

# **SUMC Committee Highlights Report for September 2023**

Monday, September 25, 2023

## **Church Council**

**Contact:** Jim Talbert

### **Highlights**

- The new meeting schedule for all committees seems to be working well. Notify us if there are any modifications needed.
- We will be rescheduling the church picnic that was postponed on September 10.
- Every committee is requested to have their final, approved budget requests to Dana by October 13.
- Some programs that were off for the summer have resumed, and some new programs are starting. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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## **Board of Trustees**

**Contact:** Jim Talbert

### **Highlights**

- The parsonage is now ready to become a rental property. It should be on the market around October 1, 2023.
- 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.
- Carpets in the sanctuary and some hallways were recently cleaned.
- All the lights in the sanctuary are now working properly. The project was much more complex than expected. New technology was added and the lights should work reliably in the future. The labor and supplies were donated by the Freestate Electrical Company. Many thanks to Freestate and Charlie Wooldridge.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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

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## **Discipleship & Education Committee**

**Contact:** Laurie Morris

### **Highlights**

- The Fall Kick-off picnic will be rescheduled. The date has not yet been set.
- Parents Night Out – October 20<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Gallihugh Hall.
- Trunk or Treat is on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Sterling Fest is on October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have a flyer announcing all the different groups that meet at the church including book club, CR, grief group, bible studies youth group, and small groups.
- Bible Studies:
  - Sunday, 11:15 to Noon
    - Linda Budzinski – Study of Matthew, Room 104
    - Youth Study in the Youth Room
    - Pastor Bert is considering a question and answer session.
  - Monday Bible study at Somerset by Careen Hunt – 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday Bible study by Jim Gallihugh, in Gallihugh Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Bert suggested we consider buying an Amplify Media subscription (\$300) for Bible studies. Sandra would like to lead or co-lead an online study with Amplify. We are hoping to get this started this fall. Pastor Bert and Heather are looking for the funding.
- Children's Sunday School had 1 new friend on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- There's a youth trip to Kings Dominion trip on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning a NOVA District Praise night at Arcola UMC on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Highroads youth retreat with Floris and Centreville UMC on November 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>.
- Joan will request college kids' addresses in October for November mailings.
- Prayer Requests
  - Jeff Bradley's father-in-law had a possible heart attack.
  - Laurie's neighbors Julie and Mike. Mike was in a car accident and later suffered a stroke.
  - Sandra's niece, Taylor, lost a friend to suicide.
  - Pastor Bert recovering from Covid.

**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

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## **Fellowship Committee**

**Contact:** Marlene Cavaiola

### **Highlights**

- Reviewed calendar to reschedule SUMC Fall Kickoff Picnic date as Fellowship is responsible for setup and meat items. Youth are not available on October 1, 8, and 22 due to scheduled events. Youth handle games and are needed.
- Two potential dates from Fellowship perspective for the SUMC picnic selected: October 15 (some will be on a New York SAG trip) and with more emphasis on October 29 as more Fellowship and others are available to help with the food and other areas as needed.
- Brief discussion of Sterling Fest. SUMC needs help. Look for signup opportunities.
- Trunk or Treat/Fall Carnival (October 28). Café food and set up to be developed at our October 16 meeting. Look for event signups in a future W.I.R.E.
- Review of current budget and 2024 projections. A copy of recommended changes on budget and minute notes sent to Fellowship members for review/comment. Due to Marlene Cavaiola by September 30<sup>th</sup> so we can finalize, then send to Dana by October 13.
- Brief discussion on a 'Joyful Brunch' with hanging of greens after service on December 3rd. Will further discuss and finalize at our November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. (We may need to change the date of this meeting due to Thanksgiving week.)

**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.

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## **Finance Committee**

**Contact:** Linda Budzinski or Dana Smedley

### **Highlights**

- August represents 66% of the year. Our year-to-date gross income is at 65% of the full-year budget, and expenses are at 68% of the full-year budget. This means that we have spent only 3% more than we received. In July, we spent 7% more than we received. So, the budget gap is getting smaller. This should continue to improve towards the end of the year.
- It's time to begin the budgeting process for next year.
- Dana has sent a budgeting worksheet to all committees and ministry areas for use in determining budget needs for next year. Please submit your proposed budget to her by October 13.
- The Finance Committee would like to review your budget projections at their meeting on October 23. Please meet with your committee to come up with your projections. Then complete your budget and return it to Dana by October 13.

**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 October is on Saturday, October 14, with set-up on Friday, October 13.
- Missions Collection Calendar
  - 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:** Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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## **United Women in Faith (UWF)**

**Contact:** Marlene Cavaiola

### **Highlights**

- UWF voted to send a \$200 check to Loudoun Abused Shelter (LAWS) and provided them with items from missions and UWF members at the meeting.
- The kick-off meeting on September 11 had two speakers from LAWS. They provided a presentation on how to talk with teens/young adults about healthy relationships and boundaries, donations needed, training and volunteer opportunities, and information about the new program Coaching Boys into Men. They are partnering with a Loudoun High School and hope to get more High Schools involved.
- The Joyful Grace Readers selected a book for September 22 which is 'The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek' by Kim Michele Richardson and for October 27 – 'The Radcliffe Ladies' Reading Club' by Julia Bryan Thomas. They meet at the church in room 106. Come fellowship, pray, and discuss the reading.
- UWF will host a breakfast for the National New Celebrate Recovery Leaders on Saturday, September 23. Faye Vibbert will chair this event. Breakfast will be between 8:00 and 9:00
- The speaker for our October 2 meeting will be from the Friends of Guest House located in Alexandria, VA. Friends of Guest House help women successfully reenter the community from incarceration. We will be collecting items prior to the meeting in the UWF butterfly box in Narthex. Items will be listed on the outside.
- Barbara Walthall and Maryann Craig will co-chair the UWF fundraising Bake Sale in conjunction with the Master's Crafters show on November 4. Look for signups.
- We are developing a Christmas collection for Sterling Middle School instead of what we previously did for INMED which no longer exists.

**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.

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### **Worship & Outreach Committee**

**Contact:** Debbie Myers

**Highlights**

- The September meeting was cancelled.
- Pastor Bert is making improvements in the Sunday worship service. He would appreciate your comments and suggestions.

**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