

## Consistory Minutes July 20, 2022

**Members Present:** Mark Chapinski, Judy Peters, Rebecca Booth, Denise Melter, Cindy Huss, Andy Dembowski, Lisa Gargas, Thadd Huss, Sheila Tucker

**Staff Present:** Pastor Don, Jane Bowes, Bobbie Kehlmeier

**Guest:** Pastor Dawn Balduf, Nate Kehlmeier, Pastor Jeremiah

Call to Order by Mark Chapinski

Opening with Pray – Mark

### Agenda Items

- Nate Kehlmeier was present to explain how to use Zoom and download on to your personal device. Jane could be the administrator. But the leader of the meeting should be the one sending the email and invite. This would make having brief/short meeting easier because members could do this from home and not need to go to the church or a meeting location.  
You always need a Host for a meeting  
Cost for Pro is \$149.90/year and \$199.90 Business
- Pastor Dawn Balduf would like St. John's UCC to host a Prayer Walk at Genoa Area Schools

The walk would begin at 6 pm and travel to all building on the campus.

It was suggested that there be a time map for the walk, so member of the community know which building you will be at during the walk.

Get this advertised on the Kiwanis sign in town, Facebook, and Talk of Genoa

Have a megaphone if possible

Prayer Books, if possible, from the Church

Water to be passed out during walk

### Social Media

- Website – keep updated and fresh – Thanks to Rebecca Booth this is happening
- Make the media post express Why we are The Best.
- Bring Community together with us by introducing
  - Staff members
  - Members of the church
  - What we are talking about on Sunday's
- Instagram for the under 40

Pastor Jeremiah was introduced by Mark

Ideas things he sees already:

- We need to create a new energy to grow. We here at St. John's UCC have so much to offer to members and the community.
- Get an Outside perspective- we are unique in our community compared to other areas – we have something to offer to all ages

- Find out more about current experience from members at Elder Life and Nurturing Center
- Look at things that are working and expand on those areas
- Think outside the box-you will be surprised at the response you get to ideas outside the box.
- Have outsiders visit church and get answers from them about their experience. Possible survey with reward.

Things Pastor Jeremiah see we can offer and ideas he can help with:

- Make himself available for meetings
- Small group training
- We are neighbors building the future that our churches do together
- Tool Bos not empty – we have many talents to offer in this church
- Doing a Tic Tok on/at the church
- Slap tortilla challenge – might sound crazy but people get involved in this
- Have same T-Shirt for the Pray walk, show united
- Inter sect church with community
- Video about all 3 parts of the church – Nurturing Center, Church and activities, Elder Life
- Outreach to Elder Life
- NC & EL DNA church will impact both parts need to become more involved, church needs to be more involved with both areas.
- 55+ Well Care
- Ask EL members What they would like from the church? Why do they not attend church at UCC?
- Door hanger invitations to events at EL
- Go join the BINGO EL holds 2 Wednesday
- How do we feel about building/growing EL?
- Offer services to go to doctor's, shopping, meals, get medicine etc.
- Reach out without expectation-Disciples on a Mission
- People outside come in and tell us what they think of US. Offer gift cards or gas cards after attending and giving feedback.
  - Presence of Space
  - Sermon
  - Music
  - Greeted
  - Hopes and dreams of community
  - What do you like about Genoa?
  - Roll of church in community?
  - Needs of students
  - Snacks for teacher with theme and all employees
  - What other words or counsel you would give us
  - Consistory members invite one person to come give their opinion
  - Medium size miracle to happen for Genoa
  - 152-NC kids – adopt a Grandparent at EL

Questions to include on survey

- Are you a member of another church?
- What do you like about your church?
- Age – should get a good cross section of the community
- Name & Address or email address, phone # if they will give to you

Ask someone to attend who is unchurched or someone you really like and doesn't attend church on a regular basis.

Find someone like you.

One of the things that Memorial UCC is doing is launching a meals program for 10 weeks and inviting the community to come once a month – FREE to the public.

Hand out tickets to an event you are holding at the church, people will come if they think it is something special and the ticket will remind them to come. Come try us!

Spread out you survey people over time 60-90 days between now and Christmas.

- o Gorilla Marketing – use VBS address to contact and do mailing once a month expressing the activities going on at St. John's – Brunch, communion, Rally Day, Sunday School, Church service times

Pastor Jeremiah gave us his contact information:

Cell Phone: 419-575-4834

Email: [jeremiahdiegel78@gmail.com](mailto:jeremiahdiegel78@gmail.com)

Pastor Jeremiah thanked us for inviting him and said to please reach out if we have any questions for him.

He then left the meeting.

After a little discussion a motion was made by Sheila Tucker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rebecca Booth to formally hire Pastor Jeremiah Diegel for 6 months @ \$325 per month, payable to his church. The funds to cover this will come from the Forward in Faith fund.

#### **Nurturing Center**

Wonderful News from Bobbie. The center has been approved for the \$138,000 Grant that the center had applied for. She is currently making plans on how to use the funds made available and follow the guidelines presented in the Grant.

- o August 31<sup>st</sup> is Preschool Orientation at 6 pm., currently it looks like the NC will have 30-35 new members
- o Currently there is a waiting list for all classes at Nurturing Center

We closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tucker, Recording Secretary