonworth Middle School are writing letters to students at Nyadire Primary. These letters will be mailed to Charlie Moore and he will deliver to Nyadire during his March travels to Zimbabwe.

C. Grove City College Partnership (Mark LaRosa/Dr Markley & Rev L Mukundu)

1. Two GCC professors, Dr Andrew Markley and Dr Lisa Hosack will be in Zimbabwe from Mar 24 - 30. They will initially be in Nyadire and then travel to Africa University. Charlie Moore has helped to connect Andrew with leadership at Africa University and there is excellent potential for an effective partnership. For example, service projects could be jointly organized with both AU & GCC students, joint classes might be taught via the internet, and there are Nyadire programs that could be worked on together.
2. Micah Mooney, a GCC student, will not intern at Nyadire this summer as he has decided to move forward with a different opportunity for his RedBox mission travel.
3. The "Solar Powered Sewing Machine" being developed for Nyadire by Dr. Mike Bright's Electrical Engineering class is progressing well. A design report has been issued and some prototyping work completed. Eventually 2 machines could be sent to Nyadire via a BBF container.

D. Scholarships (Molly Michael)

1. Scholarship Planning Meeting to be held on March 6 at Panera's in Caste Village. Anyone is encouraged to attend.

E. Hearing Impaired (Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze)

1. SolarEar Hearing Aids

- a) Solar chargers have been received. Solar hearing aids for 9 children will be sent in May.

2. Sponsorships

- a) 2017 Sponsorship funds (\$3270) were sent at the end of December 2017.
- b) Finland has sent \$720 (6 months of sponsorship) which we will include with TNC's funding transfers to Nyadire.
- c) Current Sponsors: 14 (lost a sponsor during renewals)

3. Miscellaneous

- a) BCUMC Outreach gave \$230 towards an HI Teacher Evaluation Trip. Funds will be transferred to Nyadire in March and the trip is scheduled for April
- b) HI Lenten 2018 Calendar has been circulated at BCUMC.
- c) Backpacks will be collected in April and sent with the next container.
- d) Hippo Water Rollers - Two units arrived at ZACH in Harare in November. As of 1/29/2018, the clearing agent advised they are available and Dr Larry expects to collect next week.

4. Don Ziegler and Stephen Tsou (CMU) are evaluating the idea of training Zimbabweans in basic "machine learning", "web app's", or other computer skills that might eventually place them with organizations that contract with western firms. "Andela" a technology contracting firm in Nigeria might be a possible resource. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/10/business/andela-start-up-coding-africa.html> An initial meeting will be

scheduled with Dr A. Markley, professor of business at GCC, to discuss possible connections with the business departments at GCC & Africa U.

V. Relationships - (Pat Cook)

A. VIM Trips - (Molly Michael & Rev L. Mukundu)

1. Because an election date has not yet been set, we are not able to finalize VIM team travel plans for 2018. At least 10 new people are interested in a June/July trip but travel may have to delay until fall/winter of 2018 or 2019. At this point, the only travelers may be those able to go with minimum advance notice. Team leaders are needed.
2. Dr. Andrew Markely and Dr Lisa Hosack of GCC will travel to Zimbabwe March 23-30th
3. A student EWB team hopes to travel to Nyadire in the last 2 weeks of August.
4. M. Michael is communicating with Pastor Tom, Ralph, and Debbie to plan a Dutilh VIM team for 2019. Dutilh's theme of the year is "Called and Sent" which encourages people to discern their call and be sent forth in mission. We plan to have a meeting in April for interested members. Some type of group projects, such as construction, will be identified.

B. Christmas Connection - (Pat Cook & Rev L Mukundu)

1. The cards for Nyadire will again be made by the women at CUMC. Email has been sent to Nyadire requesting the number required. Any cards that can be donated to CUMC are appreciated and will be used to produce the new cards.

C. ROTARY Program (Phil Himmler & Rev L Mukundu)

1. TNC and Rotary continue to wait on direction from the Zimbabwe UMC before work can begin on preparation of the International Global Grant to develop agricultural land at the new HOH site. Church leadership has affirmed they are very positive on the proposal and hope to go forward.
2. A grant request has been submitted to the local USC/BP Rotary for funds that will be used to pay fees for O-Level Exams. Rotary distributes the funds from their annual chicken BBQ dinner at an annual "Night of Giving" which is held in the spring.

