

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2019 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Those present: Tony Doster, Jennifer Finesilver, Bree Dunscombe, Judy Karstens, Tamara Miller, Mark Preis, Mary Raver, Nikki Shoultz, Shannen Shortt, Mike Simek, Vern Sullenger, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Charlie Wilfong, Christie Wright.

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with devotions titled Attitude of Open-mindedness from the book *Attitude Is Your Paintbrush*.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved with one revision.

The group shared a number of Glory Sightings.

Lay Leader reports were as follows:

Shannen for Outreach and Hospitality

There will be a cornhole tournament on October 13th sponsored by the Third Saturday Mens Group. It is open to everyone. There will be hotdogs, chips, drinks and prizes. It is open to everyone. "Bundle up" coat drive sponsored by Plainfield Church Federation is going on with collection boxes throughout the church. October 19th they will be distributed to needy families at Hendricks County Fairgrounds.

Jennifer for Worship

On October 20, we will conclude our worship series, "Called." Then, on October 27, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday in all adult worship services. That morning we will have special music and special refreshments as we prayerfully consider what percentage of our income God is calling us to give in support of PUMC's ministries. For the coming Advent season, we will be engaging in the worship series "The Star" in both Classic and NewDay Praise worship. Christmas Eve we will host, among other services, worship at 7:00p.m. and 9:00 p.m. with Festival Choir and Orchestra in the sanctuary.

Mary for Missions

CROP Walk took place Sunday, Oct 6. Stay tuned for report once numbers are tallied. PUMC hosts Family Promise Nov 17-24. Sign ups to begin Oct 20. Fall Food Drive will begin Oct 20 with distribution of bags/lists. UMW Chili Supper will be Nov 1 - proceeds to go to Sheltering Wings.

Jacob for Kids @ PUMC and Worship Arts

Month of November

**KIDS@PUMC & PUMC Christian Education | PUMC Worship Arts**

**KIDS@PUMC Happenings:**

We are excited to share that we will be joining with the Baptist Church and the Public Library for Trick or Treat on Simmons Street on Thursday, October 24th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

Throughout the month of October we will be hosting a candy drive. In addition, PUMC's portion will be hosting our traditional Trunk or Treat. We are in need of volunteers to bring their cars and decorate them for the Trunk or Treat - we anticipate welcoming nearly 1000 kids to this event!

**Sunday morning programming: Preschool & Toddlers This month, we focus on the big idea of Super Kids! We ask kids: *who can help you be brave? God can help me be brave!***

**Our memory verse is Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...for the Lord your God goes with you.”** WEEK 1 We learn that God protects Daniel when is thrown into a lion’s den for praying to God instead of the king. (Daniel 6:1-23) WEEK 2 God tells Gideon he does not have to be afraid because they will win the battle! (Judges 7:9-22) WEEK 3 Miriam keeps watch over her baby brother Moses, to see what happens to him. (Exodus 1:22-2:10) WEEK 4 King Hezekiah trusts that God will help him when an enemy attacks Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 32:1-23).

**K-5th grade** are learning COURAGE: Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you’re afraid. Our memory verse is Joshua 1:9b “Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.” WEEK 1 Moses is born (Exodus 2:1-10) - You can do what you should even when you don’t know what will happen next. WEEK 2 Moses and the Burning Bush + The 10 Plagues (Exodus 3-6:12, 7-12:42) - You can do what you should even when you don’t feel ready. WEEK 3 Israel goes through the Red Sea (Exodus 13:17-14:31) - You can do what you should even when things seem impossible. WEEK 4 Joshua & Caleb (Numbers 13-14) - You can do what you should even when others are afraid.

**Preschool Programs: (Charity Aton, Assistant Director of Children’s Ministries | Preschool Programs)**

The Preschool Programs is thriving and growing with great excitement everyday. We are establishing best practices with our procedures, going through monthly fire drills, and continually striving to share the love of Christ with our children and families.

**Kids Connection: (Carissa Wooden, Assistant Director of Children’s Ministries | Kids Connection)**

Our before and after school program is packed! Our students continue to enjoy a safe loving environment where they are able to complete their homework with exceptional tutors in each classroom.

### **PUMC Worship Arts**

On Sunday, October 6th, we worshipped together as an entire church in our church-wide worship service at 8:45am & 10:00am. Our entire music ministry presented Robert Ray’s *Gospel Mass* with special guest musicians that helped enhance our worship together.

Our PUMC Concert Series continues with our monthly concert that will run through the end of the year.

On September 29th @ 4:00pm, we hosted Purdue University’s Purduettes, a 70 voice member choir and band that packed the church sanctuary with 465 people in attendance. The audience walked away with great excitement, and we were able to feed the ensemble exceptional food catered in by Olive Garden.

October 27th @ 4:00pm - The Great Organ Spooktacular with Stephen Price at the organ while we watch the original film of the Phantom of the Opera.

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

December - Christ Eve services schedule coming soon!

Mike Simek reported for T4T

The latest financials are as follows:

Cash & Pledges: \$477,335.50

Cash Received: \$246,718.80

Giving Units: 102

LOC Balance: \$91,500

Major Maintenance Account: \$28,674.01

All available funds for T4T have been committed and the future projects will be on hold once the restroom remodeling is complete later this year. We have learned that there are two immediate needs in facility maintenance. The entire roof needs replaced and the HVAC system is likely at the end of its' life. We bids to replace the roof in its' entirety. The low bid is \$210,000 using two contractors. The cost of the HVAC system will likely be around \$300,000. The T4T committee has been in conversation with various members of the congregation trying to decide what next steps should be. There seems to be a consensus that the maintenance issues must be dealt with before proceeding with more T4T projects. An important distinction between T4T and maintenance is that we have committed to only spend on T4T what has been given or pledged while maintenance can be financed with borrowing. Current giving levels would require budget cuts in order to support a loan payment if we decide to borrow for the maintenance needs. Trustees and the T4T committee are continuing to explore options.

#### Staff Parish Report—Tamara

We are still recruiting for the pianist role for classic worship. We have submitted our salary recommendations for Clergy for 2020 to finance. Bob Preusch has celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> year in youth ministry and 15 years with PUMC! Congrats to Bob! This week is Pastor Appreciation week – show them your love.

#### Trustees Report—Mark

Kevin Carnes has been handling a project to enlarge the stage in Clayton Hall. He has been in discussion with the Fire Department over the issues involving fire safety. Tree trimming is being planned. There is a need for painting outside on Clayton Hall. The wood replacement in the window of the prayer chapel is complete. It still needs painting.

Following is the finance report as submitted by Bill who was unable to attend:

We are currently running a deficit for the year. I have reviewed the financial report from Rebecca. What stands out is giving was down considerably in September and Missions did have larger than usual expenditures in September. Giving has started out strong for October and hopefully that will continue.

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
JUL	\$605,410	\$68,914	\$586,186	\$71,539	\$559,012	\$27,174	(\$2,625)
AUG	\$691,897	\$71,232	\$657,418	\$71,980	\$630,992	\$26,426	(\$748)
SEP	\$778,385	\$67,346	\$724,764	\$94,643	\$725,635	(\$872)	(\$27,298)

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

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Vernon Sullenger—secretary

**APPROVED 11/13/2019**