

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2019 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Tony Doster, Bree Dunscombe, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loudenback, Tamara Miller, Mark Preis, Mary Raver, Melissa Shriner, Nikki Shoultz, Shannen Shortt, Mike Simek, Vern Sullenger, Charlie Wilfong Zoe Wiltrout, Christie Wright, Judy Karstens.

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Mike Simek presented devotions on the subject of keeping mindful that Memorial Day is a day of remembrance of those who gave their lives in defense of our freedom. He shared with us a personal loss.

The April minutes were approved with one correction.

The group shared Glory Sightings which included the program that Elizabeth and Charlie had presented on a scriptural view of human sexuality.

Mary Raver reported the following for Missions: UMCOR giving during March and April totaled \$4394 (including UMCOR Sunday). Easter offering totaled \$3919.37 and was divided: Active Grace \$600; WRE \$300; Kids Connection Scholarships \$1400; Family Promise of Hendricks County \$1319.37; Lunch Bunch \$300. Henderson Work Team goes May 19-26. We are hosting Family Promise this week. Collecting pencils, scissors, and crayons for Madina through the end of May when Francis will ship barrels to Sierra Leone. Missionary Tendai Manyeza (one of our Covenant Relationship Missionaries) is now serving in Sierra Leone rather than Zimbabwe. Food Drive will begin Sunday, May 12. Imagine No Malaria to be emphasized in June. Friends of Africa University breakfast June 14 at Convention Center. Sign up for tickets on Indiana Conference web site. Speaker is to be Rev. Chali, a graduate of AU.

In Jacob's absence Charlie reported the following for the Music and Children's ministries:

Month of May

KIDS@PUMC & PUMC Christian Education | PUMC Worship Arts

Sunday morning programming:

Preschool & Toddlers are learning that God can help us do really big things! When we are faced with big things, remember to hop to it because God will help! Our world is filled with things that are big and sometimes scary. We don't run from these things, but we "hop to it" because we know that God is bigger and will help us do the big things! **Week 1:** God helps me do big things. Solomon at the temple (I Kings 5-6) **Week 2:** God helps me be a strong leader. Joshua leads the people (Joshua 1:1-9) **Week 3:** God helps me help others. Aaron helps Moses (Exodus 17:8-13) **Week 4:** God helps me do brave things. David & Goliath (I Sam. 17:1-50).

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 32:8 (NLT) "We have the Lord our God to help us."

K-5th grade are learning about **the connection between perseverance and God's character, as shown through God's big story.** Throughout history, God has offered strength to help people persevere through difficult situations. Jesus persevered through death itself to make it possible for us to have a forever relationship with God. Because of what Jesus did for us, we can trust Him to help us find the strength to persevere through whatever we face. **Week 1:** Keep going because God is with you. Great Commission and spread the gospel (Matthew 26:16-20, Act 1-2). **Week 2:** You can choose joy when life gets hard. Paul & Silas in prison (Acts 16:16-

40). **Week 3:** God can help you let go of what is holding you back. Cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1). **Week 4:** Keep going because of what Jesus did for you. Fix your eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2-3). **Memory Verse:** Isaiah 40:3 (NIRV): “BUT THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD WILL RECEIVE NEW STRENGTH. THEY WILL FLY AS HIGH AS EAGLES. THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GET TIRED. THEY WILL WALK AND NOT GROW WEAK.”

Easter Eggstravaganza:

Was well attended by several new people from the community. We saw an attendance of 250 people. Many people heard the Easter story and the promise that Jesus is our Savior.

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

Currently, the end of school year is approaching very quickly, with the last day for the current session being May 17th . Each actively enrolled student will receive an “End of year gift bag”, including a book and small summer toy. The bags have the Kids@PUMC logo with the scripture beneath Psalm 127:3 paraphrased “Each child is a gift from God”.

Summer session begins June 3 rd. We have an enrollment of 39 students; an increase from 24 students last summer. With the increased enrollment we are now at a positive cashflow for the summer; this being the first time the summer program is not operating in a deficit, in several years. Our preschool & pre-K teachers will begin closing up their classrooms for the summer. Fall session is in the planning stages. With all of the preparations, we’ll have a flurry of activity over the next few weeks.

