

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting-September 14th, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke with council members including Myra Hanenkraat, Tom Brandewie, Tracy Oldiges, John Mohrman, Abby Bushman, Barb Holdren, and Becky Strang

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was reviewed-with change made in maintenance report from "are" to "our" and approved by Tracy Oldiges and 2nd by Tom Brandewie, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of July 2021 was reviewed with a motion to accept by Tom Brandewie and Myra Hanenkraat seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Team Reports

Mission: No report

Discipleship: No report

Worship: Met Sunday September 12th. Saturday services have been put on hold until January. Guest Preachers once-a-month when Rev. Becky is in town.

Finance: No Report

Budget: Will meet in October

Audit: No Report

Discipleship: Community Meals begin September 20. Holy Redeemer Cooking. Next meeting September 21 at 6:30.

Stewardship: Met. Theme-Called to Serve: Love God & Love Neighbor. Have a plan

Art Camp: will resume 2023.

Reports

Deacon's Report: Smooth running.

Elder's Report: All is well.

Maintenance Report: Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Main sewer line in sanctuary was replaced by New Knoxville Supply. The old 50-gallon water heater in the sanctuary basement was leaking. Replaced it with a smaller 6-gallon water heater. Rebuilt flush valve in men's handicapped stall in the educational building. During a hard rain I discovered a lot of water running into the boiler room sump pump hole. Found that the downspout tile on the north west corner of the sanctuary was not draining. Water was just coming right back up and flowing under the wall. Contacted Knoxville Supply. They checked it out and found the tile to be totally blocked. They have it on their schedule to fix. Mounted a cabinet on the wall in the boiler room for electronic communications. Installed a lockable door set in the room that will be used for a Zoom Room. Took recycles to recycle center. Other small things taken care of as needed.

Trustees Report: Continuing spraying weeds around the property

SALT: Thank you so much for the opportunity to be your S.A.L.T intern. I can confidently say I wouldn't have grown and learned as much as I have these past 10 weeks without your mentorship. I'm so grateful for the time and experience you have given me this summer. I especially enjoyed working on the Instagram account, parent date night, and the summer safari carnival. Some skills that I was able to obtain or expand on this summer would be public speaking, networking, writing, communication, and teamwork. I hope that when I am home from school, throughout the year and next summer, I can come back and volunteer with the events as well as service. Lauren Miller

Abby's Report: "Depend on the Lord. Trust him, and he will take care of you" Psalm 37:5 It has been a month of gearing up for Youth Kick-Off and here we are! Cleaning the Sunday School and Youth rooms, prepared all teacher materials and curriculum, gathering activities and waited patiently for the noise and energy to fill the halls of the education building is among the duties I have completed. Noise filled with laughter, singing and praying is such an amazing gift to hear! Sunday School is beginning with Narrative Lectionary Kids Bulletins and activities that are being taken right from the Hands on Bibles that St. Paul Church has been handing out for several years. I presented bibles to 3 year olds, 1st graders and 4th graders on Sunday, September 12th to children in worship. If you have anyone in your family who is in need of an age appropriate bible, please call the church office. Sunday School Youth, ages 3 through seniors are beginning their morning in the auditorium learning sign language songs, parading to their classrooms for lessons and activities, then reunited back in the auditorium for the Lord's Prayer. Youth Group Evenings are held on Wednesday starting on September 15th. We are looking forward to using a new pre-teen curriculum with our Splash youth from 5:30-6:30. This curriculum encourages action and outreach, knowing your faith and using it every day. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:00 for all Youth. St. Paul Jr. and Sr. High Youth will be learning more about our church, the history, the symbols, our rituals and worship. We are hoping to increase our mission and outreach with our youth this year also. There are many ways to share your gifts and talents with the youth programming! We can always use help with lesson and activity preparation, game leaders, meals, clean up and special events too. I would like to Thank EVERYONE for volunteering with love and support of all of our Youth Activities! We are healthy and blessed! Blessings and Peace, Abby

Pastor Becky's Report: Staff Overload (shared with Leadership Team 8/23/21, Discipleship Team 8/24/21 and Worship Team 9/12/21)

