

Church Council Representative Reports

Abiding Memorials Committee Report 2022

The Abiding Memorials Committee in 2022 consisted of four members and three ex-officio members. Through October of 2022, the Abiding Memorials Committee received Memorial Donations in memory of four deceased church members. The committee did not receive any requests for Memorial Funds during 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hill
Chair of the Abiding Memorials Committee

Finance Committee Report 2022

This year 2022 has been a challenging year for our church financially. To look back---we were fortunate to end December 31, 2021, in a surplus of \$32,053 (actual total income of \$678,091 minus actual total expenses of \$646,037). At the end of 2021, the Church Council adopted the upcoming 2022 budget, which at the time, reflected a budget deficit of <\$45,375>. We have been operating this year (2022) in a deficit position. Now, as of October 31, 2022, FUMC total actual income is \$480,911 while total actual expenses are \$520,119 --- resulting in a deficit of <\$39,208>. The church has a reserve of \$113,500 to help sustain our operations. The Finance Committee has recently worked on a preliminary draft budget for 2023—but the final 2023 budget is not presently determined. Also, know that for 2022 giving has declined: budgeted pledges/offerings year-to-date are \$550,875 while actual pledges/offerings are \$463,449 resulting in a shortfall of <\$87,426>. It may be that the church again goes into next year (2023) with a deficit. We will need all our cash reserves to sustain us until we can return to normal operations.

Paul E. Williamson Finance Committee Chair

Marketing & Outreach Committee Report

FUMC was blessed to be able to once again provide free popcorn and water at the Foote Lagoon summer concerts. In addition, FUMC hosted a table at the Loveland Opera Theater concert at the Foote Lagoon. The Trustees approved decals for the church bus and van. The decals were generously donated by church members. The members also updated the W parking lot sign with the most recent QR code and placed a vinyl strip over the 9:45 service listed on the E corner sign. Long sleeve and turtleneck FUMC shirts are now available!

Andrea Ortega, Chair

Missions Committee Report

The Mission and Social Concerns Committee is one of the busiest and most productive of the many ministry groups in our church. Thanks to the hard work of our Nominating Committee, we started 2022 with 12 strong, committed members. With the faithful support of our congregation, our Committee was able to lead our church in several significant mission/outreach efforts. I'll mention several:

Truscott School, our near neighbor, provides us with many opportunities to be of help in our local community. Early in the year we were challenged by Church Council to do some thinking about how we might be more helpful to the school. Out of that challenge came a generous financial gift in the amount of \$7,438.66 as we shared part of our Easter offering, participated in "Tiger Stride" and received a \$3,000 matching gift from a church family. Throughout the year our congregation has provided school supplies, a lunch and a dinner for teachers, assisted with "Tea and Tissues" and has "loaned" our kitchen and Coy Hall to school parents who create a "Pozole dinner" as a major fund raiser for the school.

Our Easter Offering totaled \$10,765.98 and was shared equally with Truscott School, UMCOR, Pura Vida. Amazing giving by our congregation.

Pura Vida Virtual Build – For the second year, Covid prevented an in-person build in Guatemala. As in the previous year, we participated in a virtual build where we provided funds, (\$8,000) for local Pura Vida builders to construct a home for Juana and her family. That home was completed and dedicated on Aug. 26, 2022. This is an exceptional effort by our congregation. In early 2023, Keith Flaming will lead a trip to Guatemala with 18 others to work on two more homes. We need to raise \$7,000 as our part of the cost for this construction.

Covenant Mission Partners - For several years, FUMC has given financial support, \$2,500 each, to three Covenant Mission Partners: the Mefors, Donna Pewo and the Burgerts. The Burgerts have retired and no longer need our support. Because of the 2023 budget constraints, we will discontinue support for Donna Pewo and not select another missionary to replace the Burgerts. It is our desire to have three Mission Partners again when financially possible.

