

## FUMC Leadership Board Meeting Highlights for August 23, 2023

The FUMC Leadership Board met on August 23, 2023 with the following members present:

Pastor Emily, Deacon Jeanne, Enrique Barreiro, Jessica Ekholm, Joel Hardman, JoAnna Mason, Jim Oliver, Shawna Shafer, Clarene Smyres, Manelia Stephenson, Jay Warner, Amanda Weber, and Sandy Hunter.

- JoAnna Mason opened the meeting in prayer and led the spiritual formation based on Elijah 19:11-13.
- For leadership equipping Deacon Jeanne presented an overview of her “Civil Discourse” workshop she recently attended and provided the board with a handout. The board hopes to make time at the upcoming retreat to do further training on this.
- The board approved the packet and consent items including the July 26, 2023 minutes, July 2023 financial reports, pastoral report and list of guests.
- Pastor Emily reviewed the visitors and the following important items:
  - How we still have regular visitors who are not signing in for attendance records.
  - “Pizza with the Pastors” scheduled for Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Pastor Emily plans to lead a 3 week “United Methodist 101” small group for new/newer visitors, attendees, and members on Wednesday evenings beginning Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Deacon Jeanne pointed out that we have started utilizing Breeze Attendance so we can generate more helpful reports and attendance tracking in order to stay connected with everyone.
- For our goal review & accountability Pastor Emily &/or Deacon Jeanne gave updates on the following items:
  - Deacon Jeanne provided an update from the Food Cupboard Ministry Team meeting that was held 08/23/23 at 5:00pm to discuss how to make the ministry more sustainable by making appointments to meet with Sherrie to build relationships and create a healthy plans moving forward.
  - The board agreed that FUMC will be hosting a Thursday morning “Chamber Connection”. Keep on the lookout for more details this winter.
  - Leadership Board “Ice Cream Social” is scheduled for 09/06/23 from 7:00pm-8:00pm in Hess Hall. There is a sign-up genius for volunteers to provide homemade ice cream and toppings.
  - Fall Small Groups kickoff 09/13/23 and details can be located on our website at: [www.mcphersonfumc.com/groups](http://www.mcphersonfumc.com/groups)
- Strategic Work
  - Item #1: Consider Board Vacancy –Phil Durr was elected to fill the board vacancy.
  - Item #2: Board Member & Congregational Engagement - Enrique challenged the board to come up with a way that the board can connect with the congregation on a more personal level by putting our best foot forward and showing them that we care. We need to be known, willing, and approachable by everyone while reminding them that we are here to serve the congregation, the church, and our community as we continue to grow deeper, wider, and in joy with them. With that, be looking for details regarding a Meet & Greet with the Leadership this fall.
- JoAnna Mason closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Meeting Date: September 27, 2023 at 6:00pm