**FELLOWSHIP Ministries** (Donna Russell) – Renamed from Adult ministries. Purpose:  Gather people in an informal setting to become better acquainted and work together more efficiently, while partaking of the best food and fellowship our congregation has to offer.

**Children** (Lauren Mowbray) – Working on virtual options. Finishing proposal for the playground refurbishment.

**Communications** – Sub-committee met to discuss updates to our website and social media outreach.

Full-Service Social Media Management – Addresses challenges Facing Tabernacle in the Social Media, frees pastor and staff from minutia of creating social media, increases social media presence, best way to reach people who aren’t familiar with our ministry - OUTREACH

Cost is about $8,400 for one year of support (35% discount). COM **approved funding** this ministry from the COM special account.

Website Upgrade – TUMC website needs a revamp and refresh for more effective use. Goal is take the best parts of the existing website, and mix it with new and dynamic elements to better serve both current and potential members by providing accurate and timely production of the TUMC website.

Cost for the services is $700 and support services for $80/month. COM **approved funding** this ministry from the COM special account and the ongoing cost from the Communications budget line.

Donna Russell is working on improving our reach to members who do not have reliable internet access. The result will be the creation of a communication plan that reaches everyone in our congregation in a way that best meets their needs

**Education (**Melissa Raehl) – Planning to provide training for leaders to use Zoom and effective techniques to lead virtually on February 14. Goal is to get Sunday school classes meeting again.

**Membership Care** (Jane Smith) – In January, the Membership Care Committee sent out 9 Prayer Tree requests by email, as well 8 hand-written notes and 12 e-Birthday Cards.

“Praise Place” has been created to provide members an opportunity to share joy with the congregation. Jane will run this parallel to the Prayer requests.

**Missions** (Mary Hall)–

Saturday, January 23rd, food drive filled two pickup trucks with donations which were divided between PiN Ministry and Courthouse Community Food Pantry. We will continue to collect food items for both places in February. Collection bins are in the library. $280 has been donated (online) to the Souper Bowl mission.

COM approved mission ministries to provide end of year funds (from the budget surplus). The total amount was $7700.

**Evangelism/Outreach** (June Raehl) – Working on spotlighting our ministries. Evangelism/Outreach, Children, Fellowship/Adult, Music have been recently completed and Membership Care, Youth, Education, SAFE, Worship, Missions, Outreach, and Heritage are being scheduled. Additionally, Volunteer Spotlights are in the works.

 Although it may change when our new social media effort starts, our current social media post schedule is: Sunday (Service), Monday (Weekly Sermon Challenge), Tuesday (Ministry Spotlight), Wednesday (Ministry Challenge or Scripture or Personal Picture/Video), Thursday (Apologetics/Scripture Challenge), Friday (Fun Friday - create conversation, build community), Saturday (Invitation to Worship on Sunday)

Encourage Ministry Leaders to Share/Comment/Like posts from Tabernacle's Page - especially join the live discussion on Sunday Morning's Service - consider Ambassadors of Social Media almost like online Ushers - welcoming people to church online and facilitating community virtually.

**SAFE** (Marny Sanders) – We are all doing well and handling our current restrictions as best we can.  The greatest concern is that so many are experiencing feelings of isolation and miss the fellowship of coming together and interacting with one another.   We look forward to the day when we can meet again and participate in fun events such as ones we have shared in the past.

**Technology** (Scott Willett) – Dial-in capability to listen to the sermon has been added. The office has the contact information. Continued enhancement to our online and in person technologies to provide a more consistent, reliable, and engaging platform for our congregation.  Highlights for the coming year include an additional computer for sanctuary, updated software and streaming service, a security system, and updated Wi-Fi in our buildings.

**Welfare** (Mary Hall) – We helped a local woman by purchasing a gift card from Food Lion. She has recently been granted temporary housing through Virginia Beach Human Services but was still waiting for approval for her SNAP card.

**Worship** (Joan Pool) – Valentine’s Day is Sunday the 14th, we won’t be together in church, so don’t forget to wish your loved ones a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Ash Wednesday is February 17th and the start of the Lenten season. A time to think about setting a goal for fasting, by giving something up, such as food or festivities. Attending church, praying, or set goals for yourself to help those in need.

**Youth** (Tommy Moore) - Looking at opportunities to engage the youth at church and off campus. When allowed, a fun road trip, a spring 30-Hour famine and a springtime mission trip to Roanoke or Ayden, NC, as well as summertime mission trips and SPLASH events.

**Pastor Christa** – Planning to have Ash Wednesday services using our Wednesday night drive-in service. Continuing to plan the Lenten Bible study. Christa will be out of the pulpit on March 7th. Rev Jack Davis will be in the pulpit.

**Old Business**

* Recommendation to have HCT update COM as appropriate. – Complete.
* Recommendation to include a lawyer and medical professional as part of the HCT. June Raehl was added to the HCT.
* Shane Lussier has investigated possible website upgrade. - Complete

**New Business**

* COM to work on plan usage of the church tent.
* Security committee to meet to discuss upgrades to church security.

**Action Items**

* Develop methods to effectively communicate with the congregation. (Communication team) Ongoing, action complete.
* Draft email to send to DS concerning fellowship opportunities (Drive-in movies) Tommy Moore To discuss with HCT
* Create a way to share praises with the congregation. (Jane Smith) Complete
* Welfare discussion on how best to provide for those in need. (Mary Hall) Complete
* Provide Treasurer with information concerning the end of year funds used for missions (Mary Hall) and communication upgrades (Tommy Moore).

**Council of Ministries Goals for 2021:**

1. Bring our church family and friends together Christian fellowship, to include safe family, youth and children opportunities, visitations, socials, and other fellowship opportunities.
2. Involve our congregation in missions and ministries to a greater degree. Get new people involved.
3. Evolve the way we communicate to the congregation using traditional and digital/online methods (No Congregant Left Behind). Improve communication within the COM and other committees.
4. Improve our online small group meetings and transition to in person study and fellowship meetings.