Mission Memo – Mark Elliott, with the assistance of Committee members, publishes a periodic Mission Memo email, which also appears on the church website, to inform our congregation of mission opportunities and accomplishments. Thank you, Mark, for a most excellent job with this important project.

Mission Sunday – Mission Sunday was held on September 11. Pastor Lee, with the help of several Committee members, designed this service. It was an attempt to better familiarize our congregation with some of the mission/social concern projects in which we are active and to encourage further participation. This worship service was well received by our congregation.

Christmas Giving (2021) – Angel Tree and Harvest Point – These annual efforts were carried out successfully by members of our Committee, with the excellent participation of our congregation. Sixty Angel Tree children and 43 individuals at Harvest Point received gifts as well as 4 FUMC families. These same projects are underway for Christmas 2022.

Emergency Assistance Policy – Church Council, at their September meeting, asked our Committee to design and write an "Emergency Assistance Policy" to guide our response to those coming to our church, particularly on Sunday mornings, asking for financial assistance. It is difficult to effectively help people at such a busy time. The Policy, approved by Church

council on November 7, clearly outlines the ways in which we can help, gives guidelines for those who may be approached for such help and directs those asking to the proper helping agencies in our town and area. Implementation of this policy begins soon.

Finance Committee request for 2023 - Our Church Finance Committee asked us to find ways to reduce our \$7,500 budget request for 2023. This was done by reducing our Covenant Mission Support to \$2500 and finding other funds to support this amount. There is no Mission/Social Concerns request of the 2023 budget. Hopefully, we will be able to do more in the near future.

In addition to the above mentioned items, our Committee is aware of and sometimes assists members of our congregation as they serve in the following places:

- Youth Mission Trip
- Mobile Laundry truck
- Habitat for Humanity
- County Food Bank
- Salvation Army
- Community Kitchen
- KidsPak
- Mission at Home
- Little Food Pantry at Trinity UMC

There are additional places of service I am sure.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry W. Wehrle, Chairperson

Staff Parish Relations Committee Report

It has been a busy year for SPRC. Although we were expecting to fill a few positions we have needed to fill 10 positions and we are still in need to fill 5. We have hired two people for one position and the position is currently vacant. One result of unfilled positions is unspent funds and we are expecting to finish the year with the SPRC budget having spent 90 percent or a little less of the budget line item for staff. A second result has been our two pastors have had additional responsibilities added to their already busy schedules. A third result is we have had several volunteers come forward and assist and lead when the need arises and they are greatly appreciated.

Related to the unfilled and changing personnel we have reviewed all of the job descriptions for the staff and rewritten several of the descriptions this year. We have also completed the clergy evaluation forms for both pastors and submitted them to the District Superintendent.

Finally, the church should know that Pastor Leslie is planning to take a renewal leave, which is recommended by the Discipline. She is planning to be gone from April 14th to July 31, 2023. She had postponed her leave when she was appointed to FUMC Loveland and SPRC was aware at the time and agreed when she was appointed by Bishop Oliveto. The preaching slots have nearly been filled as of this time and her other responsibilities will be covered.

Respectfully submitted,
John Kindred, SPRC Chair

Trustees Committee Report

FUMC is blest to have the 5Ms who give countless hours of service to our church community. This group brings their combined talents and knowledge, on a weekly basis, to continue to do upkeep and repairs on the church facility. Thank you, gentlemen! A number of projects have been evaluated and completed by the Trustees during 2022.

