

SUMC Committee Highlights Report

Monday, April 17, 2023

Worship & Outreach Committee Highlights

Contact: Debbie Myers

Highlights

- Karen Land has established a rotation for the Greeters.
- Nancy Craner added two new Liturgists.
- A second Prayer Box was added in the Jacobus Center lower-level meeting room. We recommend adding two more prayer boxes. One at the front parking entrance for KUC parents and one outside for the community. The exact location is to be determined.
- Solar lighting was added to the Labyrinth. It can now be used for prayer and meditation by anyone – members or the general public, any time, day or night, and beyond Holy Week.
- Lenten devotionals were written by four staff and six lay members and published daily.
- The new kiosk check-in system will be rolled out in the near future.
- A very special thank you to all the SUMC staff, members of this committee, volunteers and musicians that assisted with all five Holy Week worship services, and the Stations of the Cross.
- Attendance during Holy Week:
 - Palm Sunday: 109 in-person and 72 on-line. 181 total.
 - Maunday Thursday: 52 in-person and 77 on-line. 129 total.
 - Good Friday: 60 in-person and 74 on-line. 134 total.
 - Stations of the Cross: Attendance was not counted but 54 prayer squares were taken.
 - Easter Sunday - Sunrise service: 28 in-person. 10:00 service: 165 in-person and 72 on-line. 237 total at 10:00 and 265 total for Easter Sunday.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Missions Committee Highlights

Contact: Jim Jochems

Highlights

- Grace Ministries statistics for April: Served 233 families, 1,272 people. The May distribution will be on 05-13-2023.
- Missions Pastel Envelope Collection is still running. Thank you for all your donations! We have received \$3,851 as of April 4th.
- “Keep It Clean Donation Days” will start 05-01- 2023. We’ll be collecting Clorox wipes, dish detergent, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, unused cleaning supplies and hand soap. These items will be given out at subsequent Grace Ministries events.
- Missions Game Night in Gallihugh Hall will be on Friday, 04-28-2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Mission Trips are still in the planning phase:
 - Sager Brown trip to be followed-up on 06-05-2023 to determine next steps.
 - Youth trip planning is a team effort that needs further coordination by Heather, Steve and Jim.
- Mission Rummage Sale is on 06-24-2023. Contact any Missions Committee member. Formal collections begin on 06-12-2023. We will not take any electronics, TVs or linens.
- Passed a motion to provide \$500 to the neighborhood English Together (NET) program for student workbooks.

Next meeting: To be determined.

Visioning Committee Highlights

Contact: Andy Anderegg

Highlights

- Our intention is to sunset the Visioning Committee after the fall planning retreat. There will be a new strategy for visioning. This critical function will be done primarily by the Church Council. The Visioning Committee members can then become part of work groups that focus on implementing new ministries as needed. This achieves our goal of having fewer members in administration and more in ministry. To do this, two things must happen:
 1. The Church Council has to discuss priorities and plans for the future and
 2. We need the planning retreat to be earlier in the summer so we have more time to prepare for the Fall.
- To address the SUMC mission of inviting and nurturing, we concluded our approach needs to engage our priority audiences which are young parents, amigos, youth and 20-year-olds.
- We should reassess the current strategy of seasonal events to ensure that they are inviting to new people and strengthen the faith of our members.
- Discussed possible events for the outside community, such as parents' night out, missions game night, off-property picnics, a KUC event, NET events, programs at middle and high schools.
- We also discussed nurturing in different forms, like Bible study before or after Celebrate Recovery.
- We have several outside groups that meet in our facilities such as SAG, KUC, AA and NA. How can we invite and nurture them? For instance, last Christmas, AA held a 36 hour "Soberthon" in Jacobus. An invitation was extended and a few did attend our Christmas Eve service. Maybe they could be invited and nurtured by a special service just for them.
- Our plans to organize the time remaining to influence the fall programs and kickoff event include:
 - In April, engage other committees to outline fall objectives to invite and nurture.
 - In May, refine the vision for fall programs and kickoff with committee inputs.
 - In June, prepare for a planning retreat and fall programs.
 - Move the annual planning retreat to middle of July to provide more time to prepare.
- Other next steps. Capture inputs from the Church Council and other committees.
- Need to plan for the 2024 budget to include appropriate funding to advertise the planned events.

Next meeting: To be determined.

