

SUMC Committee Highlights Report for June & July 2023

Monday, July 24, 2023

Church Council Highlights

Contact: Jim Talbert

Highlights

- The Chair had a meeting with Pastor Bert to brief him on Church Council and Board of Trustees matters on July 13.
- An “Onboarding” session will be held by the NOVA District. The purpose is to assist Pastor Bert in beginning his ministry at SUMC. Church leaders and staff (all members of the Church Council and a few others) that have been invited are asked to be at SUMC on Monday, July 31 at 6:45 p.m. It will be a facilitated session with the staff and key lay leadership. In preparation for this meeting lay leadership and staff should consider the following: What is the unique culture of SUMC? What are the norms of the church? How do you like to be led/managed? What is your most creative idea/deepest longing for the church?

Next Meeting: To be determined.

Board of Trustees Highlights

Contact: Jim Talbert

Highlights

- Pastor Linda has retired and moved out of our parsonage. Pastor Bert will not be using it. The Board of Trustees is studying the option of converting the parsonage into a rental property. Some cleaning and minor repairs are needed. Volunteers are welcome.
- We are pleased to announce that Randy Ashby has joined the SUMC Board of Trustees. He has attended for about ten years, been a member for five and is active with the Seniors Activity Group.
- With the retirement of Pastor Linda, we will lose Mark Monroe as one of our Trustees. The Board now has only seven members. The authorized strength is nine. We are recruiting new members, including a Chair and Vice Chair. We have made great progress on the church’s infrastructure over the last few years but some work remains. The work has been prioritized into a long-range plan. So, we just need a few dedicated volunteers to join and follow the plan.

Next Meeting: To be determined.

Fellowship Committee Highlights

Contact: Marlene Cavaiola

Highlights

- Receptions for Pastors Linda Monroe and Marcela Jarmen were well attended and enjoyed.
- Welcome Reception for Pastor Bert Cloud and family was well attended and enjoyed.
- Coffee Fellowship is under Fellowship Committee and would like a few volunteers to help clean up after Coffee fellowship is enjoyed by church family and friends. We have two members who will continue to supply/bake our refreshments for us to enjoy.
- Fellowship plans to meet in August to discuss church 2023 fall events, such as Trunk 'n Treat and potential brunch gatherings after worship services.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Finance Committee Highlights

Contact: Linda Budzinski or Dana Smedley

Highlights

- The June 2023 net operating loss was \$12,025.
- The June Pledges and Envelope Contributions are up \$5,669 from May.
- Total Operations Expenses for June were \$48,812, which is \$1,602 more than May.
- Preschool Summer Camp ended the one week session with an \$875 profit.
- Total Yard sale proceeds were \$9,367.26. There are some monies still trickling in and total expenses will be finalized by July.
- At the half way point in the year, income is at 45% of the full year budget and expenses are 53% of the full year budget. Profit is falling behind budget, and expenses are over budget. It is anticipated that the last half of the year should see income and expenses more closely aligned.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2023.

Missions Committee Highlights

Contact: Jim Jochems

Highlights

- Grace Ministries statistics for June: 222 families and 1,315 people were served.
- Grace Ministries statistics for July: 279 families and 1,535 people were served.
- The profit from the Yard Sale was approximately \$9,000.
- The Missions Pastel Envelope project collected \$3,851.
- Mission Trips: We are sending five youths and Harrison to the Appalachia Service Project in Clay County, WV from July 16 to 22. We are planning a Sager Brown trip next summer.
- Contact us if you can help weeding and planting in Forrest's Garden which supports Deshong's Giftback and Grace Ministries.
- The next Missions Game Night is in Gallihugh Hall on July 28 from 6 pm to 9 pm.
- ***New Missions Item:*** Missions Collection Calendar and "Summertime Food Drive" to run from now through 15 September 2023. Please donate canned foods (fruit, vegetables, meat and soups etc.) Requested food items may change in the future. This food will support our community in future Grace Ministries distributions.
- Missions has planned the following collections:
 - July to September: Food Drive
 - October: Diaper Drive
 - November to December: Gift cards to support Shepherds Run at Christmas
 - January: Hygiene Kits
 - March to April: Pastel Envelope Collection

Next Meeting: August 4, 2023.

United Women in Faith Highlights

Contact: Faye Vibbert

Highlights

- UWF voted to send a \$200 check to a NOVA District UWF mini-mission encounter for the Wesley Community Service Center and Shade and Fresh Water programs.
- The July Meeting was a dinner social.
- Faye discussed needs of the Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, VA. Its mission is empowering their communities through Christian based services to improve the quality of life. They are raising funds to renovate and run a Head Start program in 2024. They are asking other Methodist communities to help either financially or with labor.
- UWF will host a breakfast for the National New Celebrate Recovery Leaders on Saturday, September 23. Faye Vibbert will chair this event and breakfast will be between 8-9 AM.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
