

FELLOWSHIP Ministries (Donna Russell) –

Upcoming fellowship events are planned:

May 7 – May Day social after service. Will request flowers to distribute to members who are house bound or in hospital

June 4– Graduation after service social; finger sandwiches, sweets, and beverages

July 16th - Vacation Bible School Social after the Sunday service – picnic style.

Children (Dianne Moore) –Easter Egg Hunt was a success.

Looking at offering Camp Occhannock opportunities for children.

Vacation Bible School (July 13-16) preparations are beginning. Contact Cathy Strong

Communications –.

Next Newsletter due date is 12 May. Items of interest include upcoming mission projects, VBS, Graduates, and the mission trip.

We need to ADVERTISE our upcoming events. Social media, newsletters, bulleting inserts, the Beacon are all options to get the word out. Christa will make sure things are posted on social media. Website changes are coming to make use on the phone easier.

Education – (Kendall Shuffler) Averaging 9-11 children each Sunday for Children’s worship.

Creating a document to list each child’s health needs/concerns.

Working on plans for summer Sunday school.

Trustees have approved changing color schemes in fellowship hall.

Still looking for a part-time children's worship hour leader. In addition, we will still need weekly volunteers for the nursery and children's room.

Evangelism/Outreach - Outreach Chair is vacant.

Membership Care (Jane Smith) Sent out 12 prayer/praise requests and 18 e-birthday notes in March/April.

Jane sent invites to new members to be added to the Prayer tree.

We are able to support members with meals as needed.

Some updates to the directory were made, with some adjustments still needed.

Men’s Ministry (Shane Lussier) – Looking for opportunities to assist members.

Missions (Mary Hall) –

May Mission – Beach Bags – Items needed by May 14, Filled on May 21.

Health Kits for Conference will be starting in mid-May.

Christian Coalition for Haiti (CCH) will present information on their future plans.

Plan is to support PiN Winter Shelter again, possibly on the Thanksgiving week.

SAFE (Marny Sanders) –21 people have signed up to attend the OLHS production of GREASE. On May 6th.

Technology (Scott Willett) – Upgrade to AV area in sanctuary has been approved by the Trustees.

Additional security precautions are being prepared. Still looking for assistance with the support during services and preparations for services.

Welfare (Jody Flade) – The Welfare Committee has assisted several people in the last couple of months and is ready to assist those in need. If you know of someone, please let Jody know. We are continuing our support of the food pantries at Nimmo and Courthouse Community.

Worship (Laura Thomas) – Discussed getting new candles for alter and better affixing the kneeling cushions to the alter. Will create more alter decorations for services.

Youth (Tommy Moore) – Five youth attended Chrysalis in January. Wednesday night youth group re-started. Bowling and ice skating events completed. Kickball tourney with 4 churches. Mission trip to Roanoke June 24-30 planned. Working plans for Gradation Sunday on June 4th.

Pastor Christa –

Christa created a pastoral care calendar to allow people to put prayer concerns, pastoral care needs and other items on her radar.

Christa continues to support social media outreach. Working targeting on Facebook to get our message out.

May 10th starts a new Bible study on the Book of Acts.

Annual Conference is scheduled for 15-17 June.

New Members are expected (and welcome) in the coming months.

Christa will not be in the pulpit on May 7th (Emmaus) and August 13 (vacation).

Old Business

- Completed all Pandemic requirements. Restored all normal procedures in the worship service. New, Gluten-free packets will remain available.
- Christa provided an upgrade to the bulletin.

New Business

- Background screenings for adults helping in children/youth ministries are being updated.
- There is over\$33,000 in the COM fund. This fund is used to support the ministry of Tabernacle. If you have an idea, please bring it to the COM.

Action Items

1. Assist Marny in acquiring name cards – Christa
2. Communicate with Trustees concerning A/V corner in sanctuary – Scott - Ongoing
3. Communicate with Trustees concerning painting in the fellowship hall – Kendall - Ongoing
4. Consider upgrade to weekly bulletin – Christa - Complete

Council of Ministries Goals for 2023:

1. Bring our church family and friends together Christian fellowship, to include safe family, youth and children's 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.

Tabernacle Social Ministries 2023

January 22 - Sunday After Service Social; sweets and beverages

February 12 – Annual Souper Bowl Luncheon; after services

February 21 – Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper; Organized by men of the church, 6pm

March 19 – ST Patrick’s Day Luncheon -Organized by the men of the church – after service.

April 9 –Easter Sunday after service social; cake and beverages, at same time as Eater Egg Hunt

May 7 – May Day after service social, snacks and beverages, collect flowers to distribute to members who are house bound or in hospital

June 4– Graduation after service social; finger sandwiches, sweets, and beverages

July 16th - Vacation Bible School Social (13-16 July)

*August – **discuss options and dates**

September 24 - Mission Sunday and Church Fall Luncheon

*October - **discuss options and dates**

October 28 – Trunk or Treat

November 12 – After Sunday Service Social or Chili Cookoff

December 10 – Holiday Christmas Lunch – after Sunday Services

December 16 – Live Nativity

* Months when an after Sunday Service social (in parlor) could be done.

** If there is interest in doing summertime socials before church, this can be done as well. Discussion was maybe not every week. Would need a leader.