

Charge Conference held Regarding Building

Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 6:30 PM a Charge Conference was held in the sanctuary of the church with the Rev. James Hanke, District Superintendent presiding. The purpose of this Conference was to make a decision regarding whether to elect a Building Committee, in accordance with The Discipline of the United Methodist Church to pursue the future growth of First United Methodist Church.

The Conference began with an opening devotion and singing and the presiding elder giving directions regarding the process of the Charge Conference. The bulk of the Conference included a presentation by the Exploration Committee which was followed by extended time of discussion, questions and answers. Ultimately the question was called and a written ballot was cast.

The three auditors of the ballot report that the balloting was valid in accordance with United Methodist rules and thus report the following: 195 people were present and 186 ballots were cast. There were 2 blank ballots and 1 abstention. 30 persons voted “no” and 153 “yes” or roughly 83% in affirmation of the motion.

The Nominating Committee has begun the process of selecting and soliciting a Building Committee. If there is appropriate time for meeting, diligence and discernment, a committee will be nominated for election at the April 21, 2008 meeting of the Church Council meeting.