



CLT COMMUNICATOR



● = Ministry Report; ✚ = Congregational Leadership Team Minutes

September 16, 2024

Present: Glenn Nofziger, Ed Taylor, Trent Metcalf, Marlin Troyer, Lisa Zuercher, Ken Neuenschwander, Jeremy Patterson, Michelle Steffen, Hannah Amstutz, Chip Coleman and Steve Zuercher.

Opening: Steve Zuercher shared from Colossians 3:23 - 24 emphasizing the focus we should keep as we all work towards serving Christ while warning about distractions or misplaced motivations. The challenge was then to look at our to-do lists through that lens.

Pastor's Report—Glenn Nofziger II

- We celebrated two great weddings this past month with Bethany (Masters) & Josh Landis as well as Joanna (Spiker) & Josiah Sidle. My first two weddings!
 - Concluded my second year of ministry at Sonnenberg!
 - I have had more Ohio Mennonite Conference Leadership Council involvement as my role of Gifts Discernment Chair requires me to help develop the new Conference Minister job description.
 - I want to thank people for filling out the Sermon Evaluation forms that the Pastor Congregation Relations (PCR) team developed. They have provided helpful feedback. I have been selecting different people to fill those out. If you have interest in filling one out for me please let me know. Thanks
 - I am excited to check in with the various Ministries here at the beginning of the new church year to help provide inter-collaboration between Ministries. I appreciated being included in each ministries' Agenda and Minutes so I can see what everyone is working on and planning especially when I am not able to attend the meetings. I continue to learn better how we all work together as a church toward a common vision and mission. Thank you to everyone for all you each do! We are a body in need of each member!
 - I want to make a concerted effort to visit/connect with everyone over the course of this year. One way I will make myself available is to meet Friday mornings at Wild Fox, the new coffee shop at the Kidron Commons on the south side of town. I will plan to be there from 7:45 until about 10:00 each Friday morning. Anyone is welcome to stop in or you can let me know specifically that you would like to meet and I will look for you! There is a back room that would work for a quieter space that would accommodate more people if we ever have a larger group. Other than the coffee shop I would love to visit you at your home or have you over to ours! Please help me line up visits! You can fill out the Connection Cards to request a visit there too! Thanks,
your pastor Glenn II
 - ✚ Glenn is excited for year 3 and having recently presided over his first 2 weddings
 - ✚ Glenn also highlighted Fridays at Wildfox cafe and Sabbatical plans for the future.
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Pastoral Team—Jeremy Patterson, Leader; Lisa Amstutz, Secretary

- Pastor Glenn shared a few updates regarding new members and some encouragement received from Linda Horn.
- PT discussed the possibility of a sabbatical for Glenn in Summer 2026.
- Pastor Congregation Relations Members - Glenn, Jeremy & Trent need to ask and find a new member to replace Joyce Taylor for January
- We continued discussion on a vision/mission statement for Sonnenberg and will work on this further at our retreat in October.
- ✚ Jeremy shared that PT was looking forward to their retreat working at vision and our mission.

Adult Ministry–Steve & Lisa Zuercher, Co-Ministry Leaders

- Meeting for this month is on 9/17
- ✦ Their meeting this week will finalize the Fall Harvest festival details and Adult Ministry is already looking ahead to Winter Wednesday planning.

Children's Ministry – Ministry Representatives rotate

- We welcomed Hannah Amstutz to our group!
- We have finalized Sunday School teachers and materials.
- Discussed using our offering money this year for a MCC project to build wells and will have the money in 1 location for all 3 classes to see how much money they are raising.
- We need to update Safe Sanctuary Training for everyone in our congregation that works with our children.
- ✦ Chip will look up last dates for Safe Sanctuary training and get back to Children's Ministry.

Facilities Ministry–Ed Taylor, Ministry Leader

- The air conditioning unit that services the offices and lobby classrooms was finally replaced about 2-weeks ago for \$9,500. It was not cost effective to repair the old unit.
- We plan to have the outside kitchen steps replaced after the catfish fry. This project is expected to cost around \$7,000. We are hoping for more donations to both projects.
- ✦ Facilities is planning to increase their budget to help cover some major projects in 2025.

