

Ministry Night
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7 PM

Attendance: Carla Wood, Gregg Wood, Knud Hansen, Tom Hall, Pastor Paul, Maggie Hungerford, Art Felton, Bill Carmine, Bev Cosimano, Shirlenn O'Brien, Pat Hansen, Donna Miller-Kross, Alicia Thoennes, Nate Trost, Lisa Richards, Bonnie Harvey, Pastor Michelle

Prayer given by Bill Carmine.

The meeting began with a discussion about how our intentional Lent is going. Tom Hall suggested 'build your own subs' for dinner at April's Ministry Night Meeting.

Review of Minutes- Sarah Hungerford

- 2nd by Gregg Wood
- Approved as submitted

Administrative Areas

Finance- Knud Hansen

- Knud referenced the February 2024 word document that was shared with the February Ministry Night minutes. This is the best February on record. Things are strong going into Easter.

Trustees-Tom Hall

- Tom reviewed the January/February endowment report
- Scholarships are available – review of eligible high school students – announce award in time for students to be recognized at their school ceremonies.
- Bulbs in the sanctuary will be replaced. Maybe in the future they'll be replaced with LED bulbs.
- Alarms were purchased for the freezer and 2 refrigerators - alert (light and alarm) if the power goes out.
- Replacement windows for the parsonage.
- New carpet in the library, second half of nursery, and office areas including the pastors' offices.
- 2 doors replaced: Shepherd's Supper door and the one at the end of the hall.
- Meeting scheduled for 3/20/2024 with the cleaning crew to review their hours and responsibilities
- Tom shared the endowment report prepared by Gail and Jim Scott and the gave a review of the funds: main, Shalom, Van, AV fund, Lukens-Jackson, MLK and BCC, UMCOR fund.
- Review of the Capital Campaign and the projects that had been funded: doors, parking lot roof.
- Future projects include: bell tower masonry, top coat on parking lot, preservation of stained glass windows in the sanctuary. Capital Campaign

will include a soft campaign for the windows before summer. Money from allocations used for the pipe organ in five years

Allocations: will meet in April.

Lukens-Jackson: Pizza Party scheduled for 3/20/2024. They'll be in touch with Jenna at Sky Lake. April 21st is Camping Sunday.

UWF: Lisa Richards summarized her report

Van: minutes from Doug Breneman, give offer to McClure - they may buy the tan van. More information to follow – Central is pursuing a transit van. New van - considering one that will accommodate 15 passengers. 1st Sunday van ride

Men's Group: good turn out on Zoom and in person

Shepherd's Supper team: statistics

- through end of February 2024: averaged 193 meals/week
- through end of February 2023: averaged 156 meals/week
- through end of February 2022: averaged 130 meals/week

Our cost is less than \$1/meal thanks to the support received through the Food Bank and CHOW

Clothing Center: a ring doorbell has been installed on the Clothing Center door. One may be installed in the courtyard and maybe at the parsonage this spring. The cameras have solved a few mysteries

UWF is hosting Church Women United (move to UWF?) from 10-12 on Wednesday, April 3rd. Holy Week schedule reviewed.

General Conference starts 4/22/2024

(2) 4' x 10' raised beds have been secured at the **Merserau VINES** location on Loder for Shepherd's Supper. Please contact Barb Parcels and Pastor Paul to get involved.

Spring Fest at Union-Endicott High School is coming up. It's an opportunity to table and engage with the community. **Pride Palooza** is coming up in June. There will be sign up sheets.

S'MAC down (macaroni and cheese cook-off) was a great success with about 30 attendees and people stayed to chat.

Upcoming Fellowship Events:

Potluck Dinner - 4/28 (tentative)

Trivia night in person - 5/18 (tentative)

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Rumble Ponies - the third or fourth Thursday in June

Mini Golf - July

Upcoming Fellowship Events, continued

Church picnic - end of summer

Tailgate party - church parking lot

Unhoused: a tale of two cities film documentary by Rev. Dana Horrell will be shown at Central at the end of April. Funding from Allocations was used to support the creation of music for the film which depicts the story of two homeless individuals one in Syracuse and one in Binghamton

Allocations application deadline is coming up.

Blood Drives: May 11 and July 13 - Knud will be away

Closing Prayer and Concerns: Pastor Michelle closed with prayer.