

PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JUNE 13, 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Those Present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Jennifer Finesilver, Tony Doster, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loudenback, Bob Milligan, Kathy Perry, Mark Preis, Melissa Shriner, Ray Shannon, Nikki Shoultz, Shannen Shortt, Vern Sullenger, Christie Wright, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Jerry Shultz.

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a welcome, and Shannen Shortt shared devotions from *Book of Mysteries*.

The May minutes were approved as presented with a correction to the adjournment time.

The group shared Glory Sightings.

Mary Raver who is currently on a mission trip submitted the following report for Missions in writing: The Costa Rica mission team reported back about their trip this year and is planning another trip for 2020. They are planning to partner with Bartlett Chapel again. Food drive deliveries were made to Fletcher Place, St. Marks, and Vida Nueva. Money donated will be used to shop with representatives of the food pantries in Stilesville and Clayton to purchase needed items. Family Promise host week went well. We started with three families and welcomed a fourth mid-week. Two of the families transitioned into housing in the last two weeks and a third is moving this week! In addition to Last Saturday Lunch, there is now a Second Saturday Lunch (for delivery only). The group is looking for volunteers and considering how to fund the meal. Scrip income for the remainder of 2018 will be designated to help with funding. CROP Walk meetings have begun for this year's October 7 event. St. Marks could use volunteer help on food pantry days. Imagine No Malaria drive is running right now (last Sunday and this Sunday). PUMC is looking to host a VIM training. Likely will be in August or November.

Shannen Shortt reported that her Grief Share program was complete, and that we have 2 new worshippers that were introduced to PUMC through this program. We also have 4 new Steven Ministers.

Jennifer Finesilver reported the following for Worship: Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton took on duties of Director of Music and Worship Arts for all of our adult worship experiences on June 1. In addition to continuing to lead the NewDay Praise team he has in just his first two weeks played for a funeral, is directing the search process for a choir director/primary organist, is working with leadership in the adult choir to provide leadership for the adult summer chorus, is scheduling organist subs for Classic Worship as needed, and in a project that connects to both of his roles as Children's Ministry Director and Music Director he is directing a summer experience for children next week - a Fine Arts Camp for grades 1-6. Classic Worship celebrated a youth baptism just this last Sunday and anticipates receiving several new members this summer. Also, Classic Worship began a summer series earlier in June titled "Big 'C' Church", examining some core characteristics of the ancient church of Acts in comparison with the church of today. This series is on a break for a couple of weeks while Pastor Charlie is on vacation and the message will be brought these weeks by Pastor Ken Loudenback and Pastor Steve Ailes. [July 1](#) will be Youth Sunday in Classic Worship. PUMC youth will lead music, bring the message, and serve in other leadership roles that morning. NewDay Praise Worship is in the middle of a series titled "Designed by God" about discerning God's will for our lives. July series will be "Legends of the Faith" and will feature stories of characters in the Old Testament. NewDay Praise Worship is looking forward to celebrating an infant baptism [on July 1](#) and receiving new members this summer, as well.

Nikki presented the Transforming For Tomorrow Steering Committee Charter which is attached. The Steering Committee will meet on June 24, 2018 at noon and will likely move forward with the first project. Bill Edie reported for the Fundraising Committee that Brenda is restructuring our line of credit in

preparation for beginning the projects. As of the meeting time we have received \$278,938 in commitments. Mark Preis that resurfacing of the parking lot is the first project. The building of a new parking lot will require some engineering to meet the new codes, and will be coordinated with the town Simmons Street drainage project which is now scheduled for next year. He is working with several contractors to get proposals for just the resurfacing portion of the project. If funds are available we could proceed with the engineering portion of the new parking lot. Elizabeth reported for the Communications Committee that the T4T website is now running. She shared some yummy candy bars with a special wrapper that includes the address of the website. These will be used as we roll out the fundraising phase to the congregation.

Bob Milligan reported for Staff Parish that one interview for organist/choir director has taken place and another is being scheduled. There was some networking done at Annual Conference that may result in more applicants.

Mark Preis who was welcomed as the newly elected chairman of Trustees reported that the Trustees are getting a price for making the Kelly property ready to rent. Trustees have prepared and approved a document which outlines the Trustees guidelines for vendor selection. That document is attached.

Bill Edie reported for Finance that May was not a good month for giving versus expenditures but June is looking better. Overall for the year we are doing fine. Following is the summary for the year:

MONTH	BUDGET TO DATE	CONTRIBUTIONS MONTH	CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE	EXPENSES MONTH	EXPENSES TO DATE	ENDING BALANCE	BALANCE CHANGE
JAN	\$87,122	\$142,843	\$142,843	\$87,628	\$87,628	\$56,859	
FEB	\$174,244	\$84,718	\$227,561	\$91,646	\$179,274	\$49,931	(\$6,928)
MAR	\$261,367	\$93,057	\$320,618	\$76,054	\$255,328	\$66,934	\$17,003
APR	\$348,498	\$86,752	\$403,235	\$79,999	\$334,052	\$73,318	\$6,384
MAY	\$435,612	\$65,093	\$472,463	\$79,858	\$413,910	\$58,553	\$14,765

Nikki reported that: Consecration Sunday would be October 28 with Rev. Dr. Kent Millard serving as Guest Preacher for the day. Kent retired as Sr. Pastor of St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis and is currently serving as Interim President of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. He is the author of The Gratitude Path, which we will be using as a church-wide study in the weeks prior to Consecration Sunday.

Ray Shannon reported that the Endowment Committee has completed its work on the brochure and bookmarks promoting the endowment program. These are now available to the congregation. A drive to promote endowment giving will be delayed until next year because of the Transforming For Tomorrow fundraising which is about to begin.

Elizabeth closed us with prayer at 7:40 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: July 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vernon Sullenger, Secretary

APPROVED JULY 11, 2018