D. Pastor Partnership - (Faith Geer & Rev Forbes Matonga)

1. F Geer had hoped to work with The Pittsburgh District Strategic Planning Group to identify possible Pastor Partnership projects, but this may not work out.
2. Faith will be doing something for the church-mission projects at the District Charge Conference on April 22. It is at St. Paul's UMC this year and every church in the district is to attend. She is working on a brochure for distribution and hope to find some interest.

VI. Sustainability - (Denny Hunt)

A. Seeds of Hope - (Jim Howell & E. Arichara)

1. Seeds collected are being distributed, but the program is now canceled.
2. Seven boxes of vegetable seeds were mailed on Oct 27 to the mission's post office box in Mutoko. There are about 10,000 small garden packets, 50 larger packets, several one pound bags, and a couple of five pound bags of seeds. Unfortunately they may be lost as they have not yet been received at Nyadire.
3. TNC (Elsa Zollars) is offering the remaining seeds at all events, craft sales, etc.

B. Farm (D. Harvey & E. Arichara)

1. Waiting on definition of the HOH agricultural program.

C. Micro-Loans (D. Hunt & Rev Mukundu)

1. Rev Mukundu continues the work to secure all past loan repayment before considering any new loans. All outstanding debtors except one have now made written commitments for repayment. First funds have been received and the projection is that 80% of outstanding debt will be paid back by the end of April. Discussions are active with the one person who has not made a written commitment.

VII. Orphans - (MB Zollars)

A. Overall:

1. E. Chiimba reports that transportation is severely restricted due to repair needs of the HOH truck. Cost estimates for repairs total \$6400.
2. Rains have come, but Emmanuel reports it is too late to save the crops.

B. HOHO

1. M. Hunt plans to have another push for sponsors at CUMC in March. She has set up sponsorship renewals and Mission Minute dates with CUMC. (18 students unsponsored)
2. MB Zollars has submitted the Rotary Grant application for O-Level Exam Fees.
3. O-Level exam results from 2017 have just been released. Our HOHO numbers might change, as some students may request to repeat Form 4 to improve their results or some may qualify for the A-Level (Advanced Level).

C. HOH

1. Funding transfer for the Mar/Apr budget is being prepared.
2. E Chiimba has reported that the walls of the second duplex are up and that they are awaiting funds from Finland to start the roofing.
3. Catarina (Finland) has sent TNC some more information about the hold-up of funds. There will be a meeting March 5th in Finland to determine the outcome.
4. E Chiimba has sent the estimate (\$18,000) to finish the administrator's house. We are hopeful that the crowdfunding campaign will take care of this project.
5. Tsungi started this past week at the University of Zimbabwe studying Actuarial Science.
6. Lovemore did OK on his A-Level exams. He is now looking at options for further study.
7. Godknows' hope for attending Tamburira vocational school has been delayed as he does not yet have a birth certificate. The hope is that a step-uncle, Godknows' closest relative, will support him in this effort.
8. The LuLaRoe fundraiser has been cancelled.

D. Sister Rut's children

1. (See Tsungi above.)

VIII. Promotions - Communications (Tim Wesley)

- A. TNC Newsletter has been distributed. http://www.nyadire.org/uploads/4/7/6/4/4764398/tnc_march_2018_newsletter.pdf Report received of difficulty opening this and other TNC documents.

- B. CUMC has a Lenten Calendar with information and an action items for featured ministries. TNC will have "7 days of Prayers" which Elsa Zollars is providing.
- C. Website - Coordinating the update with Noel Slater
 - 1. Program leaders have been asked to update their program descriptions which will be added to the website. Updates due by Feb 28.
 - 2. Working with Stephen Tsou to update the Nyadire Directory that is posted on the website.
- D. Distributed Barb Greway's Lenten Prayer Calendar to Target Churches (Mt. Lebanon UMC, First Bethel UMC, Baldwin Community UMC, Dutilh UMC, Christ UMC, Liberty UMC) and Pittsburgh District churches
- E. Distributed posts about programs and links to articles to same churches
- F. Sent links to Facebook posts (for example, Eyeglass Collection) to Target Churches

