

FELLOWSHIP Ministries (Donna Russell) – The December events (Christmas luncheon, Live Nativity and Parsonage Open House) and the January Sunday Social were all well attended successes. The 2024 fellowship schedule is attached at the end of the minutes. The Soup-er Bowl Luncheon will be on February 11th. The Pancake Supper will be on February 13th. Tabernacle will host the initial Cluster Lenten Service on February 18th. Planning a social for Palm Sunday, March 24th.

Children – Children **Ministry Chair is vacant**. We desperately desire someone to lead our efforts for children. The Live Nativity (including the petting zoo) was celebrated by young and old. Easter children event are being planned – Easter Egg Hunt.

Communications (Donna Russell) – Working toward a late March newsletter. Christa will make sure things are posted on social media.

Education (Shane Lussier) - The Friendship and Fellowship Sunday School classes are meeting each Sunday. Friendship class is starting a series on the Beatitudes. As of the beginning of the year, Children’s Worship is being led by volunteers. A permanent replacement is needed (and can be paid) to support this important ministry. Part-time children's worship hour leaders are still needed.

Evangelism/Outreach - Outreach Chair is vacant but Linda Durkee (and maybe Neale) has graciously stepped up to help our outreach efforts.

Linda is writing notes to our first-time visitors and has gotten positive responses from some. She is open to any ideas about getting Tabernacle in the community. The Emmaus Walks are scheduled for April 25-28 (men) and May 2-5 (women).

Membership Care (Jane Smith) Jane, Rhonda Reckhemmer and Linda Durkee are keeping in touch and providing information by cards and online. Seven prayer requests and eight e-birthday notes were sent in January. We are able to support members with meals as needed.

Men’s Ministry (Shane Lussier) – Men held their monthly breakfast on 2/3. They are preparing for the Pancake Supper (served by the men) and an ice hockey game (2/24).

Missions (Mary Hall) –

Several end of the year events (Gifts for Good (\$2200 raised), Christmas Eve offering, end of year giving...) ended our year in mission on a positive trend. Mary is preparing a summary of 2023 missions to share with the congregation.

We will be supporting People in Need (PiN) ministries by serving dinner on February 15th.

We will not be assisting the PiN Winter Shelter at Courthouse Community UMC in February. They have everything covered.

SAFE (Marny Sanders) – In January, SAFE provided a great opportunity for their members and friends with Virginia Beach Economic Crime Detective Caleb Davey. He gave guidance about how to stay safer in our homes and in the public and addressed ways to recognize scams.

Technology (Scott Willett) – Scott will be stepping down from the Technology position in April. Ryan Reckhemmer will be stepping into the role. Always looking for additional volunteers to provide a good rotation each month.

Welfare (Jody Flade) – In December, the Welfare Committee completed the purchasing sweatshirts for “Project Hope” and the Angel Tree bags for local families. Jody is looking for a person to take over the Angel Tree project in 2024.

Worship (Laura Thomas) – Stand by for a Lenten “alter - scape” to decorate our services. Laura is always looking for usher support.

Youth (Craig Zeigler) – Wednesday Night Youth Group meetings have re-started. They will starting a study with The Chosen series. Recently the youth group went ice-skating. Beginning to plan for the summer mission trip to North Carolina. Tentative dates are June 22-28.

Pastor Christa –

Lenten season is upon us. Ash Wednesday service will be on February 14th at 6:30.

Cluster Lenten services start February 18th at Tabernacle. Pastor Christa will preach at Back Bay Christian Assembly on February 25th.

Easter week will be celebrated beginning with the Palm Sunday service, Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday service and the Easter Sunrise service.

We will welcome two new members soon and possibly two more later in the spring.

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

Pastor Christa will be out of the office March 6-12.

Old Business

- End of year funds were distributed by the Finance/Administrative Board in January. \$7000 was placed in the Welfare and COM accounts.

New Business

- Next meeting will be on March 5th.
- The COM fund is used to support the ministry of Tabernacle. If you have an idea, please bring it to the COM.
- Shane introduced an idea for new t-shirts for members.

Action Items

1. Share the 2023 mission results - Mary
2. Share the t-shirt idea for discussion - Shane.
3. Look at our Ministry Goals and recommend any changes or updates. – All.

Council of Ministries Goals for 2024:

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 2024 Fellowship Ministries

January 7 - Parlor Social

February 11 – Soup-er Bowl Luncheon

March 24 - Palm Sunday Parlor Social

April 21 – Potluck Spring Fling

May 12 – Mother's Day Parlor Social

June 16 – Combination Parlor Social Father's Day and Graduate Celebration

July 7th – Patriotic Parlor Refreshments

August Open

September - Barbecue Potluck with Mission's Sunday

October 13 – Pastor Appreciation Parlor Social

November 3 – All Saints Day Parlor Social

December – Holiday Potluck Luncheon