

FUMC Church Council Meeting  
Agenda **and Minutes**  
Monday, January 9 6:30 pm

Welcome, devotion, opening prayer

Judy Stout

**John 2:2-9 We are not the ones who turn water into wine. We are servants whose job it is to pour the water—and then be completely surprised each time Jesus turns it into wine.**

Introductions

**We welcomed Janeen Anderson, Rev Lee, Keith Flaming, Jesse Gartner, Shannon Heusinkveld (and Evie and Izzie), Betty Hill, John Kindred, Kathryn Peiffer, Joy Shaw, Vicky Shields, Judy Stout, Marlene Thurman Matthew Utley, Barry Wehrle, and Mike Westbrook.**

**We missed Phil Ashcraft, Cindy Crawley, Mary Hannon, Susan Harding, Andrea Ortega, Kevin Peffer, Ellen Shepherd, Rick Tessean, and Rev Leslie.**

**Prayer Requests: Mary Hannon and family of Carolyn Smith**

Minutes of Previous Meeting

**no questions**

Additions to Agenda?

**None**

**Pastor/Staff**

Pastors' Reports  
Music Coordinator  
Director of Young Adult Ministries  
Youth Ministries Coordinator  
Children's Ministries Coordinator  
Bell Choir Director

**No reports this month**

Rev Leslie & Rev Lee  
Kathryn Peiffer  
Jesse Gartner  
Matthew Utley  
Shannon Heusinkveld  
Susan Harding

**Committees**

Church Treasurer  
Financial Secretary  
Lay Leader Janeen Anderson  
Staff Parish  
Finance  
Trustees  
Abiding Memorials  
Stewardship  
Missions and Social Concerns  
Marketing & Outreach  
Membership  
Safety and Security  
UM Foundation  
Church Financial Secretary  
Lay Members to AC  
At Large

Mary Hannon  
Ellen Shepherd  
  
John Kindred  
Rick Tessean  
Vicky Shields  
Betty Hill  
Cindy Crawley  
Barry Wehrle  
Andrea Ortega  
Janeen Anderson  
Keith Flaming  
Mike Westbrook  
Ellen Shepherd  
Mary Hannon & Kevin Peffer  
Phil Ashcraft, Marlene Thurman, Joy Shaw

Old Business

N/A

New Business

- Purpose of Church Council info attached
- UM Foundation Mike Westbrook

**Mike gave an informative presentation about the UM Foundation, its purpose, functions and limitations. The Foundation is tailored for larger donations such as via wills or trusts. Examples of monies given by the foundation: parking lot, emergency repairs, the rental house and funding some of our missionaries. The net income from the Foundation is given to FUMC and has averaged \$7000-10,000 for the past few years. There are five members of the board of directors plus the chair of the FUMC Finance Committee who is an ex-officio member of the board.**

- **January 19 opportunity—6pm; Community Organizing**

We are not out of the woods yet, but many churches are ready and hungry to engage/re-engage their communities in the "post-pandemic" world, and many of you have expressed a need for resources to do so. I am glad to let you know that Brad Laurvick (Lead Pastor) and David Ried (Community Builder), First UMC, Fort Collins, are willing to facilitate a conversation on community engagement. They will share with us some central concepts of community organizing as well as about their project and experience in collaborating with their community. Also, they will be available for questions and answers."

- **Leadership Retreat Jan 28 ~ 9:00 – 5:00; will be at Good Sam in the Great Room. Barry will send directions for parking and will ask how many of us will pay \$12 for lunch in the dining room.**

**General discussion items:**

- Marlene expressed concern about people at church not knowing what is going on in the church (conversations, decisions, events etc.). Joy suggested going back to a weekly bulletin with calendar and activity information on the back page. It would be helpful to have more printed copies of the 'Window' available. Since our church is very multi-generational, we need to respond to a wide variety of technology-user 'abilities.'
- In general, Council members wondered what happened to the church calendar showing group meetings and events. Church Council dates should be added to the Calendar and Window.
- Holiday services and music were excellent.
- Barry (on behalf of Missions) thanked FUMC for holiday generosity; Jesse also appreciated the opportunity to give gift baskets for Missions.
- Barry indicated that he will be rewriting the first paragraph of the Emergency Assistance Policy. He will bring it back to CC for approval.
- John said that Safety and Security will be looking at a policy for holding Sunday morning church services if inclement weather (such as a blizzard) is predicted within a broad band of time that includes services.

Closing Benediction      Marlene sent this from her former pastor. It seemed particularly appropriate to our journey forward as a church as we prepare for our Leadership Retreat and beyond.

*We long for God's green light,  
An affirmation that our earthly struggles are in the right direction.  
Our decisions seem to be made in a cloud of indecision.  
We search for a sign, a burning bush, a cloud, a pillar of fire.  
Yet the answers come in strange ways.  
A new perspective given by the word of a friend, mysterious circumstances.  
Closed doors become open doors.  
Red lights can turn green.  
Stop signs can say 'Go ahead.'*

*Only in retrospect can we see that through each trial, each decision, each turn in the road, our steps have been directed.  
And when the impossible becomes beautifully possible, we are reassured of God's hand in our lives.*

**Next meeting: March 6 @ 6:30  
ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**