- Replacement of a sewage ejector pump # 1.
- Added programmable thermostats to Fellowship Hall, the Chancel and the Bell Choir Room.
- In the Bell Choir Room, the east block wall was insulated and dry walled and three additional electric baseboard heaters were added. The room was repainted.
- Replaced the faucet in the women's bathroom behind Fellowship Hall.
- Tested all emergency lights.
- Repaired the air compressor in the boiler room that powers the heating system valves.
- Replaced and regenerated the desiccant in the air compressor dryer
- Lined the drainage ditch on the west end of the parking lot with concrete. The neighbor's driveway had water collecting in it after the parking lot paving.
- Contracted with Colorado Commercial Property Management to do snow removal from all sidewalks after any snow accumulation greater than a trace.
- Worked on heat and cold issues in the pastor's offices.
- Added heat tape to the gutter above the office entrance door to correct an ice damming problem.
- Replaced a blower motor on a furnace.
- Replaced the air compressor that controls heat to the sanctuary that failed.
- Added a handrail on the south side of the chancel area for the safety of choir members that have mobility issues.
- Replaced the emergency lights in the facility with LED lights. These will provide better lighting and are more energy efficient.
- Church Mutual increased coverage on our property insurance to cover the increased replacement value of the facility and its contents.
- Repaired a broken sprinkler line at the east entrance to the parking lot. The repair also involved a great deal of work moving rock and old shrubbery out of the area. The rock has been put back into place and the area looks very nice. Thank you 5Ms.
- Cooling for the 3rd floor room Jessica's ministry uses proved too expensive to do at this time. An attic fan and ceiling fan has been added in the area and temperature readings are being taken to determine if this fix is adequate. Window film coverings are also being investigated.
- Various communications have been taking place regarding the 10 acres the church owns on 57th St. just west of Taft. Randy Starr came to Trustees to explain some legal notices we had received on this property regarding the addition of water main along 57th and annexation of the area to the City . Trustees decide to just sit on the property unless we receive an offer for purchase that makes it worthwhile to

consider selling the property. As of now, if we don't request to tap into the water main there is no assessment to the church.

- Resumed quarterly carpet cleaning by Mike's Carpet Care which started 8/15/22.
- Sold the Suburban.
- Agreed to our church becoming an emergency evacuation site for Truscott Elementary. The principal and one other staff member were issued fobs for entry to the church.
- Increased monthly rent on our rental house by \$100/per month starting in January of 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicky Shields, Chair of Trustees

Millennial Ministries Report (Union)

2022 has been a big year for millennial ministries! Here is some of the programming we've provided this past year:

The Monday evening Women's Spiritual Circle, where we have up to 16 families participating and bringing children for music with Susan Harding and other children's programming that happens during that two hour block.

Wednesday evening potluck/book studies. The last book we studied was Breathing Underwater by Richard Rohr.

Xennial Coffee and conversation hour during the children's Sunday School, which has recently been replaced with an expansion of Searchers to include Xennial leadership and participation.

Xennials have played a big part in the creation and execution of various family ministries efforts including the Trunk or Treat/Chili Cook Off, Story time in the park in the summer, the Back to School Potluck, the Church Ladies' Garden Party, just to name a few.

Probably the biggest change in the ministry is the receipt of a grant from the conference to expand this ministry in conjunction with Bryson Lillie from Trinity to create "Union". Union is both a part and extension of both churches, as well as its own spiritual community. The purpose is to create programming led by and created for people in the Millennial/Gen X population in order to address the decline in membership amongst this group in the Methodist Church.

Jessica Gartner
Director of Young Adult Ministries

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RETIRED CLERGY AND CLERGY BEYOND THE LOCAL CHURCH

Herb Crede, Retired Elder	Ted Nutting, Retired Elder
George Franke, Retired Elder	Jed Pancoast, Retired Elder
Kristi Hornick, Deacon	Paul Tapey, Retired Elder
Barbara Johns-Schleicher, Retired Elder	Thomas Thompson, Retired Elder
Bob Link, Retired Elder	Barry Wehrle, Retired Elder
Vernon Maelzer, Retired Associate Member	Reuben Wilbur, Retired Elder

IN REMEMBRANCE

Virginia Carol Abbott	Leone Ecklund	Burton Howard Mullison
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William Carl Busch	Barbara Ann Moore	Dorothy Sherman Schmidt
James Callihan	Clara Louise Montgomery	
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