

**FELLOWSHIP Ministries** (Donna Russell) – The Christmas Program and Luncheon were an enormous success. Donna is making plans for the Souper Bowl which will be February 13<sup>th</sup> (Valentine's Day weekend). March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Ash Wednesday, with Fat Tuesday planned for the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Children** (Dianne Moore) – Dianne is taking over our Children's ministry. She is coordinating a return of the Easter Sunday Easter egg hunt. She is also taking initial steps to have Vacation Bible School on July 13-17.

**Communications** – Further discussion concerning ongoing social media outreach is needed. Based on our conversation, the current outsourced effort is not meeting our need. A more personal approach can be done, but it will take effort. Donna volunteered to begin work on an e-newsletter, that may go out quarterly.

**Education – Education Chair is vacant.** Jill continues to lead the Sunday Children's Worship and Deana Lanning has started as the Nursery provider. Melissa is willing to assist. There was discussion on how best to have children's Sunday School available during the 9 o'clock hour when needed.

**Evangelism/Outreach - Outreach Chair is vacant.** Live nativity was not well attended this year. Weather was bad. Advertising was not as extensive as last year. Emmaus Christmas service was held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm.

**Membership Care** (Jane Smith) 4 prayers and 18 e-birthday notes. Planned Movie Night January 21.

**Missions** (Mary Hall) – A total of \$11,000 was disbursed in December as follows:

Community Coalition for Haiti (\$2000)

Zach and Dianna Blaine (\$2000)

REACH (\$1000)

Hope Restoration (\$1000)

The Refuge (\$1000)

UMCOR (\$500)

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)

Distributions were made from the Missions budget (\$5465), Family mission budget (\$3000) and COM special account (\$2535)

The Virginia Beach Relief funds supported our Alternative Thanksgiving Program providing either a turkey or a ham dinner to 71 families or individuals, the Nimmo Garden Pantry with additional food items for their bi-monthly pantry and the Courthouse Community with food for their Wednesday night dinners.

With congregational support, we sponsored three families and three senior citizens for Thanksgiving and Christmas with food and with Angel Tree gifts.

Members of TUMC made donations of over \$2000 during our CCH Gifts for Good drive on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and \$6711 for UMCOR (Kentucky relief) from the Christmas Eve services.

Housing 30 PiN clients for a week in March will be decided soon. There will be opportunity to assist in other ways.

**SAFE** (Marny Sanders) –Planning a January event on the 29th (movie in fellowship hall).

**Technology** (Scott Willett) – Security system is in the process of being installed. The church Wi-Fi is also being updated. Scott is training folks to assist with IT requirements and asks for pictures to add to the announcement scroll on Sundays.

**Welfare** (Jody Flade) – The Welfare Committee is ready to assist those in need. If you know of someone, please let Jody know. End of year funds (\$14500) were placed in the Welfare special account.

**Worship** (Laura Thomas) – Laura is taking over Worship. She is looking to encourage new ushers. It was mentioned that praise music might be occasionally used in the worship service.

**Youth** (Tommy Moore) – Youth Christmas party had 14 youth attend. Resumed Youth Group on Wednesdays on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Beginning plans for DNOW in the spring. Beginning plans for Wintergreen trip in March.

### **Pastor Christa –**

- New DS Rev. Dr. Cecelia Brooks appointed beginning July 1, 2022.
  - I will be on vacation from Feb 2-8. Rev. Jack Davis will be filling in.
  - I am hoping to soon institute a service called "Second Saturdays." This service will be open to all, but have increased COVID mitigation strategies in place to protect our immune compromised church family. The sanctuary is a very meaningful and holy place for all our members and community, and it has been difficult for folks who haven't been able to worship inside of it. This service will offer that important opportunity once a month. It will be an abbreviated service from 9:00am-9:30am. Masks will be worn for the entirety by all attending and all leading from the front. There will be no congregational singing, only prerecorded music or special music done from the front of the church. The service will consist of a welcome, prayer time, scripture, BRIEF meditation, and possibly a couple of songs and communion. (Think initial stages of outdoor worship moved indoors.) This service will not be livestreamed and on months we lack volunteers, I am able to run the service on my own. It is my hope that as many people from our congregation as possible would attend when able to give our immune compromised population the amazing sense of community we all enjoy here at Tabernacle. I am also open to the "brief meditation" prior to communion being a place where folks can share a devotion or their testimony.
- Prior to instituting this service, I would like to see the numbers from omicron decreasing. Earliest institution of service would be February 12. Please join me in praying that we see a significant decrease prior to that date!

### **Old Business**

- Pandemic Update – No changes to our current procedures were recommended. Second Saturdays will be another avenue for folks to attend services.

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### **New Business**

- End of year funds of \$8000 were placed in the COM special account.
- Lenten Season, Fat Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Sunrise service on Easter are planned.

### **Action Items**

- Provide updates to the church calendar to Shane.

**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.