

Council Report January 10, 2012

Pastor Jim Chester

Pastoral: Counseling continues to be needed and is being done on a regular basis. Continue to pray for those who are mindful that they need some extra prayer in their lives.

Time off was taken December 27-30th. We had a enjoyable time with Family

Christmas Eve Service was well attended. Thank you, to all those who helped out with this special service. Also, a thank you to Linda C. who decorated our sanctuary for Christmas. Thank you to those who put up other decorations around the church for the Christmas Season.

The office will be going over the year's schedules and planning calendar events.

I met with Larry Sherman and Rev. Randy Murphy. Along with this I attended a special meeting at the Redeemer church in the Township. We want to welcome Redeemer for their interest in joining the Covenant Denomination. They will be presented to the GLC at our next Annual Meeting in the Spring.

I have been reading a really enjoyable book called "A Door Set Open" by Peter Steinke and suggested Council read this book during the year. Books were purchased and handed out at the Council Retreat. The Three Leg Stool survey was completed by all the Council members and reviewed at the Council Retreat on January 7th.

The Fairfield Christian Leaders met on January 5th at the Church of Christ in Fairfield. It was very well attended.

We want to welcome Lloyd Evans and his wife Summar and Dylan to our church as we look forward in having Lloyd lead us in worship as our new Worship Leader. Lloyd starts on January 16th. I have met with both Lloyd Evans and the Worship Teams for both formal and informal meetings. Lloyd shared some of his vision with the team member on January 9th.

Staff meetings will be held each week on Wednesday morning at 9:30am.

Meeting with Steve A. and Covenant Ministers will take place in February. Also Mid Winter is January 30-Feb 3. Vitality Teams will meet on January 21 from 10-2:00 pm.

CF; Three classes were held in November and December using the material "Fire Proof". Classes were well attended and I will plan for more classes on marriage in the future.

Christian Formation Dept will review the entire youth Sunday Transformation program. This will also include the Confirmation class as well. We are currently in the process of gathering information.

Missions: Daisy fund Raiser, raised over 1,500 dollars for the Mission. This event was held on Dec. 18th. Construction is well underway at the Rescue Mission. Next Mission's Committee meeting will be January 17th at 7:00pm.

Small Group: Small Group Pot-luck dinner will be held on February 24th at 6:30 pm.

Ministry: Properties and Stewardship
Council Representative: Charlie Garrison
Meeting Date: January 10, 2012

Areas of Ministry:

Short-Term and Long-Term Development: Coordinator, Charlie G

- The secretary's new computer is installed, but it was incompatible with our server. We upgraded Microsoft "home version" System 7 to Professional to access the server. The older computer has replaced the temporary laptop in Worship Office. The laptop is being erased so it can run the Narthex information system. Thanks go to Mike W and to our IT consultant for doing this work.

Building and Site Maintenance: Coordinator, Charlie G

- Chairs in sanctuary were reset (correct distribution of chairs with book shelves) and all books redistributed. Lower level was vacuumed with all white boards, tables, and windows cleaned. Thanks go to the Boy Scout troop.
- Snow shovels and ice supplies have been set out for future use with snow and ice.
- East light on signboard and light fixture in main ladies restroom are now working. Thanks, Jim A.
- We replaced light switches in both restrooms on each floor with a motion detector, to significantly reduce the impact of lights (and exhaust fans) being left on. The new system will shut off lights 15 minutes after motion is last detected.
- Broken sanctuary chair was repaired.
- Christmas decorations have been re-boxed and stored in Large Storage Room.
- We are renegotiating our phone bill with hopes to reduce cost. Electric and gas bill work is to be done too.
- A summary report has been prepared for the new Properties Chair.

Electronic Equipment: Coordinator, Mike W.

- A final 2011 summary was made for copier usage. Our contract was for 60,000 copies to be made annually; we made 62,229. Biggest usage was Bulletins (52%), Christian Formation (12%), Office (10%) and unknown (14.4%). Number of non-logged copies is much higher than expected.
- The motherboard for voice mail on our phone system failed and is non-repairable; cause is unknown. This is being so we will have voice mail again.
- We also lost the emergency phone system in the elevator; Cincinnati Bell has repaired it.
- We have recycled the old color printer. We have found how to recycle the old copier, but we will need a pickup truck to move it (to Best Buy store in Bridgewater Falls).

Mechanical Equipment Maintenance: Coordinator, Bill R

- Solenoid valve in the commercial dishwasher is being repaired. Thanks, Bill.

Building Supplies: Coordinator, Charlie G

- Supplies are being purchased as needed, including for the kitchen.

Outdoor Maintenance (plants): Coordinator, Bruce M

- A summary of needs for next year has been made. Thanks, Bruce M.

Interior Design Committee: Coordinator, Jim A.

- No report.

Budget: Coordinator, Charlie G

- No report, as final yearly totals are not yet available.