CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Piscataway

Making new disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes : General Leadership
Date: 4/30/26

MINISTRY

GOALS/Strategic Planning - Pastor Janice continued our conversation about strategic planning and the importance of goal-setting. She reminded us of the goals that were set by the Bridges Team in 2024.

Reaching New Families- continued work on engaging families who have baptized babies in the past 7 years. 5 families are baptizing 2nd children at Christ UMC! Suggested that we ask them what they need – nursery space, Sunday school, etc.

Communications – on going improvement and updates to social media and the website to include the engagement of new member who is a photographer so that we are not only advertising events but telling the world who we are.

Leadership Development – clarity on the intention of this goal. Is it for Recruitment? Spiritual Discipline? Training of Leaders? Answer: all of the above. Pastor is recommending that the Board engage in an SPRC training video session this Fall. With new members of the board, training will always be needed.

Improve Hospitality and Our Sense of Welcome- stay tuned.

Discipleship Process – is being created that includes three stages:

Invitation/Communications – Engagement of New Members – Living into Our Vows

The purpose of this process is to remind ourselves of our mission to Make Disciples, and as board members to identify where we are as leaders of the church and how we make disciples in the work that we do.

Nominations and Leadership development – The pastor is the chair of the Nominations and Leadership Development committee. Pastor Janice reminded us of the critical importance of administrative leadership in the life of the church. No ministry can happen without our administrative leadership. Nomination season is before us and suggestions should be sent to her. We will need an SPR lead, a trustee lead, and two new members of the board.

BUILDING USE

Elsa walked the group through where shut off valves are, and best practices for toilet/water issues.

Elsa gathered three quotes for lawn care moving forward.

MISSIONS

Rummage Sale – Upcoming (Laurene) – May 9 with last chance on May 10 and clean up on May 11

Picnic dates and location tbd, Ice Cream Social -June 28 while still worshipping at 10:30 & Patriots game

TRUSTEES

Attic Roof Leak – Quote – research to be done on solar panels (requesting to come in two weeks).

Sign update – formats, layouts and pricing were discussed. Sentiment seems to be toward a larger image area. Questions also asked about the based/stand height.

FINANCE

Contributions eeports are in through February and a surplus of xxxx is reported.

Balances on all accounts $270,000???

DPR Construction has canceled their contract and inquired as to any costs due to us. Lyn Hartmann Esq. reviewed the contract that she helped us to create, and per her recommendation - one month fee for will be requested.

Sunny Trails/Bus Rental will be moving one bus, maybe both.

The impact of these two changes: $16,500 (??) for 2026.

Executive Session will happen online soon.

Respectfully submitted by Pastor Janice, and Laurene and Artie Pinori.