

MCCC BOARD ZOOM MEETING

September 19, 2021

12:00 – 1:00

Agenda

Opening Prayer

Updates

- Pastor's Report
- Facility Trustees' Report
- Treasurer Vacation Info
⇒ All bills paid, payroll covered, Meekers on vacation 9/21-10/6.
- Gathering Team Update – Jon Secaur
- New Business?

Closing Prayer

Next Zoom Meeting, Sunday, October 17, 2021

MCCC Board Report - Pastor's Report - Sept 2021

As the summer is coming to a close there is quite a lot going on in the life of the church to reflect on. July 4th we came back to the building to worship in person, while still offering our lawn and online worship. Late in July we said "goodbye" to Pastor Sarah Smith who was a huge part of our congregational life over the course of the pandemic. She has moved to Virginia for a teaching job and will be greatly missed. My family and I went on vacation for 3 weeks and I was able to get some much needed rest and relaxation with my family. We were blessed with wonderful leadership by our worship team and the preachers of the day while I was away. In the middle of all that we are still battling the effects of the pandemic and trying to figure out the wisest and safest paths forward. We have had to make and change policies regarding masking and other safety precautions. More adjustments most certainly will be made in the future. This is a tough time in our country and church, but folks are getting through it, adjusting, being helpful and creative, and always faithful. We are blessed with such amazing and flexible church members!

Some info to share

- Although my visits to peoples' homes are now infrequent due to the pandemic, I have enjoyed having phone and zoom conversations as people choose. My door is always open to have conversation and to listen should there be any need.
- I want to express gratitude to Jan Green for her stepping into the role of organist for our church services. It has been a joy to work with her and the church has been blessed with her wonderful music.
- In September, we had a Service of Grateful Memory for Joyce Brehm. Many thanks to Sandi Kossick who helped with communication/arrangements with the Brehm Family and to Jan Green who played the service.
- I will be performing a wedding for a local community couple on Sept 18th and will be doing Sammi Vaughan's wedding in December.
- From October 13-17 I will be going to Vermont for a Spiritual Retreat. My spiritual/leadership coach has invited me and a few other clergy for a retreat at her home in Vermont.
- Recently a colleague got in touch with me about having Purple Church Conversations. She has been engaging her congregation with discussion about how to have difficult political and religious conversations when perspectives are so vastly different (red and blue = purple!) If the church can't have these conversations...who can? I will keep the board and congregation updated if we take steps further to work on this project in the future.
- I have started coaching for the New Church Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). I have 2 "coachees" who are Chuukese pastors located across the country. I meet with them for about an hour once per month. It has been fascinating so far!

Looking forward...

- This Fall I am looking forward to working with the Worship Team on some special service planning and of course, Advent, which will come faster than we realize!

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Chad Delaney

FACILITY TRUSTEES' REPORT
September 2021

- The Nursery has now been moved up stairs, the carpet cleaned, walls painted out and set up.
- The CYF/CHI Rho room was also cleaned up and painted as well after removing all the stuff that had been in there when it was the "junk" room. The junk was sorted through and the real junk disposed of.
- Tim Bennett was taking the two couches and a book shelf for some needy people I believe. The library is now getting back to normal. The old nursery is now being utilized by KWM.
- There are a number of rooms that need to be painted out along with some work that needs to be done on a window casement in the fellowship hall.
- While some fluorescent lights have been replaced, a number of them still need attention, (either replacing bulbs or ballasts to make them functional).
- The new furnace was installed in the ed. wing furnace room.
- Last Sunday, the 12th, it was noticed that hornets had been building a nest(s) inside of the exterior siding of the building on the upper southwest corner. Ravenna Pest Control was notified and they responded on Tuesday, the 14th, taking care of that problem as well as doing the usual bug and rodent prevention inside the building.
- Long term batteries were replaced in the fire alarm system.

There are other incidental things that need to be addressed and are on the trustees list.

Paul Meeker, Facility Trustees Chair