

Members present: Janeen Anderson, Cindy Crawley, Mary Hannon, Shannon Heusinkveld, John Kindred, Andrea Ortega, Kathryn Peiffer, Joy Shaw, Vicky Shields, Marlene Thurman, Matt Utley, Barry Wehrle, Revie Leslie, Judy Stout
We missed: Rev Lee, Phil Ashcraft, Keith Flaming, Susan Harding, Betty Hill, Kevin Peffer (congratulations!), Ellen Shepherd, Rick Tessean, Mike Westbrook

We welcomed guests: Jerry Yoder, Marcia Yoder, Virginia Brant, Lyle Gilroy, Bill Eads

Devotion: Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation (Mar 1): Experiencing Our Own Deserts

Prayer Concerns: family of Guy Prevost, Rick Tessean, Rich Stiverson, Andrea Ortega's grandpa who will be starting chemo

Minutes of Jan 7 & Jan 23 meetings **approved**

Additions to Agenda

- **Approved letter authorizing Karen Lumpkin to complete and sign all required Dept of Ag reports as they pertain to the 57th St church property**

Notes and actions from Pastor/Staff Reports

Rev Leslie: 1) Asked to approve having one service during her sabbatical. Marlene moved, Cindy seconded, motion approved: 'We will have one Sunday morning service (10:00) from April 16th – August 6.' Discussion concerns were regarding Sunday school. Sunday school teachers like to attend church, too, but Shannon said she could make children's Sunday school work. Barry will take this decision to Searchers to see how they might adjust. Children's SS and Searchers take the summer off, so wouldn't be affected then.

2) Asked to approve an inclement weather policy for office closure. Unanimous approval: 'If bad weather forces Thompson Valley Schools to delay or close for the day, the FUMC office will likewise delay or close for the day.' Ministry areas/meetings should follow the same protocol.

Rev Lee: I should begin recruiting a team to guide monthly topical seminar efforts. Anyone on CC or any members of the congregation who are interested should contact Rev Lee.

Committee Reports

Trustees: Vicky noted that their efforts to cut budget may have an impact on funding critical repairs. They are also extremely concerned about the ice build-up on the north side of the church. Ideas to address this issue are welcome.

Discussion Items

- Discussion of Leadership retreat and plans to move forward

Rev Leslie reviewed notes from the retreat. We will follow up with the 'champions' of each ministry area (understanding that the champions are not responsible for all the work).

- Introductory comments about the schism in the UMC

As of now, there are no plans to hold a vote on whether FUMC Loveland would disaffiliate with the UMC. Rev Leslie has received no feedback advocating leaving. There was consensus that if no one brings it up, don't suggest a vote. Sadly, thirty churches in the Mountain Sky Conference have opted to disaffiliate.

We have members who don't know about the issues causing the split in the UMC. Some don't know what the Global Methodist Church is/represents. How do we get this information to people?

Rev Leslie said that there isn't a lot of information coming from the Conference. General Conference will be held this summer, and we will know more then.

(An after-the-meeting note from Judy: I sent an email to Mark Elliot who manages our FUMC website. I asked if we can get a Church Council page/tab on the site to post information [CC meeting dates, minutes, budget info, and links to general information like the issues we discussed]. Then we can put blurbs in the "Window" to let people know what is on the site. Mark is out of town for a few days, but will get back to me when he returns. In the meantime, if you know of people who have questions, refer them to pastors, church leadership, or Searchers who are studying the issue.)

New Business

- Finance:
 - o Appoint a backup for Karen Lumpkin. **Cindy Utley was unanimously approved to be a backup for Karen Lumpkin should Karen be unavailable to handle a time-sensitive issue.**
 - o amendments to Internal Control Policy (**Judy couldn't remember what these amendments were, so we will continue discussion at our April meeting. 😊**)

Closing Benediction. **Matt sent us out with prayer.**

Next meetings: April 3, May 1, Aug 7, Sept 25, Nov 6 all at 6:30. The date for Charge Conference has not been set, and there will be a meeting to finalize and approve the church budget for 2024.