

SUMC Committee Highlights Report for September 2023

Monday, September 25, 2023

Church Council

Contact: Jim Talbert

Highlights

- One of the purposes of the Committee Highlights Report is to inform everyone of all the activities at SUMC. As you read this, please consider volunteering in any group or activity that interests you. You will bless others and you too will be blessed. Let us all be motivated by the SUMC mission, **“Inviting and nurturing others to a relationship with Christ!”**
- Church staff and some volunteer leaders are beginning to use a new computer application. It’s called Basecamp and it’s designed to improve project management, communications and collaboration.
- The annual Charge Conference will be on Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 106.

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

Board of Trustees

Contact: Jim Talbert

Highlights

- The parsonage has become a rental property. New tenants will be moving in by the end of October. This will be a new source of income for the church.
- New doorbell cameras have been installed at the front and rear entrances. If you arrive at church and find the doors locked, push the button on the doorbell. If there is someone in the office, you can speak with them and they can let you in.
- The Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office will be visiting SUMC on Friday, October 20 to perform a security evaluation. This is the first step towards forming a SUMC Safety and Security Team. Free training should be provided in the future. Ushers and Greeters are urged to join. Contact the committee to **volunteer**.
- We are researching options to improve technology in Room 106, which is our primary committee meeting room. If you have expertise in this type of technology, please contact one of the Trustees.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

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

Congregational Care Committee

Contact: Andy Anderegg

Highlights

- We planned and prioritized ways to better organize and equip our congregational care.
- First, organize our records of care to be people-oriented.
 - Basecamp will be used to coordinate care.
 - Coordinate lists of care needs from the prayer chain, Prayers and Squares, Helping Hands, the grief ministry, home bound communion, etc.
 - Use Basecamp to provide the care team with insights to coordinate care.
- Second, re-engage the larger care ministry team and recruit care ministers.
 - Expand **volunteers** to enable us to re-energize a ministry of calling, visitation and home bound communion. Contact the committee to **volunteer**.
 - Leverage our on-line members to help keep in touch with one another.
 - Establish some form of prayer partners.
- Third, use training programs like Online Small Group Learning Cohort for Basic Care Ministry.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Room 106.

Discipleship & Education Committee

Contact: Laurie Morris

Highlights

- A subscription service called Amplify will be purchased soon. It contains a selection of books to guide Bible studies. Sandra will do a study starting soon. We have it funded this year but next year we need to budget for it.
- Youth are going to Arcola UMC for a District praise night on October 15.
- Parents Night Out will be on October 20 and December 1. This has proven to be a popular event, and could be even better with more **volunteers**. Additional **volunteers** will be needed for the December event.
- Trunk or Treat on October 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. Heather emailed Kona about having the Kona ice truck come then, instead of at the barbecue on October 29.
- Fall Barbeque on October 29 immediately following church.
- New Common English Bibles (CEB) Bibles are being ordered for the youth.
- Park View High School is hosting a Christmas Breakfast with Santa on December 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In effort to be more involved with the community, we will be helping where there is a need.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

New Time: The Second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Fellowship Committee

Contact: Marlene Cavaiola

Highlights

Finalize the café portion and logistics for Trunk or Treat for October 28, 2023, at 2-4 PM.

- Decorated trunks will be in the front parking lot. Each trunk will supply start-up candy.
- Fellowship will supply extra candy where/when needed until the supply lasts.
- Wrapped hot dogs and drinks will be located near the circle with the Kona Ice Truck.
- Free Kona ice for the kids. Adults will be charged \$3.20 per ice.
- No sit-down eating. Limited chairs for older adults will be available.
- Busy Hands to fill goodie bags on October 26, 2023.

The fellowship budget was reviewed, and 2024 projections were submitted on October 12, 2023.

- Requested a 'Special Reception' line be added to include farewells, welcome and 150-year celebration coming up.
- Increased money needed for Coffee Fellowship as costs have increased for coffee/cups/creamers.
- Kitchen supplies, coffee Fellowship, Easter Carnival, Trunk or Treat, Family Advent, Fall Picnic, and special receptions come out of the Fellowship budget. We use donations to help with costs.

SUMC Barbeque Cookoff/Picnic for 10/29/23 after church service in Gallihugh Hall.

