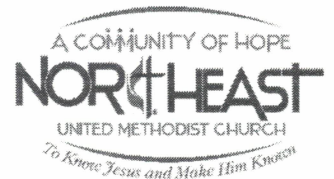


Church Council Meeting-Minutes

17 Mar 2024 / NEUMC



Attendees:

Weston Cheatham
 Dave Christianson
 Heather Cook
 James Cook
 Stephen Crowell

Jane DeChristafaro
 Gail Luckey
 Ryon Miro
 Mike Munn
 Ira Sansolo

Jane Scott
 Bob Shaffner
 Nikki Shaffner

Agenda

Opening Prayer and/or Devotion	Ryon Miro
Review and Approve Minutes	Karen Evans
Reports	
Ministries	
Nurture Ministry	Elizabeth Chamblee – via email She and Chastity have been organizing Greeters and Designated Friends. Will be meeting soon to discuss further.
Outreach and Witness Ministries	Heather Cook Didn't count backpacks delivered but it was a lot – would like to have gotten a picture of the kids carrying all the food from the Overcomers Sunday School Class. Talked with Pastor Antoinette re: Carrying the Cross – everything is planned out: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need designated person at the back of the group wearing a yellow or orange safety vest (we have plenty of those) 2. Living Springs will have cases of water on their end – we will provide water at NEUMC 3. Need 2 individuals wearing lanyards to direct people to restrooms, ets at NEUMC 4. Consider best place for the shuttle buses and have cones ready. Per conversation with Washington Street UMC, they don't need help at this time with the Soup Kitchen. Still looking for other places to serve. Anyone with candy or small items to go in Easter Eggs, let Heather know. Will be stored in Weston's office.
Worship Team	Nikki Shaffner Prepping music for now until Easter – may not have full choir for Easter Sunday

Lay Leaders	Jane Scott Ministry Fair to acquaint people with the different ministry areas in the church will be held on September 8.
Youth Group	Weston Cheatham Lock-in was fantastic and exhausting – well-attended. Planning Good Friday service. Pumpkin dates for delivery and re-supply have been confirmed as 09/29 and 10/13. Salkahatchie being planned – will cover cost for all youth Starting process of transitioning adults for younger kids

United Methodist Men	Ira Sansolo No formal meeting in March. Some men met and had dinner. Raul is looking for other places to eat. Mike is working up a list of “jobs” that UMM can do Stephen requested that a note go out to the congregation when projects are scheduled in order that more people might help
United Women in Faith	Met to fellowship. Bank account has been signed - voted / passed to allow UWIF to use FEIN to open account.
Administrative Committees	
Finance Committee	James Cook (see attached “Estimated Income”) Finance has had several meetings – Financed confirmed, balance sheet finalized Strong Journal Income – balanced – not using reserves Mortgage – 15 year – cash flow improves, interest is up School rent is helping with income Want to move cleaning to bi-weekly from weekly Apportionments moving to flat \$1,000 Individuals are giving extra from what was pledged Future: Stretch Goals? Accomplishments? Doesn't quite balance Apportionments - \$1,000 Mortgage – additional \$1,000 Home School moving from 3 days to 5/ week next school year Voted / Approved: Extra Giving Extra Rent New Mortgage Accelerating Mortgage by \$1,000/mo Apportionments - \$1,000 Voted / Not Approved: Changing cleaning schedule to bi-weekly. Will leave at weekly.