Gifts Discernment Ministry–Conrad Neuenschwander, Ministry Leader

- Haven't met
- ✦ Nothing added

Outreach & Service Ministry–Ken Neuenschwander, Ministry Leader

- **Moment for Mission** – Aug. 25: MCF c/o Brandon, Oct. 13: MMN are having their meeting in this area that week. They will provide a person for a MFM c/o Eric Frey, Nov.3: People to People food drive c/o Vince, Dec. 1: Alternative Christmas
- **Fall Missions Sunday** – MCC Great Lakes “virtual visit” from an overseas staff person. DTBD
- **Lighthouse** – Sept. 14 - Open house and SE Canton bus learning tours
- **Camp Luz** – Oct. 19 - Fall Festival
- **Open Arms** – Sept. 28, 2:00PM – Latino Food Fest @ Orr Park
- **Mississippi Catfish Fry**: Date is Sept. 21st. Finalized planning and assignments. Volunteer lists are filling up, will make additional plea on Sunday. Looking forward to a great event.
- **Oyanguren's:**
 - a. Projects: Their kitchen project and related work is nearly finished. The costs are running higher than they had initially projected. The courtyard roof project is still in the planning stages.
 - b. Argentina Trip: The tentative dates for the trip are October 22 – 31. The people considering are Glenn, Erin, Phil and Ken. We are still open if anyone is interested. Souderton people are not able to make this trip.
- **O&S Assignments:** We have three positions to fill for the next term. We assigned contacts.
- **Financial O&S Fundraiser account: Bal 8/31/2024 - \$10,842.14** -- Young Adult Mission trips - \$1,045, Haiti Special Projects - \$5,598.62, Hope's House - \$600, Haiti Community School - \$1,000, Jubilee Orphanage - \$100, My Coins Count - \$174. -- **Unrestricted \$2,324.52** We paid the \$3,000 to MMN for the Oyanguren projects this month
- ✦ Ken shared that the Lighthouse open house went well again and also encouraged folks to attend Camp Luz and Open Arms events coming up.



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- ✚ Outreach is still seeking matching funds to help offset Fish Fry costs.
- ✚ Tickets were ordered Monday for Ken, Erin, Glenn and Joanna Sidle to visit Argentina. Ken mentioned kitchen updates and other projects Sonnenberg will give the Oyangurens help with.

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

- Met with Glenn September 9
- ✚ Nothing added

Worship Ministry, Phil Raber, Ministry Leader

- Welcomed a new member, Angela Zuercher, and discussed what worship ministry does and has been doing recently.
- We spent some time talking about the worship surveys and some common themes that showed up, such as getting the youth more involved in the service. We are working on summarizing the surveys so we can develop some action plans.
- We talked about initiating worship planning meetings during the week between those involved in the worship service (song leader, worship leader, etc.) so they can coordinate their efforts toward the theme of the service for the coming Sunday.
- We also talked about having joint meetings 1-2 times per year with all worship and song leaders to review and discuss ideas, suggestions, and expectations, etc. We are hoping to have one of these meetings in October,
- We plan to meet in late September to prepare for the joint worship meeting mentioned above. (Sept 23 or 25?)
- Meeting with worship leaders and song leaders on Oct 9
- ✚ Nothing added

Youth/Young Adult Ministry–Michael Amstutz, Ministry Leader

- We will be evaluating our mission and purpose as we support faith development of the youth and young adults
- Mentoring Event will be Saturday, September 28 at Henry and Julie Beun's.
- Surprise college care packages will be available to fill Sept 29 and Oct 6.
- ✚ YYA is looking for another member besides Michael and Noah. They are looking at structure and big picture ways they can come alongside sponsors for the faith formation of our young people.

Treasurer's Report–Ed Taylor, Treasurer

- Budget: We are at the end of the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Budget giving is at 96.3% of budget and at 103.9% including school rental income. Expenses are at 100.4% of budget, 92.8% with other income is included. We are anticipating 5-months of school income for the coming year as we look at a new budget for the upcoming fiscal year. \$4,800.
- CCS Tuition: July was the first month of the new school year. Our updated total tuition due for the 2024/2025

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school year is \$26,271 which is only about \$140 more than the last school year. This will be \$2,189.25 per month. We will also be contributing an additional monthly gift of \$2,190 for a total of \$ 4,379.25. The total for the 2024-2025 school year is \$52,551. The August 31st balance in the account is \$33,152.74.

- ✦ Ed Taylor shared that the budget came out well last year as far as actual spending compared to budget.
- ✦ CLT went over the proposed budget to approve for presentation at the annual meeting in October. Michelle Steffen voted to approve the proposed budget, Ken Neuenschwander seconded. CLT approved.

Action Items:

- ✦ Central Corporation board rep - Angela Zuercher agreed to step into this position.
- ✦ Ohio Conference rep - CLT confirmed Priscilla Spiker as Ohio Conference rep taking over for Ken Neuenschwander.
- ✦ CLT discussed the Congregational Business meeting agenda and added the Columbarium project to the agenda. Chip will check whether PCR, Scrip and Phil - church website to see if they would like to share again.

Next Meetings: October 21 & November 18, 2024

- ✦ Glenn closed the meeting with prayer