

Christ United Methodist Church
Council meeting
December 9, 2019

Present: Pastor Kurt Freeman, Scott Gillespie, Christi Lower, Lisa Mayer, Claude Sawyer, Joan Banning, Hollie Kessler, Gary Boardman, Bradley Blanchard, Marlen Slagle, Misty Hintz, Glenn Pearson, Lauren McCool, Amber Simons, John Yarian, Carol Yarian, Emily Mayer and Hal Acree.

Lisa Mayer opened with prayer.

Council Chairperson Scott Gillespie opened the meeting and asked, "What is the mission of the church?" Pastor Kurt asked us to share ministry moments that allowed us to see God at work. Those present shared that: Upward Basketball may have over 100 participants; appreciation has been expressed by recipients of Turkey dinners and College Care packages; the generous donations for food items for Jubilee from the Early Learning families; seeing our community as a generous one; an appreciation for care and concern expressed to members by our congregation; a number of baptisms during this year.

Minutes of the November meeting had been included in the email about the meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gary Boardman, seconded by Lisa Mayer and the motion passed.

Carol Yarian reported for missions, health and caring. Turkey dinners were delivered to 54 families and college care packages were sent to 45 individuals, both college students and military personnel from our church. We will be serving 18 families, including 53 children, during Jubilee Christmas next Saturday. Fund raising continues for Pack Away Hunger scheduled in January. She reported that Aroma has been running out of coffee in the narthex and she has purchased a new coffee pot along with more coffee and supplies to serve this area. In the spring a new membership class will be offered. Our attendance is increasing. Six adult classes continue to meet during the discipleship "hour".

Hal Acree, Staff Parish Chair, commented about the love offering being requested for the staff. The committee is currently working out the details for July 1, 2020, when Pastor Stephanie will not be on appointment to CUMC.

Glenn Pearson, maintenance supervisor, reported that the elevator in the Education wing has been repaired several times but it has been determined that the motor needs to be replaced at a cost of \$3400. Wifi problems in some portions of the building have been addressed. An engraver for the bricks in the front walkway has been contacted and will charge \$18/brick. Glenn also reported that one of the child caregivers was the victim of a break in to her car, with items stolen and the windshield broken. He commented that we should consider cameras to cover the parking lot. Chairperson Misty Hintz reported that the Trustees have been working on combining the various contracts for building use to make one contract universal. The rules for use will be included for both church related individuals as well outside requests. They have also been considering fund raising ideas.

Lauren McCool, Early Learning Director introduced Amber Simons, who will chair the Early Learning Board next year. The ministry had recently undergone and passed a state inspection. She expressed appreciation to those who had assisted in completing a grant application (which

was received) for the playground and other new equipment. Another of the child care workers had recently completed certification. Their Christmas program is the next event.

Emily Mayer, Children's Ministry chairperson, reported that the children have been rehearsing for their program to be presented on Sunday, December 15, at both services. She indicated that she had been considering events that will be occurring next year (Easter, VBS) with a possibility of bringing back movie nights.

Pastor Kurt indicated that the Youth Program (167) has served 15 to 30 youth. Adult volunteers are needed to assist Aaron and Melissa in the task. The age range has proven to be difficult to plan for and starting in the new year it will include only 6th to 12th grades while the 4th grade students will be a part of the Children's Ministry program. The directors for 167 are partially funded by the District and the funding has recently been increased.

Pastor Kurt reported that retired pastors, Bruce Mowery and Norm Nellis, are currently assisting in teaching and preaching. He is preparing, with Pastor Norm, for the Longest Night service on December 21. He has been with families from the Child Care who were hospitalized. Christmas Eve services are set. A sermon series on Discipleship is planned for the new year.

Gary Boardman reported for Finance. The budget information had been sent with the meeting notice and Gary updated that the revised budget total to \$667,000. Anticipated income at the present time is \$410,000 pledged and \$200,000 in non-pledged giving. This would result in a deficit at this time. Gary said that the congregation will be involved in the Horizon program which should help us in the coming year. Decreasing the Conference tithe for the year from \$40,000 to \$20,000 will be considered. After some discussion Hal Acree moved that the budget be accepted. The motion passed.

Scott Gillespie proposed that, after discussion with the Pastor and Finance Chair, for next year our meeting night will be the second Monday of the odd numbered months, beginning at 7:15 PM. Finance Committee will meet every month, also on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM. There is an exception for January, 2020, which will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 (Finance 6:00, Council 7:15).

Pastor Kurt closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Banning