

SUMC Committee Highlights Report for March 2024

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Church Council Highlights

Contact: Jim Talbert

Highlights

- The Church Council is considering changing our current administrative governance structure to the Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS). The Simplified, Accountable structure (previously referred to as the single or one board model) moves churches from four administrative committees (trustees, finance, staff-parish relations, and church council) to one leadership board encapsulating all responsibilities and authority of the previous four separate administrative committees. The goals are to make administrative decisions more efficiently, reduce the number of meetings, and free up members' time so that they may devote more time and energy on ministry, rather than administration.
- The Council is also looking for ideas on how we should celebrate the upcoming 150TH anniversary of our church in 2025. Suggestions can be made to Jim Talbert and all ideas are welcome.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 107.

Board of Trustees Highlights

Contact: Mike Brooks

Highlights

- There will be a church work day on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- The Ice Machine was replaced and paid for by the Master's Crafters in the kitchen.
- The church heating systems checkup was completed.
- The church rooftop unit heat exchanger was found cracked. The gas valve was closed to prevent the heating system from working. A cost estimate for a new unit was provided by H&M General Construction Inc. for \$12,350. Other estimates for a unit will be obtained before a decision is made.
- A sign was made for the front parking lot door that it will be always locked and to use the main entrance. This is part of the security assessment process.
- The courtyard cleanup was completed.
- The church heating systems checkup was completed.
- Saturday, April 6, 9 am to noon is a church workday. Please plan on helping for whatever time you can with the property and building cleanup.
- The facility use request for Boy Scout Troop 970B was approved. They will meet on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Gallihugh Hall. SUMC no longer sponsors scout groups per VA Conference request.
- Reviewing options to add insulation in the area above rooms 107, 108, 109, 110 and 112.
- Getting quotes for re-paving the parking lots.
- Getting quotes to replace window blinds in KUC rooms and then other rooms.

- Reviewing window replacement needs in older section of church.
- Getting quotes for automatic door openers for the rear door and family rest room.
- Dealing with a few roof leaks.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 107.

Discipleship & Education Committee Highlights

Contact: Laurie Morris

- For Children:
 - VBS and Preschool Summer Camps are on the calendar. We will be getting the full information and registration out soon.
 - Easter Festival planning is underway. Be sure to sign up to help if you can!
 - We will have our next Parents Night Out in May (tentatively the Friday before Mother's Day).
- For Youth:
 - We have our mission trip scheduled and registrations out for that. We will be joining Centerville UMC again this summer for an Appalachian Service Project (ASP) mission trip.
 - We are meeting with the youth council to get more activities and outings on the calendar for the rest of this year and summer.
 - Youth Sunday will be on Mother's Day. Our last youth group event will be on June 6.
 - We will be sending our youth Easter cards with notes of prayer for upcoming exams and projects on March 24.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Fellowship Committee Highlights

Contact: Donna Meyer or Marlene Cavaiola (Co-Chairs)

Highlights

- Children's Easter Festival will be on Palm Sunday 3/24/2024, 2-4 PM
- Easter Sunrise Breakfast will be after the sunrise service (6:30-7:15 am) on 3/31/2024.
 - Breakfast is from 7:15 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., so plan to join for fellowship prior to the 10 a.m. service.
 - MENU: muffins, scones, Danish, fruit, yogurt, small quiche, ham/cheese sandwiches, eggs, sausage, and drinks. Breakfast will be in Gallihugh Hall.
 - There will be NO coffee fellowship after the worship service.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Finance Committee Highlights

Contact: Linda Budzinski or Dana Smedley

Highlights

- Pledges and envelope contributions are up \$5,777 from January.
- Total operations expenses for February were \$45,355, which is about the same as January.
- So far, in 2024 the expenses are only slightly more than our income. (Income at 16.30% of budget and expenses at 16.85%.
- The Capital Improvements Fund (the proceeds from selling the second parsonage in 2021) had been invested with the Virginia United Methodist Foundation. This has not yielded the profit we expected. The Finance Committee decided to liquidate the fund. The liquidated amount was \$153, 553. We have reinvested \$120,000 in five certificates of deposit at Wells Fargo Bank, and the rest is in a money market account at Truist Bank. This should be a more stable and profitable investment.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:15 PM in Room 104