SPRC	Bob Shaffner No new news yet
Trustees	Mike Munn New mortgage will stay with current bank – 15-year loan. Will lower mortgage payment. Will need a new assessment – last one was in 2019 for \$1.435 million Education Building – more money Landscaper – church member will pay for ½ of costs Janitorial – staying weekly A/C – former member is investigating getting units at wholesale cost Brinks – security system is not relaying info to fire/police. Mike will meet with them on Tuesday.
Report of the Pastor	Antoinette Gaboton-Moss (via email) Pastoral Care – 6 needs and follow-ups Monthly Birthday Cards – March (on-going) Missions – met with Dan Christmus, new Missions Coordinator. Lenten Season: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 6:00 am Devotion & Prayer continues on each Wednesday 2. Prayer walk with Living Springs Lutheran Church is finalized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will begin at Living Springs and proceed down Hard Scrabble carrying a cross on the sidewalk. Will pause at various points for scripture reading & prayer, and conclude at NEUMC where individuals may walk the prayer labyrinth - Date – Palm Sunday – 2:00 – 3:30 pm - Shuttle transportation will be available from NEUMC back to cars at Living Springs - In case of inclement weather, will meet in Living Springs sanctuary/ 2024 Bishop Day – Columbia District – “Strengthening the SOUL of Your Leadership” – March 2 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Attendees from NEUMC – Pastor Antoinette, Jane Scott, Michael Munn, Ira Sansolo and Gail Luckey. See attached “Pastor Report” for more details
Other Business	Ryon Miro Home school group has a scout troop that wants to meet at NEUMC on Mondays Gail Luckey Audit reports need to go to conference – we need another signature. If we continue to increase income, we will need an outside auditor (CPA) to verify dollars in and out of each account
Closing Prayer	Ryon Miro

Submitted by: Karen Evans, Recording Secretary

Northeast United Methodist Church
Estimated Income
 2024

Tithes And Offerings	Estimated <i>Needed</i>	\$312,000.00
Restitution	Includes a \$6,000 Gift in Jan 2024	\$12,000.00

Additional Income	Not included in income	
A. Christian Valley Academy	\$1097 x 4 months 2024 1097 x 5	5,485.00
Christian Village	2298.72 x 4 rooms	9,194.88
		\$14,679.88
B. Gift of 50% of Landscaping	\$350 x 12	\$4,200.00

	TOTAL	\$342,879.88
*	Fixed Costs less	330,800.37 *
	Income	\$12,079.51

* THE ABOVE COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE HVAC REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT NOR OTHER COSTS NOT LISTED.

HVAC

*See: Change in Mortgage Pmt +
 Apportionments*

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6500 weekly

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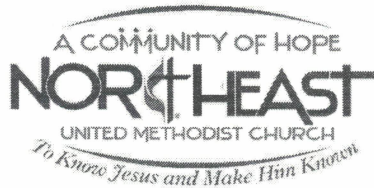
\$ 338,000 *

Northeast United Methodist Church
Estimated Fixed Costs
2024

Frequency	Due Date	Method of Pmt	Per Payment Amount	TOTALS	Annual Totals
Biweekly	*	Staff Payroll			
PAYROLL	Biweekly	TOTAL			171,164.56
Weekly	Cleaning Service	Check	\$250.00		13,000.00
Monthly	Mortgage	Includes New Mortgage	E-pay on the 16th	Mort+interest	47,953.68
	Apportionments				12,000.00
	Brinks Security		Draft	\$43.81	525.72
	Church Windows	Software for Offerings	Debit card	\$68.00	816.00
	Copier Lease		Check		400.74
	Copier Use		Check	EST	-
	People Facts		Check	\$27.00	324.00
	Capital Waste	Increase 3/2024	Check	\$155.00	1,860.00
	SC Conference of UMC		Draft	\$2,446.04	29,352.48
	Spectrum		Draft		-
	Landscaping		Check	\$700.00	8,400.00
	Wespath		Check	\$367.67	4,412.04
	Dominion Energy		Check	\$1,200.00 EST	14,400.00
	City Of Columbia		Check	\$100.00 EST	1,200.00
	Stamps.com		Debit card	\$19.43 Service	233.16
	Stamps.com		Debit card	\$50.00 EST	600.00
	Palmetto Payroll		Draft	\$140.83 EST	1,690.00
	Constant Contact		draft	\$24.84	298.08
	Vanco	just the service	Draft	\$60.00 EST	720.00
			TOTAL	5,402.62	125,185.90
Quarterly	Property Insurance	Feb, May, Aug, Dec	Check	\$2,537.00	
	Workers Compensation	Feb, May, Aug, Dec	Check	\$234.00	
			TOTAL	2,771.00	11,084.00
Annual	Finance Software	to be purchased 6/24	Epay	\$500.00	
	Pastoral Travel and Allowances		Check	\$4,500.00	
	Office Supplies			\$2,500.00 EST	
	Youth Program				
	CCLI		Check	\$441.00	
	Termite		Check	\$125.00	
	Kitchen Supplies		Draft	\$600.00	
	WebSite		Check	\$999.00	
	Fire Extenishers Certification		Check	\$244.91	
	TriTex Fire And Security		Check	\$350.00	
	Sams Membership	??	Debit Card		
	Post Office Box Rental		Debit Card	\$106.00	
			TOTAL	10,365.91	10,365.91
	Payroll				171,164.56
	Weekly		250.00	x 52	13,000.00
	Monthly	Total	5,402.62	X 12	64,831.48
	Quarterly	Insurance	2,771.00	x 4	11,084.00
	Annual			TOTALS	10,365.91
				Total Fixed Cost	330,800.37



