

Christ United Methodist Church
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY
December 19, 2024

ATTENDING: C. Fitzgerald, K. Fitzgerald, L. Klinkenberg, B. Kobayashi, F. Mueller, B. Nicodemus, J. Pittman, J. Rosenberger, Katie Swanson, Kevin Swanson, A. Wells

ABSENT: P. Lindberg

Lee opened the meeting with prayer.

PASTORAL REPORT:

- Rev. Angela has been working on Advent and Christmas plans; reviewing the Time, Talent, Treasure forms to determine 2025 volunteer involvement; and helping to establish procedures for the Council on Ministries.
- The Children's Sabbath service has been rescheduled for Jan. 12.
- Concern and support have been offered to Emily Murphy with her family situation and recent marriage.
- The proposed office move to the Interfaith Center Suite has been supported by OBIC and scheduled to occur in later January. CUMC will maintain the current pastoral office for meetings, SS class, storage of weekly equipment.

WORSHIP:

- Becky stated planning has begun for Lent.
- Jan. 5 service to focus on the Magi; Jan. 12 the Children's Sabbath; Jan. 19 joint service with UCC honoring Martin Luther King Jr. followed by a book study on King's work.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

- Fred reported that 34 pledges for the current year have been paid in full. Of those, 7 have not yet pledged for 2025. Those households have been contacted.
- 33 pledges totaling \$83,118 have been received for 2025. There are 4 new households pledging and 2 children pledging in 2025.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES:

- Kevin reported that fliers about Christmas Eve service have been widely distributed in the community as well as invitations for congregants to share.
- Six Cool Moms Club and Community Ministries decided to co-sponsor the group as it gives CUMC good visibility with 3,000 young families in Howard County. Missions Team has requested gifts for 6 children in need.

MISSIONS:

- Additional winter clothing has been delivered to the Day Resource Center.
- The Jan. Food Bank collection will request side dishes such as mac & cheese, potatoes, rice, semi prepared meals.

SPRC:

- Annual pastoral evaluation has been submitted
- Natalie and Lillian have completed their terms. Mary Jo has resigned. Lay Leadership Committee has recruited Jeff Weston and Don James to fill those slots and continue to seek one more member.

FINANCE:

- Bob indicated that discussion about establishing a Legacy Giving program continues.
- New coordinator for the Prepaid Cards program is being sought to replace Delvin Daniels. Dea Atkins will be co-coordinator.

TREASURER:

- The '25 proposed budget was discussed as the pledges for '25 are lower than last year. There was concern about the deficit but ultimately the Board unanimously passed the budget with a commitment to better educate the congregation in the coming year.
- Kevin F. presented the November financial report, and he expects the total for '24 to supersede the stated amount. It was noted that many categories did not spend their budgeted amount.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Lists for Wed. email and newsletter recipients have been cleaned up.
- New leadership has been briefly advised of their opportunity to utilize the newsletter to inform and educate the congregation.

CARING CONNECTIONS:

- Contact with homebound members is being maintained.

OBIC:

- Board had no objection to moving CUMC staff to Interfaith Center suite. The vacant office (previously CUMC Admin.) will then be available for rental.
- The Cradlerock Children's Center rent has been raised which will help close the OBIC budget gap.
- The Reserve for Replacement fund (RFR) is facing critical expenses such as sanctuary carpet and new chairs.
- OBIC is investigating charging stations for electric vehicles. It is complicated because OBIC does not own the lower-level parking lot.

EDUCATION:

- Curriculum for Sunday School has been obtained.

Lee thanked the Board members for their year of service and Bob and Jeanette were recognized as outgoing in their leadership positions. Graduating, new, and continuing leadership will be recognized during Jan. 5 worship.

NEXT MEETING of ADMIN.BD. JAN.16, 2025 via ZOOM at 7pm.