Fellowship Committee Highlights

Contact: Marlene Cavaiola and Donna Meyer

Highlights

- The Soup and Salad Meal before the Ash Wednesday Service was well attended and enjoyed by an encouraging number of attendees. Many commented, "It was so nice to have a communal meal."
- The Fellowship committee met with members of Discipleship and Education and Childrens' Ministries director Heather Toth on March 2 to plan the Easter Festival.
- Our Love Offering at the Ash Wednesday soup and salad meal was used to fund the refreshments at the Easter Festival.
- Fellowship baked and supplied the cookies for the decorating activity at the Easter Festival.
- Turn-out at the Easter Festival was very high. A follow-up email was sent to all registrants who provided email addresses. They were thanked for coming, invited back for Easter services and invited to our social media sites to view photographs of the event. This yielded about ten new followers to our social media sites. About 17 registrants asked for more information about SUMC and were added to the WIRE distribution list. About 130 tickets were given out for refreshments.

Next meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Highlights

Contact: Linda Budzinski or Dana Smedley

Highlights

- March 2023 net operating loss is \$11,175.17.
- Pledges and envelope contributions are down \$5,118 from February due partially due to a one-time \$11,000 pledge fulfilling contribution in February.
- In the month of March, we received \$473 in plate offerings, \$1,120 from Lenten Offering, \$5 from Celebrate Recovery childcare and \$55.94 in interest income from the UMCR Reserve account. We received \$500 for KUC rent.
- Total Operations Expenses for March were \$48,602, which are up \$546 from February. Administration is down \$532 mainly due to a \$600 contribution from SAG to offset administration expenses. Missions is up \$550.00 due to quarterly missions' donations. Worship is up \$484 due to the purchase of banners for the sanctuary and music library.
- YTD Gross Profit is at 24% of the full year budget whereas Expenses are at 26% of the full year budget. Given that YTD March represents ¼ or 25% of the full year, we are on target with the budget.
- Compared to YTD 2022, YTD 2023 Pledge, Envelope & Stock Contributions are down \$8,733 (6.8%). This reduction is across several families, some of whom have moved from the area or have passed away. Plate offerings, KUC Rent, Other Rent and Lenten offerings are all up over YTD 2022.
- Compared to YTD 2022, 2023 Total expenses are down \$15,970 (9.8%). This is primarily due to Apportionments which are down \$15,991, \$4,408 from pension apportionment paid in Jan 2022 for Marcela's July-Dec 2021 and \$11,583 for the reduction in Conference and District apportionments paid. Note that we are not paying our full apportionments to compensate for the budget deficit.

Next meeting: To be determined.

Board of Trustees Highlights

Contact: Jim Talbert

Highlights

- Held a productive Work Day on March 25. Did not complete outside projects due to weather. Volunteers are needed for these. Volunteers are invited to work on gardening at their convenience. Don't wait for an official Work Day.
- Completed repairs to the Jacobus Center caused by a water leak last summer. Repaired and painted two bathrooms and the lower-level meeting room.
- Upgraded all lighting in the sanctuary and installed new outside lights at all entrances.
- Still looking for a volunteer to be the Trustees Chair.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

United Woment of Faith Highlights

Contact: Faye Vibbert

Highlights

- Lee Merriam of Mosaic Virginia was a guest speaker. Mosaic Virginia is a 501c3 non-profit, pro-life medical pregnancy center in Loudoun County and has served the community for more than 28 years.
- A donation of \$250 was made along with a promise of baskets to support Mosaic Virginia auction.

- A donation of \$500 was made to UMCOR to replace the kit collections.
- A donation of \$50 was approved for Junes' speaker, Suzi Weinert.
- Congregational support for baskets is needed.
- All women are invited to our English Tea on Sunday, May 7th, 1:30 – 3:00.

Next meeting: To be determined.

Discipleship & Education Committee Highlights

Contact: Laurie Morris

Highlights

- Children's Ministry: Bible Buddies was very well received.
- Childcare has been added to "Celebrate Recovery".
- Summer Camp and VBS: Advertising will be put out this month. Summer camp enrollment is already starting. It will be held June 5-9. VBS will be June 26-30. Volunteers are needed.
- Parents Night Out: May 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.
- Youth: Youth Group recently went to the movies and dinner. Harrison and Heather have been attending some sports events and after school activities of the kids.
- May 5-6, will be Youth lock in.
- May 14 is Youth Sunday (Mother's Day)
- May 21 is confirmation Sunday with one participant who will receive a bible and cupcakes will be provided after the service.
- June 4 will be graduation Sunday.
- Mission Trip: A trip is in the planning stages along with the Mission Committee.
- Gift cards: Cards were sent to 12 students.
- Bible Study: Desi is leading a bible study "You are Enough". She has a steady group of 5-6 participants.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2023