

SPIRITUAL LIFE MEETING JUNE 11,2024

Members present: Beckie Custer, Sharon McFarland, Gail McGrady, Alice Frederick, Karen Gerber, and Paster Will

Devotion and prayer by Pastor Will

May meeting notes approved

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome Center/Media Center – Pastor Will reports that Jamie came and worked on the sound. The sanctuary sound may seem a little loud, but that allows the streaming sound to be better. It wasn't a software issue; it just required some fine tuning.
2. Sunday Service and Streaming – per #1, streaming sound is better since Jamie adjusted the system. Pastor Will reported that persons in the congregation expressed their approval of the Memorial Day Service. I didn't hear any comments, so I assume the congregation was pleased with the service. Celebration for July 4th will be conducted the same.
3. Outside signage – Pastor Will had some information from New Way church on the price of their sign. It cost them about \$1,800.00 just for a sign. Keith did know someone who got them a better deal. We can pass this info along to the Maintenance Committee.
4. Long Range planning – the committee discussed possible fund raisers such as a Quarter Auction or Purse Bingo for next spring. Both of these activities would need money or prize donations from the congregation and community businesses but have the potential to make a lot of money with little physical work. We will continue to discuss what is needed to support a fundraiser.
5. Fall Festival – I reported to the committee that Outreach feels the Rummage sale was too much work for the buck, but they are willing to help out with another project to make money for the Fall Festival such as a Kid's Carnival and snack stand from 11am-2pm. Christian Ed will possibly help with this project also. The committee felt we could try it, with the other 2 committee's support. As far as the dinner, we are planning on swiss steak and chicken carry out again. If we can get enough help, we will consider having a sit-down dinner and offer carry out.
6. Special Music for Summer – there has been 3 people interested in providing special music for summer services. Please encourage people to notify the office and sign up.

NEW BUSINESS

1. "Back To" service on August 18th. Pastor Will reports that he and CE looked at the calendar and felt this would be the best date even though it is earlier than usual. He would like to have an outdoor service with full immersion baptism. He did bring this up at Consistory and they asked for it to be approved first by our committee. Members of our congregation have expressed their interest in this type of baptism. He is planning for the service to evolve around the act of baptism, and also offer others present to "rededicate their baptism" if interested. We are planning on having special music and the service to be our normal 60-minute limit. The motion was made by Alice Frederick to hold the "Back To" service outside with Immersion Baptism and/or rededication and special music. Second by Gail McGrady. Discussion was held and the committee also wanted to provide lunch after the service. We will look into borrowing a tent, like in years past, and buying a baptismal pool for that day (there is also the possibility of renting the pool out to other congregations in the future). Motion passed. Karen will type up an advertisement for the Newsletter and Weekly messenger. Anyone interested in either type of baptism is to contact Pastor Will as soon as possible.

PASTOR TIME

1. Pastor Will reported that he feels he has been keeping the service at 60-min unless there is a special addition to the service such as communion.
2. He is planning the "Back to" Service and Fall Theme.

OPEN BUSINESS – NONE

Next meeting July 25 at 6pm. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Karen Gerber Chairperson