

Congregational Council Meeting

April 18, 2017

Highlights

- The Finances are within budget...but, because the budget was raised this year, we don't have as large a cushion as usual.
- About \$6000 was donated during the Lenten Services. This was added to the Pastor Lavaunus Stipend Fund to support his work in Haiti.
- The mold issue in the Counseling Room in the Office Center is much worse than we first thought. We had to undo an almost completed job, pull permits and the final cost to remove the mold and rebuild the room is \$15,000.
- Jim Bremer was appointed to serve on the Endowment committee and Mike Johnson will serve on the Finance committee.
- Pastor Hall reported that Seminarian Will Kittinger (and family) will be serving a 2 year internship in Naples, FL.
- Kathy Anderson will be assisting in Faith Formation groups in the Fall and will help with all levels of Christian Education.
- The land swap with VOTI has been drawn up as a Master Agreement and will be signed by President Lois Steketee so that the process can be started. The legal work of Bob DeBoer was Pro Bono and is greatly appreciated.
- New doors to make the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall handicapped accessible will begin next week.
- Rich Albrecht has been appointed to the Long Range Planning Committee because two members were unable to continue serving on this committee.
- Marge Collin was approved by Council as the new Outreach Chairperson.
- The Outreach committee announced the Second Annual Church Picnic at Maxine Barrett Park. It will be held from 4 to 7 pm on May 17th.

Tickets are \$11.50 per person for the catered dinner and entertainment. Tickets will be sold for 3 weekends so plan ahead!!

- Simply Giving will be emphasized by a Temple Talk on April 22nd and 23rd so that members can learn how easy it is to contribute to Emmanuel electronically!!
- The roofing project is being completed and the Property committee is researching replacing the 20 year old fluorescent lights in the office center with LED bulbs.
- The classrooms in Rowe Hall will be getting a fresh coat of paint soon.
- The summer schedule for worship has been finalized. There will be services at 5 pm on Saturdays and a liturgical service at 8:30 am and an abridged service at 10 am from May 7th through October 31st.
- A committee will look at the possibility of having any youth who play musical instruments begin a group to assist at worship.
- The Endowment Committee will be distributing funds all of the money earmarked to be shared with others. Committees were asked to make application for funds for special projects.
- Erwin Nesvacil will be leading the Capitol Asset Project for the Finance Committee as they evaluate all the assets with the value of \$25,000 or more.