

**Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2022**

Present: Pastor Lee, Luisa Gladu, Carla Heister, Tim Krauss, Lynn Limeburner, Beth Provost, Carol Rivard, Chris Wilson, Jill Wilson, Christa Zaldivar, Excused: Heidi Flower, Rita Fasci

- I. Opening meditation – Carla. Psalm 90:12. Take time to live in the day.
- II. Approval of March Council minutes.

III. Committee Updates

Middle Agers – Luisa

- Relay for Life, June 4-5, Norton Park, Plainville. Cliff Schilling has offered to help set up, but volunteers are needed to help take down on Sunday. In addition to generous donations from the congregation for the bake sale, Wendy secured a Thrivent grant for baking supplies. Scott and Cheryl will bake some amazing goodies to sell. The PUMC team hopes to raise \$1000 from the bake sale alone for the Cancer Foundation.
- Bristol Mum Festival, September. The Exchange Club has contacted Luisa to ask if PUMC would like to participate in some way. Possibilities would be to create a float for the Sept. 5th parade (does anyone have access to a flatbed truck??), or to set up a booth/table on the Boulevard for handing out PUMC literature, schedule of events, etc. Exchange Club would like a reply ASAP

Music – Heidi

- Shoreline Ringers will present a concert at PUMC on June 5th at 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up and baking.
- Choir picnic, June 8th
- Last choir sing will be June 19th.

Nurture/Care

- The email distribution list is incomplete. Many people aren't receiving notification of meetings, events etc. Beth will work on list in ConstantContact program.

Trustees – Chris

- Broken windows and gutters repaired.
- Brian's Angels and Smetana contracts are coming due and need to be tweaked.
- Through the generosity of Vivian Brackett and her family, work has been completed on our clock tower and bell. The clock is showing the correct time, and the bell is ringing on the hour. A dedication in memory of Vivian's husband and her parents will take place at a future date.

Education - Christa

- Successful collection for First Responders' baskets.
- Pretzel Sunday, Easter egg hunt and Children's Day were also successful.
- Father-Daughter Dance, June 12, 4-7 pm.
- Fun in the Sun beach day – June 18.
- VBS at PUMC, June 20-24. This year's theme – "Food Truck Party". A VBS food truck kick-off will be held after service on June 19, with Nick's Food Truck. Food selections must be made prior to service.

Scholarship – Carol

- There is one applicant for this year's scholarship, to be awarded June 12th.

Worship -

- Pentecost Sunday, June 5th. Please wear red.
- Prayer shawl dedication, June 5th.
- Only one service on Sundays during July and August. Time TBD.
- UMCOR envelopes and blue cards are confusing and need explaining.
- Passing of the offering plates need to be reinstated.
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- Lay Ministers Installation Service, June 12th (Don Orcutt and Corey Nagle)

Finance - Tim

- Our financial situation continues to be challenging. Offering and donations are still down. As always, we need to prepare for future worse-case scenarios.

IV. Other

- Tim – Regarding the “split”. As of May 1, 2022 the Global Methodist Church was formed as a split from the United Methodist Church. The topic of human sexuality is the main issue and the fact that the General Conference has not addressed nor made decisions on the issue. While some goals of both factions remain the same, the sexuality issues are not. We need to reassure our congregation nothing is changing at PUMC, at any UMC and NYAC.
- The Racial Reconciliation group is still active and will meet next on June 16.
- We now have a new nursery person for Sunday mornings, Ms. Cassie Brown.
- Should we pursue creating protocols for dealing with issues such as an active shooter or a fire at our church? Pastor Lee indicated that Korean United Methodist churches in our area have such protocols in place, and that could be a good place to start.

V, Pastors Time

- Band Ministry has been successful (project to bring lost congregation members back to church)
- Pastor is giving Children’s Sermon every third Sunday
- Pastor will offer “Ice Cream with Pastor” for children in June, July, August
- Lay Servant Ministry. Pastor has been conducting sessions to train two Lay Servants (Don Orcutt and Corey Nagle). A lay servant is an active member of a church who is ready and desirous to serve the church by leading, caring and communicating. If anyone is interested in becoming a Lay Servant, see Pastor Lee.
- Pastor’s summer vacation Aug. 2nd through August 21st.

IV, Adjourning Prayer – Pastor Lee

Next meeting June 16th