



Faith's Weekly Engagement

Engage God - Engage Each Other - Engage Your Community

September 13, 2018

Council Notes & Financials...

Your Council met on Tuesday, September 11.

This month's visiting ministry team director was **Bob Berry, Director of the Adult Discipleship Team (formerly called the Adult Christian Formation Team)**. We have just begun a 7-week study of intentional outreach called BLESSING. Following this study, a 24-week study of the Book of Luke will begin at the end of October and conclude the week before Easter. This study will be followed by a 12-week study of Daniel, a 13-week study of Revelation and a 4-week study of Philemon and Titus that will end in the latter part of May. Summer studies will be offered in 2019 but the details of those classes still need to be determined.

This fall the Men's Ministry will be studying the book of *Made for His Pleasure* by Alastair Begg. Life Groups (formerly known as Small Groups) continue to meet regularly. Women Ministries is continuing its 3-4-1 program (three women, 4 months, one purpose) that encourages praying and caring for each other. Bob asks that we join him in praying for abundant attendance for all that the Adult Discipleship Team has to offer.

The reorganization of the former Outreach Team is very close to being completed. That team will now become the Missions Team. All outreach events that were once the Outreach Team's responsibility have now been evenly reallocated to all of our ministry teams and Council. Council will be responsible for organizing the Trick or Treat outreach and a Chili Supper to be held in the fall.

Speaking of chili...Council will be hosting a Chili Supper on Saturday, October 27 from 4-7:00. This will be an opportunity to invite family and friends to share a meal and time together. There will be games and activities for children and adults, including football on the big screens, pumpkin decorating, face-painting and corn-hole. If you would like to bring chili, a side dish or a dessert or lend a hand with setup or cleanup please contact Kathy McIntyre (kmcintyr@columbus.rr.com).

Financials... Offerings in August were \$26,656. This is more than 20% below the budgeted monthly amount of \$34,167. After three months, year-to-date offerings total \$91,120. This is 11.2% below our budget, \$102,500. Expenses for the month were \$28,765, below budget (\$34,166) by more than 15%. Year-to-date expenses total \$93,824. This is 8.5% below our budget, \$102,497. Offerings and expenses combined produce a deficit of (\$2,109) for the month, and an accumulated deficit of (\$2,704) for three months. Over the years, we have a fairly consistent pattern of below-average offerings in the summer months, then making up for the shortfall during the rest of the fiscal year. And, even though our giving is down, we can give thanks to God that expenses are also down!

A note from Tricia Allenby... Timothy and Happiness Wambura will visit with us from Sunday, September 16 to Monday September 24. We will be having a gathering at our house (6485 Masefield St. Worthington 43085) on Friday, September 21 from 5-8 PM for anyone who would like to learn more about their ministries in Tanzania. Happiness is the founder of LOHADA, an orphanage/school, in Arusha (lohada.org) as well as Golden Grace Hospital in Shinyanga - both serving the disadvantaged. Timothy is an Assemblies of God pastor at World Outreach Mission in Arusha, which plants a new church in Tanzania each year.

From Val Rogers...The youth house refrigerator is on its last legs and needs to be replaced. If anyone has a refrigerator that is in good working order, and they would like to donate it to the youth house, please contact Valerie Rogers (Vrogers@faithcov.net).

Our next Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 9. Glenn Epting, Director of our Properties Team, is scheduled to be our visiting team director. Our next update will be on Thursday, October 11.

Join us this Sunday, September 16, as the sermon series, "BLESS(ING)," continues. This week Pastor Tim will be lifting up the letter "E" which stands for "Eat Together."

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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