

THE SESSION IN ACTION.....

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Helena met on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 6:30 PM at the Church. Rev. Scott Wiperman opened with worship and communion in the sanctuary. Reverend Wiperman (Scott) moderated the meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Printed report attached. Pastor Scott reported that we are now beginning a new program year in the church. Financially, the summer was weak but hopefully giving will strengthen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration Committee: Elder John Warren reported. The printed report contained in the packet. The kickoff date for the Stewardship Campaign will be October 22 and November 12 will be pledge Sunday. October 29 is tentatively set as the date for a possible church get together to talk about the budget with the congregation. Each chairman will have an opportunity to discuss the budget for their committee.

John Warren discussed that there are some standard bills that do not need to pass to the Committee Chairman for approval. The waiting for chairman approval has sometimes caused a late fee.

Building and Grounds: CRE Butch Plowman reported. A printed report was submitted by Mark Goodman. Building and Grounds are waiting for Personnel to contact a mowing/snow removal service. They are considering a second storage shed to be shared with Education.

Education Committee: Elder Dianna Goodman reported. The printed report contained in the packet. Sunday School began the new season on September 10th. The first Youth Group meeting was held on September 13. Lexsey Carpenter reported that there is a Youth Workers Convention in November in Memphis.

The pumpkins for Pumpkin Patch are scheduled to arrive on October 2nd at 3:00 pm. Lexsey stressed the need for people to sign up to work at the Pumpkin Patch. Boy Scout Troop 228 will be assisting.

A Friday noon adult study will be led by John and Candace Coefield this fall and Marsha Davis will lead a Sunday evening class on Old Testament Prayers. There is a possibility of a Sunday morning adult class also.

Congregational Fellowship: Elder Linda Bench reported. A printed report is attached. BINGO has been very successful with 20+ participants and the next session will be Friday, September 22 at 6:00 pm.

The Thanksgiving Dinner will be held again this year.

Mission Committee: Elder Melissa Stiles reported. The printed report is attached. Family Promise is having financial difficulties and is concentrating on fundraising now.

Action Item: Permission to hold a fundraiser in November to benefit Family Promise. The members of Session voted to approve a fundraiser to benefit Family Promise.

A donation of \$200 from the Mission Budget plus money donated by the congregation plus the summer items purchased has been sent to Intermountain Children's Home.

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The Presbyterian Giving Catalog project for purchasing Piglets and Jerry Cans will end at the end of September and the money forwarded.

The Peace and Global Witness Special Offering will take place between September 2 and October 1. This is one of the four PCUSA offerings that our church participates in each year.

Nominating Committee: Elder Marshall Gingery reported that the Nominating Committee will meet on Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 am.

Personnel Committee: Elder John Warren reported. Employee reviews have taken place with just one left to complete.

John Warren is investigating hiring a commercial outside maintenance service.

Worship Committee: Elder Dianna Goodman reported. The printed report is attached. The outdoor service was successful and well received.

Les will be working with some of our youth interested in singing.

October 1 will be World Communion Day and we will have bread from international recipes.

The Organ Tuner will be here in October for the regular tuning of the organ. The timing is good as there are some problems with the organ.

Deacon Report: Deacon Joy Edgar reported. Minutes of the September meeting are attached. Minutes included hospital visitations and home communion served as well as cards sent and meals served. Information on the new Shepherding Program is also attached. Joy also reported on the death of longtime member Jinx Samson.

New Business: Scott reported that the Ministerial Association had a presentation on the new Jail Facility and the great need for the passing of the bond issue for this upgrade. Marshall added additional information as he is serving on that committee for the county.

Next Session Meeting: October 17, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

Complete Session Minutes are available by contacting Clerk of the Session Elaine Gingery.