Ministries Council

**June 14, 2021 Minutes**

*Collegiate United Methodist Church & Wesley Foundation is an inclusive community that invites all people to experience God’s unconditional love, grow in faith and serve others.*

**Attendees:** Jane Esterly-Rettig, Mary Lynn Elver, Jane Jacobson, Mike King, Cathy Cooney, Lauren Loonsfoot, Lindsay Drake.

**Devotion** led by Mary Lynn Elver

**Check In-**Do you have summer vacation or travel plans?

**Church Council Strategic Planning-**Jane Jacobson gave an update. The Strategic Planning Retreat will be held July 23-24. Participants will include cluster chairs as well as Church Council members. The chairs will represent different slices of church life and will be helpful in setting the direction for CW. Prior to the retreat, a survey to be completed by members of the CW family, ages 12 and above, will be distributed in late June. Questions on the survey will come from both the strategic planning outside consultant and the church council. Survey results will provide a basis for discussion at the retreat.

**Nomination Process Begins-**Each cluster has a minimum of 3 at-large positions which need to be filled every year. Cluster chairs are asked to confirm current positions as well as to compile names of potential new at-large nominees prior to the August Ministries Council meeting. The nominee suggestions will be forwarded to Church Council. The nominations subcommittee (Lindsay Drake, Lauren Loonsfoot, Jane Jacobson, Brenda Allen) can answer any questions that arise during the nomination process.

**Database Update-**Lindsay reviewed the directions for updating personal information on the church database. Those who have provided information will receive an invitation to share any portion of their information with others who are participating in the directory.

**Preparing for Return to Worship on July 11-**Mike King provided the re-opening worship schedule. It is as follows:

8 am – Digital Worship

9 am – In Person Worship

10 am- Sunday School

11 am- In Person Worship

Lindsay reviewed the Worship Welcome Team main objective (to welcome Collegiate/Wesley members, constituents, students and guests into our space in a way that makes them feel safe, comfortable and loved),as well as team positions and tasks. Welcome areas include the parking lot (south and west), and inside the building (south, west and sanctuary doors). A leader and crew are also needed to welcome worshippers into the sanctuary and to be available to assist during and just following worship. The new Welcome Center also needs volunteers. An aspirational goal is to have ten people at each service to fill the welcoming roles. If there are fewer volunteers, locations of highest priority will be staffed. A training meeting will be offered on June 29 for Welcome Team Members. Cluster chairs were provided with a Welcome Team job description sheet and an email or phone script for use in reaching out to potential Welcome Team members. Lindsay also mentioned that Pastor Mary is in need of persons each week to read the liturgy and scripture in worship. Tech support is also needed weekly. Volunteers can sign up online.

**Other Cluster Updates-**

* Education: Summer Funday School is meeting outside on the patio at 9:15 through July 4. Starting July 11, students will meet from 10 to 10:30 am. Vacation Bible School for preschool through 6th grade meets Sunday July 18 and Monday, July 19 from 6 to 8 pm. The Spiritual Formation class is meeting on Sundays at 11 am.
* Reaching and Receiving:Focus is on how to welcome people back into the church building for worship.
* Sending to Serve:Cluster is working on updates to the database to develop disaster response calling trees.Non-perishable food donations are needed and can be placed in the Little Food Pantry at any time. Food can also be dropped off at church.

**Church Service Days-July 16 and July 17-**The Board of Trustees/Property Committee has scheduled two days for volunteers to gather and work on improvement projects for the church building. There will be morning and afternoon shifts each day with projects geared for all ages and abilities.

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, August 9, 2021

**Devotion:**