Reduced Expenses	Fixed Costs	\$330,800.37
	see above Mortgage	
Present Mortgage payments	5,742.28 6 Months	34,453.68
15 Yr amor Mortgage	2,250.00 6 Months	13,500.00
Savings	\$ 20,953.68	**included Total 47,953.68



PASTOR REPORT

March 14, 2024

Pastoral Care 2/17/2023 – 3/14/24

6 Pastoral needs and follow ups (Calls, cards, hospital visitations, home visits, bereavement care)

Monthly Birthday Cards

- March (on-going)

Missions

I met with Dan Christmus, our new Missions Coordinator, about envisioning missions in this new season of ministry—a purposeful reengagement to discern how the Spirit may be leading us as a church in this area. More to come.

Lenten Season

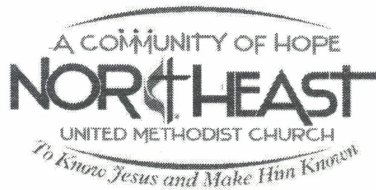
- Our 6:00 am Devotion & Prayer continues every Wednesday.
- The prayer walk with Living Springs Lutheran Church is finalized.
 - We will begin at Living Springs and proceed down Hard Scrabble Road carrying a cross on the sidewalk. We will pause at various points for Scripture reading and prayer, and conclude at Northeast, where individuals may walk the prayer labyrinth.
 - **Date:** Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024
 - **Walk Begins:** Living Springs Lutheran Church
 - **Walk Concludes:** Northeast United Methodist Church
 - **Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 PM
 - Shuttle transportation will be available at the conclusion of the walk to take individuals back to their cars. We will provide water, but also invite you to bring along your bottled water.
 - If we have inclement weather, we will gather in Living Springs sanctuary.

The 2024 Bishop Day - Columbia District

“Strengthening the SOUL of Your Leadership” – Excellence in Ministry Training
March 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Lexington United Methodist Church)

Attendees from NEUMC:

- Pastor Antoinette
- Jane Scott
- Michael Munn
- Ira Sansolo
- Gail Luckey



PASTOR REPORT

March 14, 2024

The first half of the training was conducted by Bishop Holston, who emphasized our connection and the importance of keeping our eyes on mission and ministry even in challenging times. The afternoon session focused on the Four Priorities of the South Carolina Annual Conference:

- **Developing Leaders**
 - Conference-wide events for clergy and laity
 - Leadership training on district and church level
- **Engaging our Communities**
 - Training for outreach and mission teams
 - Ministry opportunities with conference ministries (e.g., Salkehatchie, Disaster Response)
 - Communications and Social Media
- **Connecting With & Growing Disciples**
 - Resources and training for leaders in Christian Education, new members, confirmation
 - Training and support to help move people from membership to discipleship
- **Measuring and Evaluating Current Realities & Missional Possibilities**
 - Assess community and ministry needs. Who are we? Who is our neighbor? What are we here for?