

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF JULY 10,2019 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Bree Dunscombe, Elizabeth Gilbert, Tamara Miller, Kathy Perry, Mark Preis, Mary Raver, Shannen Shortt, Mike Simek, Vern Sullenger, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Charlie Wilfong, Zoe Wiltrout, Christie Wright, Judy Karstens, Eiric Shriner.

In the absence of Nikki Shoultz, Bill Edie opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Christie Wright shared devotions on the subject of “not worrying” based on Philippians 4:6-7. She referenced some personal experience as well.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented. There was no June meeting.

The group shared glory sightings. Elizabeth took advantage of this opportunity to make a report on the growth in attendance at the NewDay Praise service. Eiric shared that the Preschool chose to pay \$8,000 for the WiFi upgrade throughout the building, which will bring signal to their portion of the building, enabling streaming services and supporting the Sunday morning kids check-in. It will also benefit PUMC Sunday mornings supporting users accessing the mobile app for worship materials and giving, as well as strengthening our capacity to livestream worship through Facebook.

Lay Leader Reports:

Mary Raver: Stilesville and Mill Creek food pantry representatives got to stock their shelves with some of the money from the food drive. The next Family Promise hosting is November 17. Upcoming ways to support Family Promise, a clothing drive this Saturday, July 13 10a—4p at the Avon Christian Church, and a “Run with the Livestock” 5k at the Hendricks County Fair Grounds July 20. CROP Walk will be October 6. Madina School starts mid-September, they have about 370 kids ready for the year, student sponsorships at \$30/month are being sought. \$2000 from the Mission Budget was sent to help with school and other supplies. Madina is also getting a clinic (for women and children) – they were not approved for a hospital, but the infant mortality rate is amongst the highest in the world, so this will be huge for them. So far the foundation is laid, access road created, 10,000 blocks are curing (40,000 are needed) and funding is being sought for a roof – most likely sourced from the USA so they can get a galvanized finish that will not rust. Imagine No Malaria donations have come to \$1620 so far. It is still listed as an option for online giving for July. (\$60 from May, \$1560 from June)

Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton:

**KIDS@PUMC & PUMC Christian Education | PUMC Worship Arts
Sunday morning programming:**

Preschool & Toddlers This month, we will continue with our Power Up theme as we learn how Jesus gives us the power to love others—and not just the ones who are easy to love. No, this kind of power is what helps us love everyone! This powerful kind of love looks a lot like goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. **WEEK 1** We will learn that when Jesus is our friend, He gives us the power to show GOODNESS to others. Showing goodness to people is a great way to love them! Who doesn't like a little goodness? **WEEK 2** An amazing story about how Peter's friends showed him how much they loved him by being FAITHFUL to pray for him. They didn't give up. I can't wait for you to hear how the love of Peter's friends actually got him out of jail! **WEEK 3** We will hear a story about a time when Jesus was GENTLE with a woman whom most people treated very harshly. If you ever want to know how gentle love is, look no further than Jesus. He is the perfect example of gentleness in both word and action. **WEEK 4**

We will learn that just because a person is young, it doesn't mean they can't have SELFCONTROL. Jesus gives us the power to do that too! And let's face it, we could all use a little more power when it comes to self-control.

K-5th grade are learning about the connection between the fruit of the spirit and God's character, as shown through God's big story. **WEEK 1** We start the month in James 1:17a. Jesus' brother, James, shares a bit of wisdom that reminds us how everything that's good comes from God. It's true! Everything good in our lives is because of God. And the best gift that God gives is Jesus. Because of what Jesus did for us, we can show God's goodness to others. **WEEK 2** We discover how faithfulness shows up in an incredible moment that Luke records in Acts 12:1- 19. Peter faithfully served God and preached the message of Jesus. The church faithfully prayed for Peter while he was in prison. God was faithful to Peter and sent an angel to help him escape. They could hardly believe what happened, but everyone praised God for his faithfulness. **WEEK 3** We head to Mark 10:13-16 where Mark records a time when Jesus welcomed children, gave them His attention, and blessed them. Back then no one thought every highly of children, and what Jesus did would have shocked many who were watching.

But Jesus taught that this is what the kingdom of God is all about, coming to God with the faith of a child. **WEEK 4** In James 3:3-10, we're reminded that our words have power. James uses practical images like a horse bit, a ship's rudder, and a flame to show us just how powerful they are. We can use words to encourage and help others, or we can use our words to hurt them.

Preschool Programs: (Melissa Shriner, Interim Director of Preschool Programs)

Current enrollment numbers are

Summer has 42

AY has 80

We've been able to get kids off our waiting list and placed in classes. That has brought our waiting list is zero.

Summer program is having fun food days and a library visit once per week.

We are currently turning our focus to classroom improvements.

