

PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF January 15, 2020 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Those present: John Baer, Sandy Bennett, Bree Dunscombe, Elizabeth Gilbert, Stephanie Kirkling,, Ken Loudenback, Kimberly Meyer, Kathy Perry, Mark Preis, Nikki Shoultz, Shannen Shortt, Mike Simek, Vern Sullenger, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Charlie Wilfong, Zoe Wiltrout

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Since there were new members present, each council member introduced themselves, his/her council responsibility, and something interesting about him/her.

Vern Sullenger presented the devotional from Billy Graham, "Man Wasn't Made for Himself".

The December minutes were approved as presented. The group shared Glory Sightings.

Lay Leader reports were made as follows:

Sandy Bennett for Missions— PUMC's next Family Promise host week begins January 26. Discussions continue how to educate and communicate that financial donations for missions in the future need to be designated for missions in general and not to a specific mission.

Shannen for Outreach and Hospitality— United Methodist Women are holding a bake sale on Football Sunday

Kathy for Education— Pre-School Kids: January theme is Beach Party. Jesus spent a lot of time on or near the beach and performed many miracles near the water. Week 1 is Water to Wine, Week 2 is Catching Fish, Week 3 is Feeding 5000, and Week 4 is Walking on the Water.

Kids K-5: January lessons center on the connection between the knowledge and God's character as shown through God's big story. Week 1 is The Boy Jesus at the Temple, Week 2 is Jesus' Baptism, Week 3 Jesus Tempted in the Desert, and Week 4 is Jesus and John the Baptist.

Adults – 5 Disciple Bible Studies are being offered beginning in January. A total of 50 people signed up for these new shorter studies. It's the largest number signed up in several years. The studies range in length from 8 weeks to 11 weeks.

Transforming for Tomorrow – Kimberly Meyer – the restroom project continues to progress, with the HVAC work planned and beginning. The updated duct work has been planned to integrate with the larger work on the church-wide HVAC update so that the work will not have to be redone.

Charlie presented the Staff Parish report in the absence of Tamara — In December, Staff Parish held a special called meeting. Superintendent, Dr. Aleze Fulbright, attended to announce that Ken Loudenback had been appointed to part-time pastor for Bridgeport United Methodist Church. Ken will have a dual role, and will still support PUMC on a ¼ time schedule. Ken is very excited about this opportunity for growth, and we support him 100%. Ken will still continue to be in worship with PUMC at the 8:30 service twice a month.

The conference is holding SPRC training at PUMC on Sunday afternoon, 1/26. We have encouraged all members of Staff Parish to attend. Our first meeting will be held then on Monday, 1/27. We look

forward to welcoming our new committee members.

The two things on our agenda are to revisit the vacation policy and to continue to search for a way to bring on the accompanist for Classic Worship in 2020. Charlie outlined 2 potential ways: 1. Request sustainable donations that would go toward funding the role, or 2. In March, if the Children's programs makes their \$18,000+ donation a sustainable donation. We will continue to keep this need in front of finance as additional information becomes available.

Mark for Trustees—No additional updates on HVAC project. The heavy winds in December caused significant damage to roof. The insurance will pay a \$107,724.76 claim for repair which will go toward a new roof. Stage expansion project in Clayton Hall. Construction should be complete in January.

Mike Simek for Finance –Mike provided the following report for the Basic Ministry Budget in December. Mike explained that even though there was a short fall for the year of \$6,119.50, we did have some reserve funds from 2018 that would cover the short fall.

Annual Budget Total: \$ 1,048,955

Year to Date, as of 12/31/19

12/12 of Annual Budget:	<u>\$1,048,955</u>
Contributions:	<u>\$967,386.07</u>
Expenses:	<u>\$ 973,505.57</u>
YTD Balance	<u>(\$6,119.50)</u>

Month of December

1/12 of Annual Budget:	<u>\$ 87,412.92</u>
Contributions:	<u>\$ 80,758.31</u>
Expenses:	<u>\$ 81,086.47</u>
Month Balance:	<u>\$ (328.16)</u>

Under New Business, the Council unanimously elected Sarah Whitzig as a lay member to the Annual Conference.

Charlie gave a detailed explanation about the steps involved in the proposed split of the United Methodist Church. The proposal will be voted on at the Annual Conference. After his explanation the council requested that a written explanation be made available for those who would like a clearer understanding of the process. Pastors also offered to speak to any group, such as a Sunday School class or a Bible study requesting the information.

Charlie closed the meeting with prayer at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Perry—secretary

APPROVED 02/12/20