

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Bree Dunscombe, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loudenback, Bob Milligan, Mark Preis, Melissa Shriner, Nikki Shoultz, Shannen Shortt, Mike Simek, Kelli Snow, Vern Sullenger, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Charlie Wilfong, Christie Wright.

Nikki opened the meeting with a welcome at 7:00 p.m. Christie Wright shared devotions from the Max Lucado book *Discovering the Cure For the Common Life*.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented.

The group shared glory sightings which included having reached a milestone in giving for the Transforming for Tomorrow project. The group joined Eric Shriner in the Narthex to place the appropriate amount of “in focus” squares on the picture of the church indicating the portion of the goal in fund raising that has been reached.

In Jennifer’s absence, Nikki read the follow lay leader report for her: [Beginning Sunday, Sept. 30](#), in both Classic and NewDay Praise Worship, as well as Kids@PUMC (grades k-5), and in many small groups, gratitude will be the theme. Using Rev. Kent Millard's book, *The Gratitude Path*, as the foundation, worship, small groups, and children's programming will take participants on a journey into a deeper experience and expression of gratitude. This worship series and church-wide study will last [through October 21](#). Then [on Sunday, October 28](#), PUMC will welcome the author of *The Gratitude Path*, Rev. Ken Millard, to be our guest preacher on Consecration Sunday. We will keep our current, regular worship schedule on that Sunday as we answer the stewardship question of "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give through this ministry?" Vern reported for Todd that the Men’s Group is meeting this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast in Clayton Hall. Bree reported that the Kids@PUMC program will be holding family fellowship nights next year on 1/6, 3/3, 5/5, 7/7, 9/1 and 11/3 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in Clayton Hall. There will be a cook out Sept. 16, 2018 for all Sunday school teachers and their families on the west lot at 6:00 p.m. Third graders will also receive Bibles that day in worship. Trunk or Treat will be October 28, 2018 4:00-6:00 p.m. followed by the Organ Spooktacular.

Mike Simek, Bill Edie, Mark Preis and Elizabeth Gilbert presented an update on the Transforming for Tomorrow initiative. Fund raising gifts and pledges have exceeded \$400,000. The town has approved the electronic sign which was the next step in it’s installation. The parking lot repaving is expected to be complete by Friday 9/21. The north parking lot base had deteriorated to the point that it needs replaced which has been approved. This will add \$32,000 to the project cost bringing it to \$149,400. A promotional video will be made when the parking lot is complete. The project scope for the restrooms and kitchen is under development.

Bob Milligan reported for Staff Parish that we have two candidates for the position of Treasurer and Financial Administrator. Each will be interviewed soon. Jamie Carini is on leave of absence until the end of the year. Simon Pick came on board as Organist/Choir Director on September 1.

Trustees had no additional report beyond the T4T information.

Bill Edie reported that Brian and Kathy Larcom have completed the financial audit. The Kelly property loan has been converted to a five year mortgage with a current balance of \$99,466. Meriam Hester has been leading the money counting team for more than 20 years. She is resigning that position due issues with glaucoma. She will continue to help with the counting if her eye issues can be dealt with satisfactorily. We are searching for someone to replace her in the lead position. Following are the financials as presented by Bill:

MONTH		CONTRIBUTIONS MONTH	CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE	EXPENSES MONTH	EXPENSES TO DATE	ENDING BALANCE	BALANCE CHANGE
JAN	\$87,122	\$142,843	\$142,843	\$87,628	\$87,628	\$56,859	
FEB	\$174,244	\$84,718	\$227,561	\$91,646	\$179,274	\$49,931	(\$6,928)
MAR	\$261,367	\$93,057	\$320,618	\$76,054	\$255,328	\$66,934	\$17,003
APR	\$348,498	\$86,752	\$403,235	\$79,999	\$334,052	\$73,318	\$6,384
MAY	\$435,612	\$65,093	\$472,463	\$79,858	\$413,910	\$58,553	\$14,765
JUN	\$522,734	\$78,986	\$551,449	\$78,589	\$492,449	\$58,950	\$397
JUL	\$609,586	\$76,772	\$628,221	\$74,204	\$566,703	\$61,518	\$2568
AUG	\$696,979	\$78,036	\$706,257	\$79,740	\$646,443	\$59,814	(\$1,704)

Elizabeth presented a report prepared by Eiric Shriner outlining the PUMC Communications Strategy and also some of the metrics associated with the various communications platforms. It was very instructive and nicely done. Thanks Eiric and Elizabeth.

Charlie closed us in prayer at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vernon Sullenger, secretary

**APPROVED 10/10/18**