



CLT COMMUNICATOR



● = Ministry Report; ✚ = Congregational Leadership Team Minutes

June 17, 2024

Present: Ed Taylor, Trent Metcalf, Ora Shetler, Lisa Zuercher, Ken Neuenschwander, Jeremy Patterson, Rhoda Holton, Phil Raber, Michelle Steffen, Chip Coleman, Ed Taylor, Priscilla Spiker

Opening: Phil shared an opening prayer. He then shared from chapter 1 of a book by Bob Buford, *Halftime*. It urges people to listen to the still small voice which the author used to organize his life around legacy rather than success. Buford asks what is the vision that drives our identity and purpose? Jesus asks us to live a full life, a complete life not a life of what we cannot do. Buford speaks to the process of maturing in our faith past right beliefs to ministry and the doing of our faith.

Pastor's Report—Glenn Nofziger II

- Completed Year Two of the Narrative Lectionary at the end of May with the Celebration of Pentecost and communion.
 - Grappling Groups began meeting to study the book *Practicing the Way* by John Mark Comer. They will meet the first and third Wednesdays June-August.
 - We kicked off the Summer Sermon series on the Kingdom of God and had our first outdoor worship for the summer.
 - I collaborated with Mel Hathway to officiate the private family viewing and graveside service for Paul Wenger.
 - I am leading worship for Little Eden Boys and Girls camp up on Onekama, Michigan the third week of June.
 - ✚ Nothing to add. Glenn is on vacation.
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Pastoral Team—Jeremy Patterson, Leader; Lisa Amstutz, Secretary

- Pastoral Team met June 10. Jeremy shared some reflections on the life of David—his conviction that he wants to do the right thing in the right moment, even when urged otherwise. He listens and is faithful. Encouragement to just love Jesus, be faithful, and live that adventure that God is calling us to.
 - PT discussed a few pastoral care needs in the congregation, then spent time reviewing our mission statement and possible ways to update and make it easier to remember. We will continue to think and pray on this.
 - We also continued discussion and discernment on our understanding of affiliation and the opportunities and resources presented by various connections.
 - ✚ Nothing to add.
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Adult Ministry—Steve & Lisa Zuercher, Co-Ministry Leaders

- With the first summer breakfast coming up, plans were finalized for preparations.
- Time was spent discussing organization of kitchen supplies, fundraiser supplies and proper utilization of storage space, including a possible closet in the east fellowship room.
- Plans for the July 28 biking/walk/picnic were put in place as we might not be meeting in July. Biking is tentatively planned for the Sippo trail in Dalton again. This year the picnic afterward will be held at the church pavilion.
- ✚ Adult Ministry proposed installing a new cabinet to utilize the Southeast corner in the East room off the kitchen to get cluttered items off the floor and out of sight. There would be room for cart and table storage as well as other overflow items. There are ideas also added from kitchen staff that includes using the existing hallway closet space

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in a more efficient and accessible manner. Response was very positive with comments about utility as well as less clutter.

- + CLT discussed Sept 29th as a date for the Fall Fest at Millers this year to stay awake from the proposed dates for the Catfish fry.
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Children's Ministry – Ministry Representatives rotate

- We will meet on June 24 to organize and clean out our storage closet.
 - We will start asking Erin and The Kings to be Venture Club Sponsors.
 - Have started to plan an end of summer event for our Sunday school kids and their families. Need to finalize a location and date.
 - Rhoda will attend CLT this month.
 - + Nothing to add.
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Facilities Ministry–Ed Taylor, Ministry Leader

- No report
 - + Downspout issues are being looked into. The new metal roof sheds water a little too well.
 - + Facilities are looking into painting the walls in the main part of the building before the carpet would be changed in the near future.
 - + Kidron Electric is being employed to fix the AC unit that services the office and Sunday School stretch of the main church building. The church secretary is warm.
 - + Facilities received an estimate to repair the outside kitchen steps for \$5,500 to 7,000.
 - + The cemetery crew will organize a work night in July for patching foundations and stones in disrepair.
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Gifts Discernment Ministry–Ora Shetler, Ministry Leader

- Gifts is in the process of contacting people who were nominated for the various open positions.
 - + Ora gave an update on where positions are being filled. It is close to coming to a ballot.
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Outreach & Service Ministry–Ken Neuenschwander, Ministry Leader

