

St. Matthew UMC
Leadership Council Meeting

8/3/2020

In attendance: Mike Shull, Bob Davis, Jennie Carrington, Lindsay Carrington, Jim Hopple, Chrisie Reeves-Pendergrass, Claire Barnett, Jessica Bilcliff, Tom Harvey, Gary Silk, Drake Moyd, Samantha Miles, Don Smith, Doug Webb, Betsy Boaze, Tim Brookshire, Blake Brookshire, Marc Murphy, Sam Taylor, Randy Smith, Cari Treece

Lindsay Carrington opened the meeting.

Rev. Chrisie gave an introduction of herself and her job focus. We will move forward into the digital world and in person. A long-term goal is looking to meet the needs of people in our community. Chrisie has access to Abingdon's version of Financial Peace as she was a contributor. 2 adult Sunday school classes will go out and visit our church members. We move forward with ideas for outreach in person and online. Ideas are care packages for our teachers and coming up with ideas for our shut-ins. Chrisie said this is fertile soil.

Bob Davis asked Chrisie if there were agencies we should connect with and she said UMCOR. They have disaster relief and she would like us to get behind their efforts. Betsy suggested that Chrisie connect with United Ministries. Chrisie already had an appointment with them on the calendar for the following week.

Lindsay updated the committee on our technology upgrade. Everything has been approved for purchase. Chrisie said we will be using Vimeo soon which will increase our production value and will give us our own channel along with the ability to share a link making it easier for people to connect on Sunday mornings.

Lindsay will send out the updated Safe Sanctuary policy to the group for approval. It has been updated to include online group meetings.

Mike Shull gave a financial update. Giving has stayed strong and YTD we are only under by 1,600. We were projected to be under by 53,000.

Preschool update – will open small and safely.

Don gave a Veritas update. Because of social distancing, it is a bit of a challenge to share space this year.

Betsy gave an SPRC update. Health insurance will be offered to those full-time employees who need it. The church will pay 80% and the individual will pay 20%. Randy added that the Book of Discipline recommends offering insurance to employees, so this is a good thing.

Jim Hopple updated us on the HVAC. We are waiting on the gas hookup. Insurance will hopefully cover the cutting down of the large tree at the Cady shelter since it was hit by lightning.

Randy brought up a request from Susan Woods that we address the use of our building by outside groups, mainly the feeding families YMCA group and the Wheelchair basketball league. Doug Webb suggested that we add safe language in our building agreement following CDC guidelines for COVID.

Putting an agreement in place protects us and them. Blake Brookshire brought up that allowing the use of our building by these groups is a form of outreach.

Prayers requests from Randy: Susan Woods' mom, Don Smith's mom, Lois Reid & Judi Misner, Bob Davis – waiting on biopsy.

Respectfully submitted,

Cari Treece (in absence of Susan Woods)