

Clerk's Corner:

The following information was reported at the February 02, 2023, Session meeting, which was held in a hybrid model of in-person and electronically with Zoom technology:

Correspondence: Received a note of appreciation from Mary Campana, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, for our \$50,000 gift; received an email from the Rev. Gini Norris-Lane expressing appreciation for our gift of \$1000 to the UKirk Collegiate Ministries Association.

New Members: none

Transfers Out: Judy Reinhardt transferred her membership to First United Methodist Church in Kerrville, TX, on January 15, 2023.

Deaths:

- Harlan Helmers died December 25, 2022. His service will be held in our sanctuary on February 13, 2023, with the Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer presiding. A graveside service is to be held in Iowa at a later date.
- Carol Van Tuyl died December 31, 2022. Her service will be held in our sanctuary on February 04, 2023, with the Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer officiating. A private graveside service will be held in San Antonio on February 05, 2023.
- Harlan Crouse died on January 20, 2023, and his service was held in our sanctuary with the Rev. Susan Montoya presiding.
- David Kirk died on January 29, 2023. His graveside service at Garden of Memories in Kerrville will be held on February 06, 2023, with the Rev. Susan Montoya presiding.

Communion: Communion was served at the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services on Dec. 05, 2022, and Jan. 01, 2023. In January extended communion was served to Charles Clark and Elaine Scogin by Nancy Wallace and Tricia Matthews; Beth Gunter, Ted McCullough, and Jeanine Merkel by Linda Grams and Sally Peterson; Theresa Holliman and Martin Noyd by Sue Bratcher and Sam Baublitz; Rose Burton, Lois McHargue, and Jean Sanford by Amy Havis and Kristie Schlechte; Cora Belle Nunn and John Osborne by Shannon Tuschak; Bob Bowers, Bill Dole, and Waldean Groff by the Juniper Communion Team.

Financial Report: Total income for 2022 was \$1,143,800 which is 8.7% over plan. Total 2022 expenses were \$956,073- 4% under plan. For the year income exceeded expense by \$187,727.

Deacon's Report: Their first meeting of the year was spent with organizational matters and remembering the good work of Deacon Harlan Helmers who died in December. Deacon Joyce Schlechte has agreed to take over and care for Harlan's flock for the remainder of his term in 2023.

Mission Outreach: Jane Ragsdale shared the work done by our church and our ecumenical partners in the village of Guayabales, Guatemala and surrounding villages in this most recent mission trip.

Planning & Training: The officer retreat scheduled for Feb. 11 has been postponed until sometime after Easter.

Property reported that they are working on the installation of security lighting for the back parking lot and the choir room entrance for a cost not to exceed \$8,400.

Pastor's Report: Dr. Haberer reported on his many activities for the past two months. He encouraged everyone to be reaching out to potential new members.

Business of Church Councils:

- Commissioners to the called meeting of Mission Presbytery held on Zoom on Saturday, January 21, 2023, reported that the presbytery had its first reading of updated bylaws to match the recently approved new structure of organization. The presbytery also voted to dismiss the Island Presbyterian Church, Pt. Aransas, TX to the Evangelical Covenant of Presbyterians (ECO).
- Commissioners elected to attend the stated meeting of Mission Presbytery March 3-4, 2023, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, TX, are B. K. Gamble, Ed Wallace, Sam Begeman, and Clarice Amann. Alternate commissioner is Becca Huchton.

The following items were acted upon and approved:

- Received the report from the Pastor Nominating Committee with joy and appreciation for their service.
- Renewed the contract with Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer from January 17, 2023, to May 31, 2023.
- Honored the request of LouAnn Smith that her name be removed from our rolls.
- **Budget & Finance** recommended that the \$50,000 anonymous gift discussed in November meeting be divided as follows: (\$5000 to Currie Enrichment Fund and \$5000 to be distributed by Mission Outreach—both already approved in Nov. meeting), \$25,000 to fund the 2023 Benevolences in Mission Outreach 2023 budget, and the remaining \$15,000 to be decided by Budget & Finance at a later date.
- **Budget & Finance** recommended the adoption of the 2023 budget.
- **Mission Outreach** requested approval for the Habitat for Humanity Task Force to raise an additional \$2000 to underwrite the cost of weekly meals to feed the Habitat workers working on “our” Habitat house.
- **Youth & Young Adult:** Recommended, in coordination with Shannon Tuschak, Director of Congregational Care, the possibility of bringing back All Church Dinners beginning in February, and each committee would take a month to “plan”. YAYA would start on February 21st with the Pancake Supper fundraiser.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Ferguson
Clerk of Session