

## September 2021 Council: Board and Committee Reports

### Trustees (Sam):

- With the departure of Noah Gourlie, the board of trustees is down to three members. We need more personnel to do our work effectively.
- The fallen tree on the walkway in front of the parsonage remains in place. We are attempting to gain attention from the Pomfret office of the DOT, as the tree may well be state property. Both the tree damaged by storm Henri and its neighbor, another huge maple, are considered dangerous and need to be removed.
- Repairs to the east face of Harrison Hall, from leaking around and beneath the Palladian window, are delayed until October.
- We are interviewing painters for the work in spring of 2022 and welcome suggestions from the congregation. So far, we have spoken with Tom Trafford of Trafford's Painting in Brimfield and Bud Killam of Painters Pride in Framingham. Estimates are requested by October first.
- Bruce Lawler of Servitium cleaning service will wash the windows of the parsonage on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Outreach (Jen D):

- *Crop Walk* scheduled for Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 in Putnam. FCCW has a team on the Crop Walk website and it has been publicized it on FCCW Facebook page and Sept/Oct SHARE. People can pledge \$ or sign up to walk. Percentage of the money raised by FCCW will be designated to Community Kitchens. Additional publicity will be in weekly bulletin, weekly "Sunday worship and announcements" email and in person during Sunday Service announcements.
- *Intergenerational Service* on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Outreach Committee will participate by having a station devoted to intentional spiritual growth. We will discuss (act out?) the "Stone Soup" story and discuss ways that we can help others.
- *2021 Disbursement of Funds* –began discussion on how to disburse our 2021 funds. We are currently looking at 10 organizations. Decisions will be made at our October meeting. Announcement in "Sunday worship and announcements" email will ask for congregation's input.
- *Faith in Action* article – Continuing to ask members of the congregation for "Faith in Action" articles. The *Faith in Action* article will focus on a member of our congregation that is passionate about and volunteers their time to a cause or organization (outside of FCCW). Goal is to inform and inspire others.
- *Soup for the Soul* initiative –Possible partnership with Putnam Housing Authority to deliver monthly soup to residents of New Roxbury Village in Woodstock. Outstanding questions need answers from Northeast Health District before we can proceed.

**Deacons (Charlene):**

- The Deacons along with Rev Key, Ellen and Clerk Laura Bond are developing a new format for capturing membership information.
- Feedback from our joint summer services with East indicates that several individuals would rather that we not have services at 9 o'clock. This information will be taken into consideration in planning next summer.
- Assignments have been made for deacons on duty for Sunday services from September until the end of December.
- We reviewed our financials and have turned our request into the Trustees for our budget request for 2022.
- We are looking at the roles of the deacon board and the stated requirement under our By-laws considering number of deacons required, the number of years of service and the requirement that there be an equal number of male and female deacons.
- We continue to work on a new format for Community Care.

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