

Christ United Methodist Church  
Council Minutes  
January 10, 2022

Present by Zoom: Hollie Kessler, Scott Gillespie, Claude Sawyer, John and Carol Yarian, MarLen Slagel, Brian Hall, Jack Dwiggins, Nick Fetchina, Jake and Emily Mayer, Norm and Dana Blanchard.

Chairman Scott Gillespie called the meeting to order and asked Jack Dwiggins to open the meeting with prayer. He then asked those present to share ministry moments. Several comments were related to the new people who are coming and the ways they are getting involved and how welcoming our congregation is.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as emailed.

Jack Dwiggins shared the activities of the Discipleship team. The team has met with their coach for the last time. The team is working with the Multiplication team and meeting in prayer and fasting groups to talk about the DNA of the church and evaluate the ministries of the church.

Claude Sawyer reported for Staff Parish. The committee has not met yet this year. The congregation donated \$4200 towards a love gift for the staff which is \$1000 more than last year; staff is very appreciative. April Headdy is a new member of the committee who will train to take over as chair next year.

Carol Yarian shared information about the ministries she oversees. Foster Friends sends around 200 cards per month and the prayer ministry sends postcards out monthly as well. All of these are very well received and appreciated by the recipients. Will start a new member "All In" class in March. Some guests are visiting on Sunday mornings and some families are returning to worship. Looking at planning a "Fat Sunday" Mardi Gras breakfast between services in March. Jubilee Christmas was very successful as well as the Sr. Food Program which has about 20 volunteers packing 600 boxes. We are still supplying Sat. lunches for Feed the People and the Kids Klost remains busy as we help many kids each week. Thinking about a possible Henderson Settlement trip this year. Attendance is steady. 300 people attended the early Christmas Eve service and 65 attended the 11pm service. The Longest Night Service was well attended and liked.

Brian Hall is the new Early Learning Board Chair and he reported for them. Classes are back from break. Adults are wearing masks now to help with Covid cases. Registration will begin in March for Preschool and in February for Summer Camp. 4 Teachers earned their CDA's in December.

Emily Mayer reported for Children's Ministry. Up to 20 children have been attending on Sunday morning. Nursery will be opening back up soon. Will be ordering the VBS kit soon to begin preparations for this summer. Movie night is planned for Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Basketball/Cheer practices begin this week and games begin 1/22.

Jake Mayer reported for Youth. He indicated that youth attendance has been all over the place...can have 2-15 kids and he would like to get more consistency. The kids who are attending are participating and engaging which is great. Would like to start a bible study/small group for youth during the week.

Nick Fetchina reported for Finance. We finished 2021 in the black, both income and expenses were under budget. We are starting 2022 off with a deficit budget so we will need to watch our numbers closely for the first few months of the year and see if adjustments will need to be made. Have several articles planned for the Towerlight to discuss stewardship, giving, financial info.

Old Business: Discussion from last meeting regarding the Boy Scouts lawsuit and facility agreement remains tabled until after 3/31. Pastor Kurt let Scott Gillespie know that more information is coming from the conference by 3/31 to guide churches on this matter so we will wait for that before making any decisions.

Jack Dwiggins closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hollie Kessler