- Potluck side dishes needed (Cole slaw, potato salad, other), chips, and desserts by members.
- Limited Hot Dogs available for those that don't prefer Barbeque-supplied by Fellowship.
- Favorite Barbeque for cookoff needed (homemade/other) will be set up in Gallihugh Hall. (Label type of barbeque: pork, beef, chicken, spicy, other.)
- Potluck containers to sample barbeque and rolls will be available near barbeque stations.
- The drinks will be Iced Tea, Lemonade and Water.
- Signup Genius will be available for potluck side dishes to serve 8-10 persons, setup, and cleanup. Not necessary to sign up to bring an item but would be helpful so we can anticipate the setup area.
- A large poster will be placed in the Narthex for members to sign up if they wish.
- NO RSVP needed.

SUMC Hanging of the Greens, Joyful Brunch, and Cookie bake off December 3, 2023, after service.

- Brief discussion on 'Joyful Brunch' after service on December 3rd and potential foods.
- Will further discuss and finalize at our November 20 meeting. (Yes, Thanksgiving week but those present will be available for a meeting.)

Next Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

Finance Committee

Contact: Linda Budzinski or Dana Smedley

Highlights

- We have started the process of building the 2024 Budget. All committees should have submitted their first drafts to Dana and the Finance Committee.
- Once the Finance Committee receives all committee proposals, we will combine them into the whole church budget and make adjustments as needed. The final budget will be available to the congregation.
- A major consideration for the 2024 budget will be our ability to pay our full share of Conference, District and Pension Apportionments. Keep in mind, our 2023 budget is not paying our full share. We paid \$42,335 less in apportionments in 2023. We feel it's important to return to paying the full apportionment amount.
- September 2023 net operating loss is \$6,071.
- Pledges and envelope contributions are about the same as in August.
- In the month of September, we received \$310 in plate offerings.
- Total operations expenses for September were \$39,607. This is \$2,260 less than August.
- Year To Date (YTD) gross profit is 71.7% of the full year budget whereas expenses are 75% of the full year budget. September YTD represents 75% of the full year budget, so profit is falling behind budget and expenses are at budget. The gap between income and expenses has gotten smaller since July when we went to only one full-time pastor. It seems to be settling at about 3%. If we can increase income, we will be close to a balanced budget.

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 November will be on Saturday, November 10, with set-up on Friday, November 9. **Volunteers** are needed.
- Sharon recently produced a great video about Grace Ministries, which was shown at Sunday worship.
- Grace clothing distribution will start in October. Clothes can be dropped off in the youth room.
- Assistance for schools: We donated canned goods to Forest Grove and Sterling Middle Schools. Park View High School - TBD
 - We will donate food to Forest Grove
 - Sterling Middle School PEP (Parents as Educational Partners) starts 21 September, always the 3rd Thursday every month. We will check the clothes left

from the yard sale and determine what we will do in October. Food picked up by Thomas Crowson and provided to PEP for their first meeting, next steps are TBD.

- Missions Collection Calendar
 - November to December: Gift cards to support Shepherds Run at Christmas
 - January: Hygiene Kits
 - March to April: Pastel Envelope Collection

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

New Time: The First Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 107.
Grace Ministries is on the second Saturday of the month.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

Contact: Marlene Cavaiola

Highlights

- Our speaker, Katie Shapiro provided information of how the Friends of Guest House operates. They have two homes, one in old town Alexandria and one in the Del Ray area. The clients are interviewed prior to living at one of the locations.
- A check for \$200 was provided from UWF to Friends of Guest House.
- Joyce Grace Readers will be discussing 'The Radcliffe Ladies' Reading Club by Julia Bryan on October 27 at 7 PM. Scheduled for November 17 is 'Identity' by Nora Roberts. They meet on the 4th Friday at 7 PM at church unless otherwise scheduled in room 106 at the church.
- Busy Hands group meets in person every Thursday @ 12:30 for lunch at the church usually in room 107. All are welcome, just bring your lunch and stop by for fellowship and to help with a project. We work on all kinds of projects around the church. On 10/12 we cut cloth circles to be used with the Soup and Cookie Mix jars for Missions' fundraiser sale. On 10/26 we will be filling candy bags for Trunk or Treat.
- UWF are using \$300 to purchase some socks, hats, gloves for Sterling Middle School distribution at their December PEP (Parents as Educational Partners) meeting. Donations accepted too.
- Maryann Craig and Barbara Walthall are organizing the UWF November 4th fundraising bake sale. Bring a favorite baked item to help out.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 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

- Pastor Bert and the Worship Committee are continuing to make improvements in the Sunday worship service. Pastor Bert would appreciate your comments and suggestions.
- Plans are in progress for Stewardship, Thanksgiving, Advent and the new year.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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