

SUMC Committee Highlights Report for August 2023

Monday, August 28, 2023

Church Council

Contact: Jim Talbert

Highlights

- The new Sunday morning check-in process is working well. It helps gather more accurate attendance records and the name tags help us know people better.
- A fourth Prayer Box has been installed at the playground. This is an additional way we can interact with and support the community.
- The staff and volunteer leaders participated in a successful “Onboarding” process where we and pastor Bert learned more about each other and our visions for SUMC.
- The Council developed a new committee meeting schedule. The concept was to better enable Pastor Bert to attend meetings and enable members who are on multiple committees to attend two meetings in one night. The new schedule follows all the Committee Highlights.
- The Council scheduled events for the rest of 2023 and discussed specifically the “Fall Kick-off events scheduled for September 10.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 25, 2023

New Time: The Fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 106.

Board of Trustees

Contact: Jim Talbert

Highlights

- The work to convert the parsonage into a rental unit continues. We are addressing issues with repairs, painting, carpet and cleaning. A realtor and a property management company have been contacted.
- Lighting in the front parking lot has been improved and the handrail on the steps from the front parking lot to the entrance has been painted.
- Lighting improvements in the sanctuary are still in progress.
- We are working to add doorbell cameras to the front and rear entrances.
- We are considering forming a Safety and Security Team and are looking for volunteers. Please refer to the W.I.R.E. for details.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

New Time: The Third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Room 107.

Discipleship & Education Committee

Contact: Laurie Morris

Highlights

- Fall Kick-off is on September 10 right after the service. The Kona Ice Truck will be there along with the bounce house and games. The LCSO have been invited to be a part of it.
- We met with Fellowship on August 21 to go over plans for the Fall Kick-off.
- Blessing of the backpacks was on August 20.
- Joan is contacting families for addresses of college kids.
- Children's Sunday School will start on September 10.
- Desi is not going to have a study this fall. They are talking about taking turns in the group but it's still being decided.
- Jim Gallihugh's bible study will continue on Wednesday nights at church.
- Sterling Fest is October 7. Heather is ordering capes for the kids and sticking with the HERO VBS theme. We are now paid sponsors of Sterling Fest which will give us more visibility.
- Parents Night Out is planned for October 20 and December 1.
- Trunk or Treat is on October 28.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

New Time: The Second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. on ZOOM.

Fellowship Committee

Contact: Marlene Cavaiola

Highlights

- Discussed food items for the Fall Kick-off Picnic on September 10 after the service.
- Will develop a signup genius and a poster to be in the Narthex for side dishes to serve 8 to 10 persons for members to contribute to the picnic. We also need to know the approximate number of people attending so we can prepare the right amount of food.
- Fellowship and United Methodist Men will set up an outside area for picnic food and seating. More volunteers are encouraged.
- Children's Ministry is supplying the Kona Ice Truck for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and organizing outside fun games and activities during the picnic.
- A discussion of Sterling Fest (October 7) and Trunk and Treat (October 28) will be at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

New Time: 6:00 p.m. on the Third Monday of the month in Room 107.

Finance Committee

Contact: Linda Budzinski or Dana Smedley

Highlights

- July was the first month in 2023 where we only had one pastor. This will have a long-term positive effect on the budget, since we are only paying salary and benefits for one pastor.
- Total Operations Expenses for July were \$41,386. This is \$7,431 less than we spent in June.
- During the month of July 2023 our net operating income was \$80.23. This means that we took in more than we spent.
- Pledges and envelope contributions are up \$4,771 from June.
- Year-to-date gross income is at 53% of the full-year budget, whereas expenses are at 60% of the full-year budget. This should improve by the end of the year.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 25, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.

New Time: The Fourth Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in Room 107.

Missions Committee

Contact: Jim Jochems

Highlights

- Grace Ministries for August 2023 served 253 families, 1,392 people. The next food distribution is on Saturday, September 9, with set-up on Friday, September 8.
- Flour and sugar provided by Mobile Hope were distributed at the August Grace Ministries.
- Assistance for schools: we are holding off any more food for schools (Forest Grove, Sterling Middle and Park View) until the fall.
- **New Missions Item: Missions Collection Calendar!** We distributed a lot of the food collected this past month, and we need to re-emphasize to the church that we are still collecting! We need canned and non-perishable food items. This food supports our community and will be distributed at future Grace Ministries.
- 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
- The next Missions Game Night in Gallihugh Hall is on September 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

New Time: The First Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 107.

United Women in Faith

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 the needs of the Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, VA. Its mission is empowering its 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 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

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

New Time: The First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Gallihugh Hall.

Worship & Outreach Committee

Contact: Debbie Myers

Highlights

- Attendance at the Neighborhood English Together, NET class has continued to fluctuate over the summer months, but several students are very faithful in their attendance.
- The name tag check-in process is getting smoother, but we need another printer to keep up with the demand.
- The committee reviewed the Narrative Lectionary and talked about the need for a revised order of worship for the fall.
- We are using a new cloud-based program for worship media called Proclaim; this will take the place of MediaShout.
- The committee also considered looking into the possibilities of holding a “health fair” during our fall activities.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

New Time: The Second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Room 107.

New Schedule for SUMC Committee Meetings

August 28, 2023

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FIRST WEEK	Sunday Events	6:30 Drumming in the Spirit – Sanctuary 7:00 United Women In Faith (UWF) - Gallihugh Hall (GH)	6:00 Grief Group - Zoom 7:00 Celebrate Recovery (CR) - Sanctuary & Narthex	6:30 Choir Practice - Sanctuary 7:00 Bible Study - GH	6:30 Missions - 107 7:00 Neighborhood English Together (NET) - 104 7:30 Boy Scouts - GH	No Meetings – Available for special events	No Meetings – Available for special events
SECOND WEEK	Sunday Events	6:00 Discipleship & Education – Zoom 6:30 Drumming in the Spirit – Sanctuary	6:00 Grief Group - Zoom 7:00 CR - Sanctuary & Narthex	6:30 Choir Practice - Sanctuary 7:00 Bible Study - GH	6:00 Worship & Outreach - 107 7:00 NET – 104 7:30 Boy Scouts - GH	No Meetings – Available for special events	8:00 Grace Ministries
THIRD WEEK	Sunday Events	6:00 Fellowship – 107 6:30 Drumming in the Spirit – Sanctuary 7:00 Congregational Care - 106	6:00 Grief Group - Zoom 7:00 CR - Sanctuary & Narthex	6:30 Choir Practice - Sanctuary 7:00 Bible Study - GH	6:00 Trustees - 107 7:00 SPRC - 106 7:00 NET – 104 7:30 Boy Scouts - GH	No Meetings – Available for special events	No Meetings – Available for special events
FOURTH WEEK	Sunday Events	6:15 Finance – 107 6:30 Drumming in the Spirit – Sanctuary 7:00 Church Council - 106	6:00 Grief Group - Zoom 7:00 CR - Sanctuary & Narthex	6:30 Choir Practice - Sanctuary 7:00 Bible Study - GH	7:00 NET – 104 7:30 Boy Scouts - GH	No Meetings – Available for special events	No Meetings – Available for special events