- **Moment for Mission** – June 2: Love INC – c/o Ron Amstutz, July 7: Relief Sale c/o Chip, Aug. 4: Hope's House c/o Julia Kerby, Sept. 1: MCF.
- **Hope House:** Hope House is a closet for foster families to get supplies when children are placed in their homes. Hope House is in the Bixler House at Sonnenberg Village. Julia Kerby, who lives right across the road from the village and is the director. Julia will do the MFM on Aug. 4th.
- **Raw Tools Event** with Shane Claiborne, July 21st from 3:00-7:00 at Nimisilla Park in Canton. SMC will be providing a Hotdog roast for the event for approximately 200 people. We encourage SMC to attend. We are looking for help with hotdog roast.
- **Maple Syrup Festival:** We assigned thank you notes.
- **Pregnancy Center:** PC baby bottle fund raiser Mother's Day May 12th to Father's Day June 16th.
- **Love INC:** Ladies SS class, Kathy T, Barb R, Jess K, Angela K and Michelle S plus Dave R and Trent M assisted a lady at the mobile home park on Kansas Rd pack up some of her belongings and Dave and Trent hauled her washer and dryer and some boxes to a storage unit. It was a very challenging assignment! Thank you!
- **Ohio MCC Relief Sale July 12 & 13:**
- **Mississippi Catfish Fry:** Possible dates Sept. 14, 21 or 28. Checking with CLT and others
- **Oyanguren's:** On her way home on a very dark night Alfonsina hit a cow that was on the road, she was not hurt but did a lot of damage to the car. They are working with the insurance company but will likely need some assistance with repairing or replacing the car.



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- **Financial O&S Fundraiser account: Bal 5/31/2024 - \$13,466.64** -- My Coins Count - \$1,067, Young Adult Mission trips - \$1,045, Haiti Special Projects - \$5,598.62, Lighthouse - \$75, MMN Oyanguren projects - \$3,000, Haiti Community School - \$1,000 --**Unrestricted \$1,681.02**
- + Ken highlighted needing a few more folks to help with the hot dog roast at the Raw Tool event on July 21.
- + Outreach has penciled in a date of Sept 21 for the Catfish Fry.

Pastor Congregational Relations (PCR), Greg Steffen, Ministry Leader

- No report
- + Nothing to add.

Worship Ministry, Phil Raber, Ministry Leader

- For devotions, we are continuing with A Tale of Three Kings - a study in brokenness.
- We talked through some logistics of outdoor summer services.
 - Many would like to see the coffee bar continue through the summer. We wondered if perhaps a different group would like to take charge of it for a while?
 - Is one speaker enough for all to hear outside? Especially if we try to sit in more of a semicircle.
- Touched back on the children's creative corner – have mostly received positive feedback since making a few adjustments and clarifying expectations.
- We would like to see if we get another round of t-shirts ordered in another color. Perhaps a smaller order this time. Michele will contact Shoemaker.
- Next meeting we plan to discuss more of the worship feedback forms – we have received 6-7 so far.
- + Phil mentioned that Worship Ministry is looking forward to processing forms about worship surveys. The committee also ordered a new batch of church shirts in a different color. They will be looking for a \$10 donation to help offset costs.

Youth/Young Adult Ministry–Priscilla Spiker, Ministry Leader

YYA & Mentors

- 36 will be attending the RubberDucks game on Sunday, June 23rd.

MYF

- Michelle Steffen continues to lead the Sunday School hour into June. Myf kids have agreed to teach the younger Summer Sunday School class at least twice this Summer. We had a Costa Rica bonding time at Steffen's farm Wednesday June 12.
- + Nothing to add.

Treasurer's Report–Ed Taylor, Treasurer

- Budget: We are three-quarters of the way through the fiscal year, 75%. Budget giving is at 74.2% of budget and at 81.1% including school income. Expenses are at 74.4% of budget, 67.2% with other income is included. In July we will need to start talking about the next year's budget and salaries.
- CCS Tuition: Donations to the Central tuition account have been fairly steady throughout the year. Monthly payments will be \$2,177.50 plus additional giving of \$2,155.83 per month through June. The May 31st balance is

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\$32,412.31. We will make the last payment and additional giving of the current school year in June and then will wait to have the updated tuition amount for the new year.

✦ There will be a powwow about staff budget needs for the upcoming year over the next month.

Action Items:

✦ Columbarium options - Trent Metcalf introduced options for a total for the Columbarium project including the pavilion, the columbarium and additional sidewalk/concrete work. We are in the neighborhood of 75,000\$ for a total cost. Funding sources were discussed. Delivery for the columbarium would be anywhere between 3 to 6 months. There was also discussion of going forward in stages and sharing the ideas with the congregation before opening up the opportunity for people to give towards the project.

Next Meetings: July 15 & August 19, 2024

✦ Trent Metcalf closed in prayer.