IX. Finance - (Richard Dickey)

- A. As of 1/31/2018 restricted funds were \$52,924 and unrestricted funds were \$15,397. Preliminary (not yet reconciled) results for 2/24/2018 show restricted at \$67,415 and unrestricted at \$19,736.
- B. The Finland UMC sent approximately \$720 for the Hearing Impaired program which TNC will include with our sponsorship funds and sent to Nyadire.
- C. St Pauls UMC provided \$3700 earned from the Creative Hand Ministry as unrestricted funds to TNC. Waynesburg First UMC provided \$3666 which is directed to the HOH.
- D. \$2600 transferred on Feb 9 for the Nyadire Doctor salary stipend.

- E. Home of Hope budget funds (\$6487) for 2 months are now being transferred. This is the normal amount of \$7100 less \$613 for school fees that have already been sent.

X. TNC Organization / Miscellaneous - (Drew Harvey)

- A. Jim Gourley & Sue McCann will be back in Zimbabwe from 8 Mar - 8 May, and expect to be in Nyadire in early April. They have been at Chikwizo, Nyahuku and Dendera for extended time during initial construction and will now be at Munyarari Clinic as construction begins there. Please advise any items they might help with.
- B. D. Harvey will be meeting on March 7 with Dr Lou Picard and Nick Langston of the "Initiative for Effective Governance" at the Univ. of Pittsburgh. IEG is evaluating a project opportunity in Zimbabwe funded by US Aid and they would like to discuss TNC's experience.
- C. Western Pa UMC Annual Conference is June 7,8,9. TNC, coordinated by Diane Welty, will again host a craft sale/informational table. As our craft supply is very low, people are asked to donate any personal crafts that might be resold. Elsa Z. is also coordinating making possible "Zimbabwe Type" crafts that could be sold. Don Z. will coordinate with Diane and will ask attendees to bring eyeglasses for donation. Don will also share table space at conference with information about the Eyeglass Program.
- D. The next Zimbabwe partnership meeting is March 7. The Partnership will not send teams or individuals to Zimbabwe in 2018. Zim Camp and Lay Academy will be in 2019 and the Immersion Program will be in 2020..
- E. Charlie Moore will be in Zimbabwe (Africa U. & Hanwa) from Mar 20 - 29.

XI. Recent and Upcoming Events

- Jan 29 thru Feb - Eyeglass Clinics held at Dendera, Nyahuku, and Nyadire
- Jan 29 - TNC Meeting; 6:30pm; CUMC, room B113
- Feb - Work begins to rebuild Munyarari Clinic (administered by Old Mutare)
- Feb - MLUMC Network Class GEP workshop
- Feb 6 - DNH presents to CUMC staff
- Feb 28 - Website updates due from each program leader
- Mar - Southside group GEP workshop Date to be announced
- Mar - USC high school Girls United Globally GEP workshop. Date TBD
- Mar 6 - Scholarship Program Planning Meeting
- Mar 7 - Zimbabwe Partnership Meeting
- Mar 7 - D Harvey meeting with IEG at the Univ. of Pittsburgh
- Mar 8-May 8; Jim Gourley & Sue McCann in Zimbabwe. Early Apr at Nyadire
- Mar 20 - 29; Charlie Moore trip Zimbabwe
- Mar 26 - TNC Meeting
- Apr 10 - PEO meeting at CUMC; 5pm
- Apr 12 - MLUMC UMW GEP worksession for Hygiene Kits (11am to 1pm)
- Apr 15 - TNC Sunday at Dutilh UMC
- Apr 22 - TNC Sunday at Dutilh UMC
- Apr 29 - TNC Sunday at Dutilh UMC
- May 2 - Set up for HOH Rummage Sale at CUMC
- May 4 & 5 - HOH Rummage Sale at CUMC
- May 10 - MLUMC UMW GEP work session for GEP kits (11am to 1pm)
- May 18 - 20: UMW General Assembly Meetings
- June 7,8,9 - TNC table at Western Pa UMC annual conference
- July or early Aug - probable VIM trip led by Molly Michael
- Aug 2018 - Probable EWB monitoring trip of Solar Light Installation
- Sept 9 - GEP Sewing Party, MLUMC (3pm to 6pm)

Next TNC Meeting - March 26

6:30 pm. Room B113 at CUMC