

### **FELLOWSHIP Ministries** (Donna Russell) –

Christa and Donna are planning an open house at the parsonage for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Possible date for grad recognition would be June 5<sup>th</sup>. We could have a picnic basket lunch to honor our graduates. Or the picnic could be later.

**Children** (Dianne Moore) – The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday right after the 10 o'clock service. A note/email/text was sent to young families letting them know of two upcoming events:

1. Palm Sunday procession of the Palms. The children will make palm crosses as part of their lesson at Children's worship after the procession.
2. Easter Egg hunt following the service Easter Sunday. 24 Easter buckets have been purchased and will be handed out to the children for the egg hunt

VBS is currently scheduled for 13-17 July, but may be amended to a Thursday through Sunday program (July 14-17) depending on volunteer interest. The theme is Knights of the Northern Castle. The church tent may be used for VBS.

**Communications** – Donna has successfully published three newsletters!! She would like to include article on the Safe group. Vacation Bible School. In memorial to Leonard. Update on security system. Building painting and shutters in the next letter. The more news the Better. Mission trip. Please pass on suggestions of changes in style or whatever are recommended. Please forward news or anything you would like to share or promote. When sending to people, it might be better to have the newsletter open in the email instead of being an attachment. Scott will coordinate with Shane about the process.

Social Media efforts are continuing. Please get any information you want shared to Christa!!

Mission Opportunities, events in the church...

**Education** – Kendall Shuffler has taken over the leadership of the Education ministry!! She is communicating with several people on how best to strengthen our Sunday school program.

Jill Norton is leading the Sunday Children's Worship and Deana Lanning is the Nursery provider.

We are seeing an increase in the number of children coming to church. Working on making Nursery and Children Worship happen every Sunday. Kendall will work with Jill on the format of Children Worship.

Kendall will work with Brian to determine best options for high school Sunday school.

**Evangelism/Outreach - Outreach Chair is vacant.**

**Membership Care** (Jane Smith) – Supporting a member's medical transportation request. Meal Train and Driving Assistance are available.

**Men's Ministry** (Shane Lussier) – Men's breakfast was Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. David Springstead Sr. was the guest speaker and Brent's biscuits and gravy were a hit. Shane continues to work on possible community projects as well as other social opportunities for the men of the church. The next breakfast will be May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Missions** (Mary Hall) –

Tabernacle is sponsoring the CCH fundraiser **Walk With Us** between April 23-30. The church logo will appear on the t-shirts that people get when they register to participate. We are encouraging people to participate – 8 miles in 8 days by any method – walk, run, ride a bike, roller skate... The cost of the sponsorship was \$500.00 which came from the mission budget. Individuals can sign up to participate (\$35) and get other sponsors.

We successfully fed the PiN Winter Shelter clients housed at the Ambassador Inn from March 9-15. Because it was the last week of the program we fed fewer clients each day, but we donated the extra

food to PiN and to the local food banks we support regularly. The level of volunteerism from our congregation was amazing!

We plan to hold a food drive on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the same day the Trustees hold their workday.

We continue to support Community Courthouse Wednesday Night dinners by buying food.

We continue to support Nimmo Garden Food Pantry with donations of food. They are looking for canned hams for Easter.

We will be encouraging TUMC members who want to help the people of Ukraine to donate to UMCOR individually. I'd like to discuss how we can help as a congregation.

Helping our church community includes possible work at Betty Owens, Marney Sanders and The cemetery.

**SAFE** (Marny Sanders) –SAFE will be attending the Ocean Lakes High School musical “Momma Mia” on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. We are hoping for a nice turnout.

**Technology** (Scott Willett) –

1. Security system just about complete. Trustees will discuss at next meeting and preliminary plan to implement all features starting Monday after Easter.
2. 2 new wireless mics (lavalier and handheld) purchased and installed. Part of 2022 budget.
3. Still looking for additional volunteers to help on Sundays.
4. Wifi system partially installed and will finish this week. Should not require any changes by users. Just better coverage and faster speeds.

**Welfare** (Jody Flade) – The Welfare Committee 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. One person was helped with their hotel bill last month.

**Worship** (Laura Thomas) – Preparations for Easter flowers is underway. Laura will assist in setting up for the Easter services, including flowers for Sunday.

Laura will remind ushers to fill out attendance cards.

Charlie is working to add some praise music to our worship service.

**Youth** (Tommy Moore) – Continuing Youth Group on Wednesdays. Starting to plan spring and summer events. Planning mission trip for late June to Carlisle PA.

**Pastor Christa** –

- Campus Outreach for DC will be using the fellowship hall May 13-26.

- Cluster Lenten Services will be held April 10 - Charity UMC (Christa Springstead)

Christa has taken over the social media responsibilities. She requested that we purchase CANVA, a program used to make managing content easier. The cost is free.

**Old Business**

- Tabernacle Lenten Schedule includes the Cluster Lenten Sunday evening services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Sunrise service on Easter.

- Pandemic Update – Continuing at current conditions. Only remaining impact is how communion can be served.

**New Business**

- Finance status: COM Special Account - \$29176 (of which \$235 are donations to the Ukraine), Welfare/Hunger Ministries - \$ 26535 (\$2291 has been used for Pin Ministry Winter support and local food pantries)

Determine if Lotus Luncheon will occur.

UMC General Conference has been postponed until 2024.

**Action Items**

- Tommy to coordinate with Jim Shuffler/Brickhouse on Easter cross prep.
- Get information to Gilbert. Continue to reach out to those who may not use the internet and cell phones.
- Let church know that the Easter Sunrise service is starting 15 minutes early.
- Get updates to the church calendar to Shane.
- Determine best way to keep the directory up to date.

**Council of Ministries Goals for 2021:**

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.