

**FELLOWSHIP Ministries** (Donna Russell) –

The following fellowship events are planned:

January Sunday Social (TBD) and Souper Bowl – February 12. Trying to plan a fellowship event every month.

There was discussion about putting the whiteboard calendar back up to allow folks to readily see what is coming up.

**Children** (Dianne Moore) – Need volunteers for the Live Nativity. 6-8pm. There will be a petting zoo. Hoping someone might be willing to make hot chocolate and hot cider for the event. Need to check tech and lighting for the evening.

**Communications** –.

Newsletter inputs needed by January 20<sup>th</sup>. Looking to do a recap of 2022.

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.

**Education** – (Kendall Shuffler) 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.** We have restocked the Welcome packets in the Narthex. We are out of supplies to produce any more.

**Membership Care** (Jane Smith) Sent out 7 prayer/praise requests and 8 e-birthday notes.

We are able to support members with meals as needed.

There was discussion about getting the directory up to date.

**Men's Ministry** (Shane Lussier) – Working plans for men's breakfast and activities. Men are planning to provide a St Patrick's dinner.

**Missions** (Mary Hall) –

The COM made the following decisions on end of year giving.

Zach and Dianna Blaine (\$2000)

REACH (\$1000)

Hope Restoration (\$1000)

The Refuge (\$1000)

Carlisle Opportunity Homes (\$1000)

UMCOR Disaster Relief (\$1000)

PiN (\$1000)

Loving and Caring Ministries (\$500)

St. Paul's Food Pantry (\$500)

Foundry Food Pantry (\$500)

The Garden Food Pantry (\$500)

The Gathering at Scott Memorial Food Pantry (\$500)

Deep Creek Food Pantry (\$500)

Hickory Food Pantry (\$500)

Nimmo Food Pantry ((\$500)

Courthouse Community Food Pantry (\$500)

Total \$12,500

To be disbursed from

Mission Budget – \$6000

COM Special Account - \$2500  
Youth Special Account - \$2000  
Welfare Special Account - \$2000  
Christmas Eve offering will be donated to CCH.

**SAFE** (Marny Sanders) – Planning to attend the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum guided tour on Saturday, January 21 and lunch to follow.

**Technology** (Scott Willett) – Completing computer upgrade on Fellowship Hall systems. Braden Everett has joined the Tech Team.

**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. Angel tree and food support at Christmas.

**Worship** (Laura Thomas) – Working on poinsettias for Christmas. Looking for different ways to get people to usher.

**Youth** (Tommy Moore) – Youth are preparing for the Christmas program and plan to carol on December 18th and invite the rest of the church. Youth Christmas party will be December 14<sup>th</sup>. The youth are planning to send Christmas cards to the members. There will be six youth attending Chrysalis in January.

#### **Pastor Christa –**

Christmas schedule – Planning the events of December. 2 Christmas Eve services. Blessing of Christmas presents on Christmas day.  
Discussed getting information to members concerning UMC issues.  
Working with Shane on a Winter Bible study.

#### **Old Business**

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

#### **New Business**

- COM will not meet in January. Next meeting will be February 7th.

#### **Action Items**

1. End of Year donation recommendation – Mary
2. Caroling with Youth – Tommy
3. December schedule – Christa, Shane

#### **Council of Ministries Goals for 2022:**

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.