Kids Connection: (Carissa Wooden, Director of Kids Connection)

The summer program for both June and July was completely full. We began using the planning center check-in to check in and out Kids Connection students. The system has been working great and parents are grateful for the added security of their children. We plan on continuing with the system for the upcoming school year. Fall registration keeps increasing. With the amount of children increasing, the need for an additional van is very important to continue to serve the children of Plainfield. We currently serve 32 families equaling 40 kids. Because of the growth, Kids Connection began driving all three vehicles at the end of last school year in the mornings. Kids Connection now will be driving all three vehicles in the afternoons as well for the upcoming school year. One vehicle for one school became completely full in January after registration opened. And just to think the program five years ago ran only one vehicle in the morning and two vehicles in the afternoon for all four elementary schools. With routes being changed and the number of vehicles increased the program has grown greatly. I can only imagine where the program will go from here if an additional vehicle gets added to the mix!

PUMC Worship Arts

Our PUMC Concert Series has developed & advertised a monthly concert that will run through the end of the year.

July 21st @ 4:00pm - Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton & the NewDay Praise Band

August 25th @ 4:00pm - The Young Artist Organ Concert by Jihye Choi

September 29th @ 4:00pm - The Purdue University Purduettes

October 27th @ 4:00pm - Trunk or Treat & The Great Organ Spooktacular

November 24th @ 4:00pm - Gospel Hymn Sing!

December - Christmas Eve services!

Jennifer Finesilver (by e-mail due to work schedule): In both Classic and NewDay Praise we will begin a six- week worship series and church- wide study entitled "Called" on September 15. The series and study will explore God's call in the life of six Bible characters so that we can be more sensitive and responsive to God's call for each of us. Consecration Sunday will be October 27.

Shannen Shortt: On pentecost Sunday we collected birthday bags for St. Mark's food pantry. We collected more than 36 bags and delivered them. All contained cake mix and icing along with candles. Other content included plates, napkins, streamer, bubbles and party hats.

Zoe Wiltrout: The May Endowment Awareness Campaign was a success. Nearly \$1,000 was raised through the change banks and more is coming in. Zoe and Ray Shannon have been familiarizing themselves with the United Methodist Foundation where our endowment funds are invested. They are satisfied that the foundation is the best place for investments. They are continuing to look into the various services that the foundation provides.

The Transforming For Tomorrow committee gave a progress report. In summary, the restroom remodeling is progressing with the usual surprises that come with projects of that sort. At this point there are no funds available for further projects once the restrooms are completed. The ice cream social was a fun event and about \$550 was raised at it. On August 18 a new campaign will begin to refresh the vision and raise funds for the next projects on the list.

Tamara reported for Staff Parish: We are interviewing for the night custodian (2 interviews) and director of preschool education (7 interviews) this week. We hope to have decisions soon and be able to fill both of those positions. We are waiting until the fall to recruit for the accompanist role. We rolled out the 403B and, to date, no one has signed up to participate. One person has indicated interest and about 14 that have declined participation. We are wrapping up the handbook to include the children's programs, and plan to roll that out in the fall.

Mark reported for Trustees that they are receiving quotes for carpet cleaning. There are some issues with the parking lot which showed up with the heavy rains. We are seeking bids for these repairs. A replacement of the roof on the entire church is in the near future. The current cost estimate for that is \$210,000.

Bill Edie presented the following summary for the finance committee. This report included the May and June financial data.

MONTH	BUDGET TO DATE	CONTRIBUTIONS MONTH	CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE	EXPENSES MONTH	EXPENSES TO DATE	ENDING BALANCE	BALANCE CHANGE
JAN	\$83,820	\$123,055	\$123,055	\$83,877	\$83,877	\$39,178	\$29,909
FEB	\$167,640	\$82,372	\$204,427	\$82,862	\$166,739	\$37,688	(\$1490)
MAR	\$251,460	\$95,910	\$300,337	\$85,253	\$251,992	\$48,346	\$10,658
APR	\$345,949	\$72,559	\$372,896	\$78,775	\$330,537	\$42,359	(\$5987)
MAY	\$432,436	\$62,210	\$435,106	\$76,700	\$406,887	\$28,219	(\$14,490)
JUN	\$517,272	82,166	\$517,272	\$80,586	\$487,473	\$29,799	\$1,580

Under Old Business, Charlie reported on activities at the Annual Conference. One of the primary activities was selection of the delegates for General Conference in 2020. This is particularly significant as these are the delegates that will be deciding some of the difficult and contentious issues regarding performing same sex marriages, and ordaining members of the LGBTQ+ community in the United Methodist Church. On Tuesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m., Charlie and Elizabeth will repeat their presentation on a scriptural view of human sexuality.

Under New Business, the nominations committee submitted the following for election:

LeeAnn Overby: Stewardship Records Assistant

Consecration Sunday team

Chair: Mike Rohrer

Charlie Wilfong

Elizabeth Gilbert

Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton

Eiric Shriner

Rebecca Blackwelder: Financial Administrator

LeeAnn Overbey: Stewardship Records Assistant

Bill Edie: Finance Chair

Laurie Rohrer

Jim Rodarmel: Head Usher

These nominations were approved unanimously.

Charlie closed us in prayer at 8:03 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is August 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Vernon Sullenger—secretary

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