Missions Committee Highlights

Contact: Jim Jochems

Highlights

- A \$25 Fandango Card was donated.
- We still have \$100 in Safeway gift cards.
- We are asking for the following supplies to make Hygiene Kits: toothpaste, toothbrushes (3-4), bodywash, shampoo, bars of soap (2), deodorant (2), combs (2), and female hygiene items (as needed). These will be distributed at Grace Ministry.
- We currently have the following supplies for Hygiene Kits: 59 shampoos, 58 bars of soap, 4 deodorants, 100 washcloths, 54 packs of 4 toothbrushes, 4 packs of 6 toothbrushes, 25 packs of 2 toothbrushes, 11 individual toothbrushes, 145 mini toothpastes, 6-night cream. We need deodorant and body wash.
- Canned Food will be accepted throughout the year and all food is very appreciated
- For Future Grace Events we will offer resources and communicate better with Loudoun Feeds (loudounfeeds.org) (LHRelief, etc.) Sterling Park Baptist, Cornerstones, LINK, and the Salvation Army.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 6:30 PM

United Women in Faith Highlights

Contact: Faye Vibbert

Highlights

- Tentative guest speaker from Provisional Church scheduled for our April 8 meeting in Gallihugh Hall.
- UWF will meet in room 106 at 7 PM with Zoom availability on the 1st Monday unless there is a holiday or guest speaker.
- UWF will meet in Gallihugh Hall when we have a speaker.
- The Joyful Grace Readers group meets at 7 PM at the church in room 106. The next book selected by the group for May 17 is *The Devil Wears Scrubs* by Freida McFadden. For more information, contact Debra Vest at debra.vest82@gmail.com or Teresa Mohr at teresaphil@jemstone.com.
- UWF will have a limited supply of chocolate lollipop flowers and small bags of chocolate chicks, bunnies, and lambs for sale. The proceeds will help us purchase individual hygiene supplies for our individual hygiene kits for outreach group needs. Look for the Chocolate Sale during the coffee fellowship starting March 17.
- Busy Hands meets on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. for lunch then activities in room 107. We will be assembling individual hygiene kits for outreach but need help in replenishing our supply. For information contact Nancy Craner (nancy.craner307@gmail.com) or Marlene Cavaiola (dmcav@msn.com).
- Busy Hands will be helping bag candy for the Easter Festival at our March 21st meeting.
- Busy Hands has been keeping up with double bagging plastic bags for Grace Ministry to use to pack food for distribution.
- UWF was asked to bring canned/boxed food items, deodorant, and feminine products for Grace Ministry distribution.
- UWF continues brainstorming fundraising ideas to support our mission outreach activities for women, children, and youth.
- UWF will cook a Pasta Dinner for CR on April 2, 2024.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Worship & Outreach Committee Highlights

Contact: Debbie Myers

Highlights

- March 24 is Palm Sunday. We will have a Worship Service and Easter Egg Festival (2-4 pm).
- March 28 is Maundy Thursday. We will have a Worship Service at 7 pm. This is a communion service.

- March 29 is Good Friday. *A lot of help is needed for these events. Please contact Debbie Myers to volunteer.*
 - Stations of the Cross Set-Up: Starting at 8:00/8:30 am, we will begin setting up the 14 Stations. Help is needed to be ready by noon.
 - Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross will be open on Friday from noon to 4:00 p.m., for the congregation and community to walk through the areas. We will also have the Stations of the Cross available following the Good Friday Service for one hour. Although the stations are self-directed, we need to have some greeters to be available during the walk-through time to answer questions or provide directions. Help is needed from noon to 4:00 p.m. and for one hour (approximately 7:45 to 8:45 p.m.). You may volunteer for full or partial hours.
 - Good Friday Worship Service is at 7 p.m. This service will include a collection of musical pieces by the Aldersgate Choir and instrumentalists.
- March 30 is our Saturday Easter Preparation Day: We need help starting at 8:00/8:30 am. The following tasks need to be completed:
 - The Stations of the Cross need to be taken down.
 - The Easter lily Banners need to be hung up.
 - The two outdoor crosses need to be pre-set with flowers and the white cloths need to be draped.
 - The white paraments need to be placed upon the altar and pulpit.
 - All items need to be taken out of the parlor and placed back on the altar.
 - Flowers need to be set at the altar.
 - Guest Gifts need to be placed on the narthex table.
- March 31 is Easter! Easter Sunrise service will be at 6:30 p.m.
 - Loudoun County Fire Rescue Dispatch needs to be called on **Easter Sunday morning before the outdoor fire is lit.** Call 703-777-0637.
 - A Continental Breakfast will be served 7:15 - 9:15 am.
 - Easter Morning Worship Service is at 10:00 am with instrumentalists.
 - There will be No Coffee Fellowship after the 10:00 service.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM