**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.

**Adult Ministries** (Donna Russell) – Looking at options for our traditional “Souper” Bowl Sunday event. As soon as we are allowed, I would like to organize a snack/beverage casual fellowship social to be held between the two services, during SS hour (until SS is also restored) to get both services involved.

**Children** (Lauren Mowbray) – Thanks to all for support of the Live nativity (55 cars participated). We will plan to do again next year. Planning to re-start Drive-in movies in winter/spring and finish purchase and installation of new playground. Planning to initiate monthly family nights.

**Communications** – Donna Russell volunteered to lead/coordinate the creation of a communication plan that reaches everyone in our congregation in a way that best meets their needs. A communication committee to include June Raehl (Evangelism), Scott Willett (Technology), Shane Lussier (Office) will continue to work on the communication plan.

**Education (**Melissa Raehl) – Planning to provide training for leaders to use Zoom and effective techniques to lead virtually.

**Membership Care** (Jane Smith) – For the month of December 2020, we mailed out 9 hand-written notes, 6 Prayer Requests by Prayer Tree and 7 e-birthday cards. Will be creating a “Praise Place” where we will share praise in our congregation.

**Missions** (Mary Hall)– Supporting PIN ministry as it provides food and support for 115 homeless clients being housed in motel rooms. We donated $2760 to purchase meals for the 115 people.

We will be collecting items for food bags for the nights that there are no hot meals.  An announcement will be sent with suggested items that can be brought to the church and left in the containers will be in the library.  We may also be able to assist with meal distribution.

**Evangelism/Outreach** (June Raehl) – I signed up for a free trial of Outreach.com, a company that can manage both our social media and website for a range of prices.  Looking to have the ministries of our church to provide content to be posted on Social Media and establishing a posting schedule for social media for each day of the week to increase our outreach. (Weekly Sermon Challenge, Music Moment, Ministry Highlight, Scripture Reflection, Kids Korner, Youth).

**SAFE** (Marny Sanders) – We have cancelled our January event, but I am keeping in contact with everyone and checking on their well-being.

**Technology** (Scott Willett) – 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) – Jody Flade has agreed to partner with me on Welfare programs which is wonderful news! The Christmas food bags and Angel Tree gifts were delivered to three families and three single women on December 20th.  Six different church members/families volunteered to deliver the items.

**Worship** (Joan Pool) – Making plans for returning to two worship services, with communion. Looking to having a combined service when we have five Sundays in a month during the year.  This gives us a chance to know everyone in the church family. Thankful to all the people that helped take down the decorations and put everything in the attic.

**Youth** (Tommy Moore) - Looking at opportunities to engage the youth at church and off campus. When allowed, a trip to Wintergreen in February, 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 a Lenten Bible study. Aa hard as being in this pandemic is, I appreciate everything people are doing for each other and for me.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

* Recommendation to have HCT update COM as appropriate.
* Recommendation to include a lawyer and medical professional as part of the HCT.
* Shane Lussier has investigated possible website upgrade.

**Action Items**

* Develop methods to effectively communicate with the congregation. (Communication team)
* Draft email to send to DS concerning fellowship opportunities (Drive-in movies) Tommy Moore
* Create a way to share praises with the congregation. (Jane Smith)
* Welfare discussion on how best to provide for those in need. (Mary Hall)