

Council December 2021 Board and Committee Reports

Trustees (Sam):

- Jessica Weaver Boose has been hired as interim Communications Coordinator and keeps hours in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Volunteers Lynn Singleton and Suzanne Cimoichowski are on hand on Monday and Wednesday mornings, respectively.
- Eversource, through Asplundh tree service, has completed part of the cleanup of the felled trees in front of the parsonage. Their crew will return to finish its work, and the remainder of the wood removal will be handled by Jon Roy of Roy's Tree Service. John Cimoichowski and Charles Bottieri also assisted with wood removal.
- The draft of the 2022 budget is nearly complete and will be presented to the congregation prior to Lunch & Crunch (without Lunch) on January 9th after worship, possibly by Zoom.
- The long-range plan under consideration includes a feasibility study of the sale of the parsonage. The church council will be asked to enter a resolution at the annual meeting to allow this study to proceed.

Deacons (Charlene):

- The second 6 month employment review with Rev. Kevin was conducted as specified in the call agreement. Fourteen members of the congregation were asked to respond to a questionnaire in support of this review. All fourteen responded and the responses were overwhelmingly positive. A review meeting was held with Rev Kevin to discuss the review which was also positive and affirming.
- A list of 20 congregants who have offered to be of assistance in cases of emergency or immediate need has been developed. Each deacon has a copy of this listing as well as the pastor, Jessica in the office, and the moderator.
- Poinsettias were ordered and arrangements are being made for their distribution.
- Proposed minor bylaw revisions regarding the makeup of the diaconate have been completed and will be submitted for vote at the Congregational meeting in January.
- Jacob Vicente has tendered his resignation as a deacon for personal reasons. He will continue to serve as his personal situation allows for the remainder of the year. The deacons thank Jacob for his valuable three years of service.
- Deacons will be contacting people from the congregation that have not attended since our meeting in person to let them know that they have been missed.

Stewardship (Paula):

- Stewardship continues to follow up and write thank you notes.
- We gave a preliminary figure to trustees on 11/30 so they could draft 2022 budget.
- Pledge sheets have been given to Suzanne C. for inputting.

Announcement made in church during worship on 12/12, and we are now less than \$1000 from fundraising goal.

FCCW Board of Outreach

December 2021 Council Meeting “News Brief” (Meeting on Wednesday, December 8th):

- *TEEG Christmas Tags* –Blessing of the gifts will take place during service on December 15th. Gifts will be organized in library and taken to TEEG on Monday, December 16th.
- *Hunger Action Lenten Book Discussion Group* – committee is developing a Lenten book discussion group that will continue and deepen the theme in Kevin’s February sermons around hunger action. We are inviting author Elizabeth Mae Magill to speak to us about her book *Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers*. Would like to offer two book discussions groups per week to accommodate those who prefer daytime and those who can only make evening hours. Tentative days of the week are Sundays after coffee hour and Wednesday evenings in March. In addition to our congregation, we will invite members of the churches who prepare meals for Community Kitchen.
- *Faith in Action* article – Continuing to ask members of the congregation to submit “Faith in Action” articles. The *Faith in Action* articles focus on members of our congregation that are passionate about and volunteer their time to a cause or organization (outside of FCCW). Goal is to inform and inspire others.

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