



**University Park United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
March 25, 2024
Gathering Area**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Stobaugh, Emma Williams, Constance Harp, Joe Brannon, Lary Hooten, Lee Wiley, Dub Newman, Brooke Messer, Dawn Moore, Ann Parker, Diane Brooks, Jillian Bunn, Lauri Hainsfurther, David Tabor, Mike Bennett, Early Dennison and Scott Gregory.

David Tabor welcomed everyone and Dub Newman opened the meeting in prayer.

Joe Stobaugh asked everyone to introduce themselves and share their favorite Easter candy.

PPRC UPDATE

Ann Parker presented the PPRC Update sharing that Lary Hooten performed the internal UPUMC performance reviews of Joe and Emma and submitted them in December to the District. The reviews reflect a summary of the Marks of Fruitfulness.

LAY LEADER UPDATE

Jillian Bunn presented the Lay Leader's Update including needing volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt. She encouraged everyone to attend the Pot Luck lunch on April 7 which will be an intergenerational relationship building activity. She also passed around the birthday and anniversary cards and Prayer Chapel signup sheet.

FINANCE UPDATE

Joe Brannon presented the Finance Update by providing copies of the report indicating a deficit of \$163,651, which will be reduced to \$155,000 due to a ten or eleven thousand decrease in the insurance cost. He shared we are running a surplus in January and February of this year. We are in better shape at the end of February this year than we were last year. For debt service, we are using the Forward Together account. Dawn Moore moved we approve the budget and everyone voted approval.

TRUSTEES UPDATE

Dub presented the Trustees Update and passed around the Deferred Maintenance Project handout. The color blue signifies the project is complete. Upcoming projects are the color green, such as tree trimming and drainage west of the Tower entrance, which is estimated to cost \$9,000 to remediate the drainage. The drainage between the Tower and Main entrance will be deferred and rolled into the capital campaign work. Other upcoming projects include two sunk pumps not working in the major machine room, which is the reason for the flooding in the basement. The Weekday School will pay for the leveling and resodding of the Colgate lawn which should be completed in May. Dub said changing our insurance broker was a good move. One unresolved issue is the phone service.

PASTOR'S REPORT

In the Pastor's Report, Joe passed out the Horizon Storyline for the second quarter of 2024. The top box is the vision to be created in five to ten years. The second row of boxes represents three year goals and the third row one year. The fourth row represents ninety day quarterly

goals. Regarding the Capital Campaign, meetings with the top thirty givers will take place in April. The public phase starts in September. Joe asked, "How can we share this information?" He suggested offering a guided video tour. Ann suggested announcements during worship. Joe said this is an opportunity to generate good energy. He and Mark Pope are reading the book, *Both/And*, to determine how we disciple people attending our services online. When asked what areas are under consideration in the Capital Campaign, Dub mentioned the front entrance and said plans are being developed right now to share the renderings at the meetings with high level givers. Dawn shared that visuals are critical when meeting with big donors. Joe said the last Lenten Bible Study took place Sunday and we want to launch small groups out of the study. Small groups are a big part of discipleship. He said that with respect to micro-impact cards, Constance will report each month as to where our dollars are going and she will provide a quarterly impact report. Joe said the church has conducted five funerals this month which can be time consuming for the staff. He said we had sixty people attending the Upper Room service two weeks ago, including college students! The topic for the March School of Essential Wisdom meetings was "Where Do We Go From Here?". Jennifer Scott and Colin Craft spoke the first week. Christy Baker and Dub spoke the second week followed by Emma and Joe. We had over sixty youth and adults build five homes with Operacion Abrigo. Several youth have since shared their experiences. Joe said thirty-four people attended the Monday noon Holy Week service, including scripture, meditation, music and prayer labyrinth. The Maundy Thursday service will be a progressive service with communion and foot washing. The Good Friday service will include the Chancel Choir and intergenerational readings from a Tenebrae style. Collin will preach at the Easter sunrise service at 7:00 am. The 9:00 and 11:00 am services will include choirs and brass while proclaiming the resurrection. More greeters are needed. Please contact Christy. Joe said God is going to work through people on Easter Sunday. A random women gave our worship service high marks on FaceBook. She said we were very friendly and welcoming. Joe said we have a unique gift to share with others through hospitality.

Early Dennison made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Dub seconded and all approved.

The Council members took a photo in the sanctuary.

David closed us in prayer.