1. Mental and physical health of the staff has been deeply compromised
2. 5 weeks of Home Communion wiped me out more than expected AND I was unable to get office work completed
3. My current priorities: Worship and Confirmation (Pastoral Care comes in third)
4. Bible Study has been put on hold until we can find a leader
5. Jenn Snider is currently leading Daily Devotions
6. Book Club will now take place informally
7. I will limit my Coffee Shop time drastically
8. Will invite once-a-month preachers to preach on Sundays I am in town (I will be in worship and will still lead worship those Sundays)
9. Barb and I do not have the bandwidth/time to mentor an ongoing school year SALT intern

Worship

October 3. World Communion Sunday

October 10. Rev. John Rinehart, Preaching

October 17. Children's Worship

October 24-November 14. Four Week Stewardship Series
October 31. All Saints' Sunday
November 14. Stewardship Sunday. Veterans' Recognition
November 21. Christ the King Sunday. Bryan Trego, Preaching
November 28. First Sunday of Advent. Rev. Dan Busch, Preaching. Celebration of Pastor
Dee's ministry. Leave-taking reception.
December 5. Second Sunday of Advent. Congregational Meeting
December 12. Third Sunday of Advent. Children's Christmas Worship
December 19. Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Music Worship
Friday December 24. Christmas Eve

Stewardship Theme. Called to Serve: Love God & Love Neighbor
Worship Music Program

Current Plan: First Sunday of Month: Bell Choir
Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month: Chancel Choir
Third Sunday of the Month: Special Music and Sign Language Songs

Sarah Kramer will coordinate the Advent Boxes this year as part of a fulfillment for a college class. Barb, Abby and I met with her yesterday. I expect 6 confirmands in class tomorrow evening for our first night of class.

Art Camp has been put on hold until Summer 2023

St. Paul is hosting a Carrie Newcomer concert on Saturday March 5, 2022

Vacation 2021/2022 (6 weeks' vacation; 6 weekends per year)

September 27-October 1. Time with Family in Cleveland and Canton (one week; no weekends)

October 15-22 (One week; one weekend)

November 19-26. (One week; one weekend)

December 25-January 2 (one week; two weekends)

Jan 27-February 1. Six days; one weekend

April 19-26. 8 days; one weekend.

I am a facilitator for the Heartland Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program. My group has begun meeting in-person at outside venues. I am also on-call at Joint Township Hospital as an emergency chaplain.

Pastoral Care Documentation (August 10-September 11)

Hospital: 6 Baptisms: 0 Notes Written: 13 Nursing Home Visits: 4 Office Visits: 9 Home Visits: 12

Phone Calls: 15 Cookie Deliveries: 7 Funeral: 2 Coffee Shop Attendees: 12 Home Communion: 50 Wedding: 2

Old Business

Council Positions: 2022 positions need filled-Jr Elder, Jr Deacon, 2 Trustee. Contact Rollie or Myra if interested

Nitro-Church Steeple: Contract has been signed and expecting to start in the fall.

Spouting: Spouting company is going to look at.

Ramp North Door -Ed Building: Decision was made to make an easier access to the building. Rollie is working on.

Wheelchair lift: Still investigating

Digital Sign – West side of Ed Building: Received quote from 2 companies. Working on funding.

Bathroom facelift-Ed Building: Putting team together to give ideas/get prices.

Sanctuary Monitors: Money received. Fowlers have ordered.

Pipe Replacement/Potential Sanctuary Bathroom Renovation: Pipe has been replaced. Rollie & Keith Dicke are going to update women's bathroom for handicap accessible.

Sanctuary Hot Water Heater: New has been installed.

New Business

Jim Strang-Computer backup/tech upgrades

1. Suggests we back up financial/membership software to the company's website. Myra Hanenkrafft made the motion to back up all Church Windows modules to the company's cloud for \$84.00/month. Tom Brandewie 2nd, motion passed.
2. Backup for all other programs- Tracy Oldiges made the motion for Jim to do a bit more research to find out what is available and cost. Tom Brandewie 2nd. Motion passed.
3. Jim gave a brief update on how church network/zoom room/sanctuary streaming updates are going.

Council Treasurer Position: Lynda Goodwin has accepted to fill the position of Council Treasurer for the remainder of 2021 and for the 2022-2023 term. Myra Hanenkrafft moved to approve Lynda. Tracy Oldiges 2nd. Motion passed.

Buckeye Exterminating Contract Renewal: Buckeye does our monthly pest control. Annual renewal starting in October is \$605.28. Tom Brandewie moved to renew contract. Tracy Oldiges 2nd. Motion passed.

Announcements: Next meeting – October 12, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Abby Bushman/Barb Holdren, Acting Secretary

Roland Dicke, President