



HUNTERSVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Church Guidance Council (CGC)

February 5, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:36 am, Jackie Benjamin presiding. Present: Addria Capps, Jerry Kita, John McMillan, Rick Finger, Krista Sipe, Charmaine Stokes, Joe Smith, Chris Smith, Natasha Stracener, Steve Gilbert, Rev. Rod Arters, Adam Dunaway, Betsy Burnell and Rev. Paul Thompson. Jackie lit a candle to show Christ's presence. Krista agreed to be the candle keeper. Charmaine Stokes agreed to be timekeeper. Rev. Arters distributed the associate pastor's report.
2. Pastor Paul led spiritual formation with a meditation on Matthew chapter 9.
3. Prayer concerns included the following: Mickey Dunaway, Krista's daughter, Eric Benjamin, Maggie Kessler, Jeannine Roberts, Suzanne -----, Gary Blankenship and John McCurdy.
4. Jackie led the book discussion of *Driving Through Fog* by Brian Zehr. The next book will be *Who Stole My Church?* by Gordon MacDonald.
5. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as distributed.
6. Big rocks discussion:
 - a. Land development update—Jerry Kita displayed an aerial view of the church property and an aerial view of the proposed senior housing development from Ridge Care. HUMC is considering offering 10 acres. Wesley Development had Ridge Care's concept drawing since November but only recently presented them. Discussion followed. Ridge Care will make a formal presentation;
 - b. Annual conference forums were discussed by Pastor Paul. It will be held in Charlotte from April 23 – May 3. Possible outcomes include: removing references to homosexuality in the *Book of Discipline*, keeping the same wording, and sending a decision down the road. Pastor Paul also discussed regionalization of the *Book of Discipline* and proposed having 5 one-hour forums for HUMC discussion;
 - c. Jackie gave an update on mission/vision. The group is still meeting and will regroup after the forums on Annual Conference. Discussion followed.
 - d. Steve Gilbert discussed the Fellowship Hall floor. He discussed 4 options, pricing, maintenance and showed floor samples. He recommended epoxy/urea with flakes to be installed by Charlotte Custom Concrete. Installation will involve removing the baseboards. Installation will take 5-7 days and will include the hallway. The flooring can be paid for out of reserves. Discussion followed, including having installation after Easter. It was moved and seconded that the proposal be accepted. The motion passed unanimously;
 - e. The coffee house was discussed—Pastor Paul reported that he had met with Avalanche Coffee and had met with the HUMC Women in Faith about the coffee house; they expressed some concerns. Avalanche is putting together a proposal with more information. Discussion followed.
7. Generative and strategic work—Jackie discussed how the CGC can be a change agent for the church. Charmaine Stokes suggested communication with the rest of the congregation.

Using a 2-minute presentation during the worship services was discussed as well as giving quarterly updates to the Sunday School classes. Discussion followed.

8. The schedule for CGC members to give the Scripture readings during the worship services was discussed, including using SignUp Genius to schedule readers.
9. The CGC met in executive session.
10. Closing prayer
11. The next meeting will be on March 3 at 12:30 pm.
12. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Welch Secretary