Other administrative items: the program’s finances are fully operational in Quickbooks Online. Student and family contact info has been entered into Ministry Tracker by a volunteer; many thanks to Mike Rorher for that effort.

We are getting encouraging feedback from parents that are returning with their children in the fall. Younger siblings will be joining us for the first time this fall. God is certainly working and touching many families through our preschool program. Glory to God!

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

Our summer enrollment is now at full capacity with a desire to open up additional classes in order to meet the needs and serve the families & children of our community. Additional aides have been hired to help through the summer and into the next school year. Kids Connection is beginning a fundraiser with Chic-Fil-A in order to continue to help keep costs down for the families that we serve. This fundraiser will run during the month of June in Plainfield.

PUMC Worship Arts

We are drawing near the end of the Sanctuary Choir & Bell Choir’s regular season. The entire worship arts department will be coming together to celebrate the end of the year on May 23rd. As the season draws towards an end, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin outside of the music room. This sign-up sheet is for any & all to sign up to sing, play an instrument or sing in an ensemble during the months of June, July & August. All are encouraged to sign up for an opening. The Sanctuary Choir will be singing on the 1st Sunday of the month during the summer with a rehearsal occurring on the Thursday prior to that Sunday. If you would like to join the choir for these three short worship opportunities, you are more than welcome and encouraged to join us! On June 9th at 5pm, the PUMC Music Staff will be offering a concert open to any and all to enjoy in the PUMC sanctuary. Invite your friends as we enjoy an evening of music!

The T4T team reported that we have received \$460,656 in cash and pledges with \$210,821 already received. This represents 103 giving units. The Major Maintenance Fund now stands at \$21,082. The restroom remodel project will be the last project we can do until further funds are committed. The contract for the restroom remodel has been signed and all design decisions have been made. Work is to begin May 17 beginning with floors and is to be completed in 120 days.

Tamara reported the following for Staff Parish: We are recruiting for the Night Custodian, Accompanist and Director of Preschool Programs. We hope Stephan may have some ideas still for the Accompanist. We have posted the Night Custodian and will be posting the Director of Preschool Programs role on Indeed. Tamara made the requested changes to the Credit Card policy. This policy and the 403B plan will be rolled out at the next all staff meeting on Tuesday, May 28th. Tamara and Kristie Engleking, prior Staff Parish member, on the Unification of the Employee Handbook (PUMC and Weekday Children's Ministries), and will meet with Jacob and Charlie to discuss the changes prior to the next Staff Parish meeting on 6/3. A couple of other Staff Parish members are working on an onboarding and exit checklist, as well as an offer script. Brent Miller ordered the Employee File supplies, and we will coordinate a volunteer to get put them together.

Mark reported for Trustees that Steve Manning has been working an extra 2.5 hours each afternoon or evening in the absence of a night custodian. Consensus was that Steve should be thanked with a bonus after a night custodian has been hired. This will be coordinated between Trustees, Staff Parish and Finance. Training for the removal of the walls in Clayton Hall has been scheduled for June 8. Volunteers are being sought.

Bill Edie presented the following finance report:

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)

Bill also presented a narrative budget which will be used to help people understand where the money gets spent.

Under Old Business Charlie thanked the Endowment committee for their efforts in designating May as Endowment Awareness month.

Under New Business Charlie reminded us that Bishop Trimble will be preaching on June 2. He also provided the following names of those from PUMC who will be attending Annual Conference:

Joe Bennett, Sandy Bennett, Judy Heffelman, Larry Rudy, Charlie Wilfong, Elizabeth Gilbert, Bob Preusch, Ken Loudonback.

Equalizing Members from PUMC: Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Eiric Shriner, Ruth Ellen Stone, Anthony Swinger.
Retired UM Clergy affiliated with PUMC: Dan Stone, Steve Ailes, Ron Mercer, Hugh Rohrer, Erma Rohrer.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Charlie closed us in prayer at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Vernon Sullenger—secretary

Approved 7/10/2019