

## April 2021 Council Meeting: Board and Committee Reports

### Outreach (Jennifer):

- Ginny Moylan reviewed/evaluated 2021 survey results. Clear message is that local initiatives are most important to our congregation. First choice was “Food Insecurity” and the partnerships we have with Community Kitchen, Daily Bread and TEEG. Second choice was “Elder Care”. Third choice was “Addiction and Recovery”.
- With these priorities in mind and our wish to reach out to community families, committee developed “Soup for the Soul” initiative.
  - Once a month (September through May) a church volunteer would teach and oversee a group of 2 or 3 community families to make a pot of soup (with everyone participating at some level depending on age and ability). Soups would be packaged “to-go” and families would deliver the soup to 10 elderly congregation members and/or community neighbors.
- Looking at ways to lead congregation into a deeper understanding of food insecurity issues in our community. Initial ideas include:
  - a 2<sup>nd</sup> hour discussion led by guest host who can address food insecurities in Windham County,
  - congregation wide book discussion of Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers by Elizabeth Mae Magill,
  - a worship service that centers on hunger action
- Committee will host a coffee hour and collection on Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 AM to noon. Collection will be for TEEG. Items TBD (Ginny reaching out to TEEG).

### Trustees (Carl W.):

- PPP loan / grant application – Our second draw PPP loan amount of \$12,745 has been approved and the funds deposited in the FCCW account. Also, we received a “forgiveness” letter for the 2020 PPP loan which officially converts the \$19,000 that we received last year to a grant.
- Refrigerator – Thanks to Suzanne Cimochofski’s good work the church has received a grant of \$4,000 from Neighbors in Need to purchase a new refrigerator for the main kitchen. Charles Bottieri will be leading the effort to find the best vendor to purchase from as well as arrange for disposal of the damaged refrigerator.
- Church Repairs – We’ve received three quotes from local contractors for the painting and window repair of the north side of sanctuary. We are working out some of the differences in quote detail but it looks like at least two of the contractors have provided very reasonable pricing for this work. The grant application process has been started with submission of a pre-application document to Preservation CT. Quotes for gutter replacement, grading in rear to eliminate drainage problem and repair of rotted areas on east and south side exterior are all underway.
- Property Management – Our Property Management Team (Bruce Lyman, Stan Swanson, Leslie Sweetnam, John Cimochofski and Glenn Boies) have continued to handle routine maintenance tasks as well as the “unexpected” repairs (which we all have come to

expect from our beautiful but old church and parsonage). John Cimoichowski has again graciously volunteered to handle the mowing and trimming required to keep our property looking well maintained.

**Deacons Report (Bruce S.):**

- Completed Activities:
  - Arranged for Palms for Palm Sunday.
  - Coordinated the Maundy Thursday – Good Friday vigil.
  - Easter Flowers were ordered and delivered.
- Continuing Activities:
  - Discussion on Parish Care models continues.
- Upcoming Activities:
  - Planning is beginning in an effort to work with others to discuss technology needs for outdoor and in-house services. We need to assess how we can best use the technology we have with minimal additions to improve the quality of our online presence when we begin in-person services.
  - We will be conducting a Membership Survey in the coming months. Not only is this set forth in the bylaws as an annual task, but it is felt our current list is out of date.
  - Review for Rev Kevin is due, which will include the Sr Deacons and others.

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