

Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
October 23, 2017, Meeting

Call to Community

Brenda Colley, Church Council Steward, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The reflection was: it is what you scatter, not what you gather, that tells what kind of life you have lived.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer requests were made by Church Council members.

Call to Christian Conversation

- **Finance** – Chuck Saunders, Steward, and Melissa Holmes, Business Manager
 - Through September 2017, income is \$31,478 below budgeted amount. No recommendation has been made to slow spending because two branches have already reported to Finance they will not be using their full budgeted amounts
 - Through September 2017, expenses are below budgeted amounts.
 - The maintenance portion of the Mortgage and Maintenance Fund has received \$22,814.
 - Mortgage payments were made January-September 2017. A six-month reserve is being maintained.
 - Through September 2017 Staff-Parish Relations is \$31,837 below budget. It is one of the two branches that will not be using its full budget for 2017.
 - Trustees' overage will be covered from the Trustee reserve fund.

- **Staff-Parish Relations** – Lisa Oakley, Steward
 - Increases in 2018 clergy compensation are recommended. Rev. Amy Crisp received additional compensation upon her ordination in 2017 and is recommended for a lesser increase.

Motion: Approve a 4% increase in clergy compensation for 2018 for the Lead Pastor and a 2% increase in clergy compensation for 2018 for the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Motion approved unanimously



- Salary increases for 2018 are proposed for staff members. The two newest employees are excluded.

■ **Stewardship** – Elizabeth Farrell, Steward

- Through October 22, 2017, the 2018 Ministry Fund has received 91 pledges totaling \$317,530.
- Through October 22, 2017, the 2018 Mortgage and Maintenance Fund has received 73 pledges totaling \$120,144.
- Both the number of pledges and the amount pledged are behind those received by commitment Sunday in 2017.

■ **Trustees** – Gwen Turbeville, Steward

- A committee has been formed to conduct town hall meeting concerning the future of Jewett-Bass Hall. Committee members are Gwen Turbeville, Linda Talmadge, Chuck Saunders, Mac Deacon, Mary Ellin Scarberry, and Chris Larry.
- Conversion of all screw base lights to LED lights is continuing.
- The parking lot adjacent to the chapel has been paved, providing three additional handicapped parking spaces.
- The dead trees along Jewett-Bass parking lot will be removed by the end of the year.

■ **Other Reports**

- **MOPS** – Kay Adams
 - Eight moms are participating in the group. Childcare is being provided for five children.
 - The group will adopt a Christmas family.
- **Trunk or Treat** – Kay Adams and Sarah Johnson, Children’s Ministry Branch Steward
 - Additional helping hands are needed for the event on October 28.
- **Pumpkins** – George Hudson and Sharon Macauley, Mission Branch Co-Stewards
 - Proceeds are about \$7,200 so far.
 - Shift volunteers are needed for the final days of pumpkin sales.
- **Charge Conference** – Elizabeth Farrell
 - Rev. Peter Moon, Richmond District Superintendent, has requested that churches answer the following questions during their presentations at the combined Charge Conferences: 1) How do you define a disciple of Jesus Christ? and 2) What is the relationship between a disciple and the Gospel?
 - Church Council members brainstormed responses to the questions.
 - Additional input will be solicited from Church Council members via email.
 - Pastor Bob and Elizabeth Farrell will prepare the presentation.

■ Other Business

Calendars of planned events for November 2017 through December 2018 were reviewed and updated. Revised calendars will be distributed to Church Council members. Every event is a congregation event deserving of support and involvement by our church family.

Upcoming Events

October 28 – Trunk or Treat, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., parking lot.

November 11 – Rise Against Hunger, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., CFLC.

November 12 – Charge Conference, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Good Shepherd UMC.

Pastor's Comments – Bob Cooper

Church Council members are encouraged to attend Charge Conference on November 12. Their votes are important.

Pastor Bob thanked the congregation for the expressions of appreciation received during October, Pastor Appreciation Month.

Thanks/Celebration/Recognition

Appreciation was expressed to Erika MacCormac, Church Council Vice Steward, for presiding over the September 25, 2017, Church Council meeting in the absence of Brenda Colley, Church Council Steward.

Upcoming Meeting

Branch reports of 2017 accomplishments will be presented at the November 27, 2017, Church Council meeting. Branch Stewards should submit electronic copies of 2017 accomplishments to Brenda Colley and to Jayne Shultz by November 22, 2017.

Pastor Bob closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2017,
at 7:00 p.m. in rooms 107/109**

Minutes prepared by Jayne Shultz, Church Council Secretary