

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2019 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming everyone and giving each person a chance to introduce themselves. Vern then presented devotions based on events surrounding the end of life of Tyler Trent. This was followed by the sharing of glory sightings which included an emphasis on the importance of PUMC's "one big thing" which is *Serving The Children Of Plainfield*.

The minutes of the December 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

Kathy Perry submitted the following lay leader report which has been supplemented by Jacob: Mitten Tree program was very successful this year

- New tablets have been ordered for the Child Check-in System. As soon as they are interfaced with the printer we will begin using
- Christmas Eve Service (4:00pm family oriented) had about 80 attendees and received very positive feedback from the vast majority of people attending
- 2019 Program Calendar was discussed
 - Family Fellowship nights are 4:30 each of the following Sunday evenings: 1/27, 3/3, 5/5, 7/7, 9/1, 11/3
 - The Eggstravaganza is tentatively scheduled for 4/20 from 10:00 am – noon
 - FineArts Camp is scheduled for June 24-28 with a Performance in Worship Annex on Saturday and Singing in Worship on Sunday
 - Other events have tentative dates
- Beginning in March, the boards for PreSchool, Kids' Connection, will join the Children's Council. This will allow all programs to better work together and provide a more cohesive program for our kids.

Ken provided the following Missions report for Mary Raver: 1. Tomorrow Mill Creek food pantry rep will meet with a PUMC mission committee rep at Aldi to stock their shelter with some of the food drive money. 2. Family Promise report- PUMC will be hosting week January 20th through 26th. 2 families just transferred out and moved into their own homes. A few slots remain open for volunteers and people should contact Mary if they are interested in filling.

Elizabeth presented the Worship report for Jennifer Finesilver: On Sunday, February 3, PUMC will celebrate Football Sunday in both Classic and NewDay Praise Worship. Worship this day will include a video message from members of the NFL (including players playing in that day's game) sharing about their life with Christ both on and off the field. We will also have a tailgate party with grilled brats and smoked, pulled pork. This is a great Sunday to invite and bring friends, family and co-workers to. It will be fun and inspirational.

Then on the Sundays in Lent (Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, this year) we will coordinate a series in both Classic and NewDay Praise Worship that will center around hospitality. In the stories of Jesus we find that people, often described as the "crowd", were always near Jesus. What was it that made Jesus so attractive? How did Jesus welcome and interact with these people? How can we welcome and serve the people around us and around the church? Romans 15:7 (NRSV) will be a primary Scripture for this series... "Welcome on another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Mike Simek invited the T4T steering committee to present an update on their activities. For Fund Raising Bill reported as follows: We have received \$450,006 in pledges and donations from 97 pledging units. \$152,640 in cash has been received and we have \$136,095 available for projects. In anticipation that the next project will be restroom refurbishment Mark Preis has been securing bids. Elizabeth reported that communications through the normal channels are continuing in order to maintain the momentum.

Jacob reported on behalf of Staff Parish that the positions of Choir Director/Primary Organist, Organist/ Accompanist and Director of Preschool Programs are posted. Melissa Shriner is filling the preschool position on an interim basis and there have been inquiries about the 2 music positions.

Bill Edie presented the year end finance report which is included as an attachment to these minutes. This report was accepted unanimously. Bill then presented the finance committees recommended 2019 budget which was also accepted unanimously.

Under Old Business, we unanimously elected the following at the recommendation of the nominating committee: Jeanne Milligan - PUMC designee to Preschool Programs, Marci Davis - PUMC designee to Kids Connection and Sarah Thrasher as Chair of the Safety Committee.

Charlie closed us in singing and prayer at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Vernon Sullenger, secretary

APPROVED 2/13/19