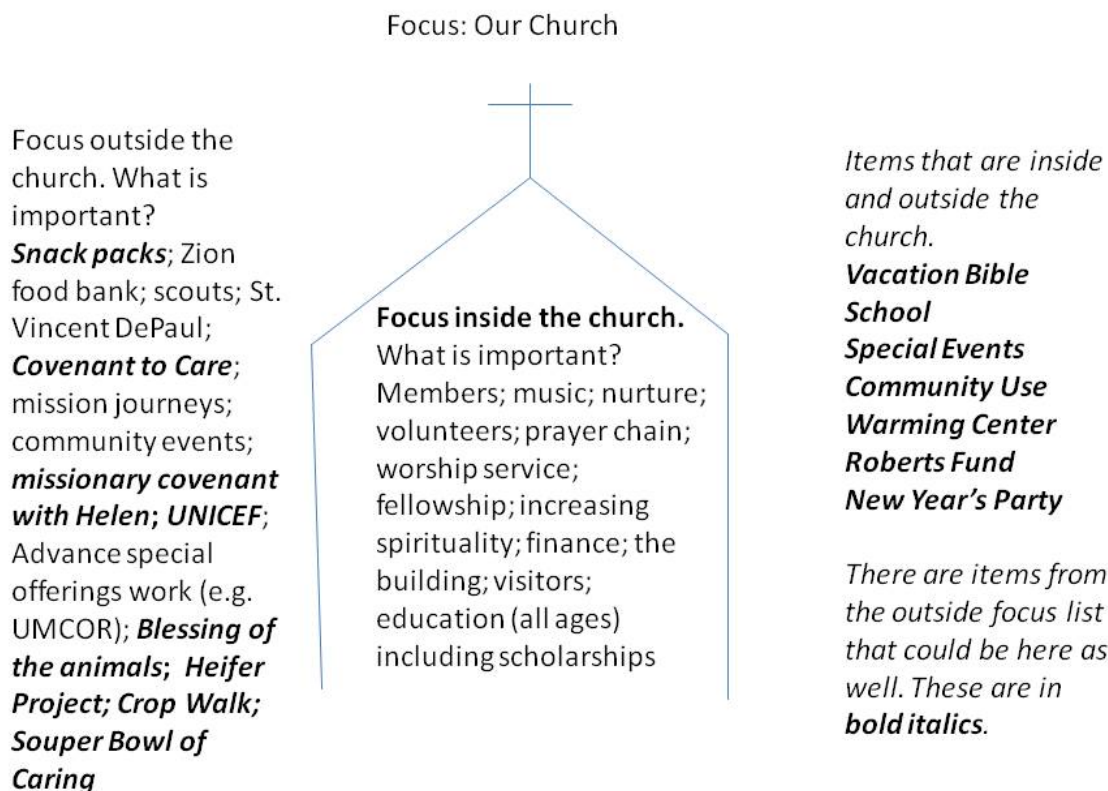


Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
March 17, 2016

In attendance: Robert Sorozan, Heidi Flower, Vivian Brackett, Jackie Palance, Luisa Gladu, Gerald Lee, Tim Krauss, Bill Thibodeau, David Corey, Christa Zaldivar, Jeanette Baker, Carla Heister, Susan Powers, Marlene Way (guest), and Tyler Way (guest)

Devotion: Distraction is the opposite of focus; focus is to be present.

Guest Presentation: Tyler Way, a Boy Scout, presented his Eagle Scout project proposal to Church Council. He proposes to update and upgrade this, our meeting room and the adjacent room. He will organize the cleaning, painting, cork board renewal, blinds replacement, cupboard lock replacement in the double room. Louisa and Christa will liaise with him for color/blinds/and any other choices needed. Council thanked him and voted to endorse the project. Sue will alert room users to let them know the dates of the work.



On external things, we need to hold ourselves accountable and maybe this list is a bit heavy within our walls. We need to find a balance between inside and outside. Find support...form a bond.

Review/Approval of February 25, 2016 minutes: with the correction of Luisa's name approved.

Nominating/Leadership Development: will have an update after Easter

Pastor's report: Holy Week schedule: Palm Sunday children will participate, Mon-Wed the chapel will be open from 8 – 8:30 am, Maundy Thursday 7 pm service, Good Friday litany in the chapel from noon-12:30 pm, and Easter 6:30 Ecumenical service on the Green with only a 10 am service at Prospect United Methodist Church.

During Pastor Bob's vacation there will be a Lay Speaker for Sunday, April 24 and Rev. Bob Knebel will be available for any emergencies.

Other business: April 10 will be the Connecticut District Conference, West Hartford United Methodist Church, 2-4 pm.

April 16 is Bishop's Day. The Bishop will be at the Nicholls United Methodist Church in Trumbull with laity time set from 1-2:30 pm.

April 30 is the CT District UMW UBUNTU Day of Service at the Prudence Crandell Center, New Britain, 9 am – 12:30 pm.

Jill reported to Sue that people from PUMC have purchased seven water filters. Also, Jill will be going on another mission trip, this one to Nicaragua, from August 5-14, to help build a bridge.

Bill reported on the Men's Fellowship discussion of change, i.e., disbanding the group and recommending that the men involved talk with committees to be involved with them.

Luisa reported for the Trustees concerning minor painting to the parsonage before the new minister moves in; the state of the endowment; and the need for sanctuary cleaning. The general idea of a Spring Cleanup for the church building was discussed.

Luisa reported for Middle Ages Group that the Renaissance Dinner is cancelled and that Team PUMC is doing well in fundraising for Relay for Life which will be held at BEHS June 11-12, 2016.

Vivian reported for the History Committee that at the 1968 Easter service, 1,017 people attended.

Tim, Finance, stated that he has shifted the endowment income reporting to reflect the lagtime between dates covered and the date we receive the income.

Jackie, financial secretary, gave an update on electronic giving and that the year-end statistics were sent on time.

Sue stated that with Pastor Bob retiring that there is an ad hoc planning committee forming so please sign up to help with this.

Prayer Concerns: There will be a celebration of Lucian Caouette's life on Saturday. Lorette needs our prayers and support. Bob Montgomery also needs prayers of support. Thanks to Sue for getting Pastor Bob to the train on Thursday. Janet Krauss is in the Pines. Laura Taylor is slowly progressing with physical therapy. Lynn Limeburner is home after her surgery.