

Collierville United Methodist Church Administrative Board Meeting

May 16, 2021

Poplar Sanctuary in person.

Marie DeLockery called meeting to order at 6:30. Attendance sheets were available for sign in at table in the front.

Bob Vornbrock , chairman of SPRC, introduced Harry Durbin , one of our previous Senior pastors. He has been asked to come to guide us through this grief process in the loss of our Senior Pastor, Rev. David Atkinson.

Loving

Devotional- Jessica Nichols

We are coming to the end of a season with the end of school activities: Field Days, Graduations from preschool, middle school and high school. With the end of the season, we look to vacations and other things that will interrupt our church attendance in worship and any small groups that may continue through the summer.

She referenced the scripture of Genesis 1. In the beginning God created all and he declared it to be good. As we enter this time of being able to get back out and enjoy God's creation at the lake, at the zoo, a mountain hike, your own back yard, camp or the farmers market stop and give thanks for all He has created and how it is in constant change and abundance.

As Rev. David Atkinson would say "Where have you seen God this week?"

Take the time to look around and take notes to bring answers to the question to S.S. or small group These observations can be your expressions of how you appreciated God's Creations around you.

Minutes accepted as posted with first by Bob Vornbrock and second by Jessica Nichols.

Learning

Treasurer- David Jackson- report posted in church office

Jeannie Jones questioned the terminology of the All in Fund. She was under the impression that it was not to be a debt reduction plan. She thought that it for the paying off of our buildings.

Don Gary, Financial Chairman, tried to explain that we were extending the All in program for one more year instead of having financial campaign. Finance is planning to meet to decide what to do with the

10% that had been set aside. We received \$206,000 from the government that we do not have to repay however we do not qualify for a second payment from the government because we have to be 25% below our budget goal. We have been continuing to give so we have not been below 11% of our budget.

Ron Lip asked how the Government money was being used and J.D. Peeples ask if the endowment would get their 10% from these fund. Jessica Nichol tried to clarify the use of the funds in the paying toward our bills and total debt.

Don Continued to give his total report which is in an attachment.

Finance will be sending out a letter concerning debt reduction and with concerns to be able to make our notes. Copy of letter was read. Administrative Board was asked to vote on approval of the letter to be sent. All but one voted to send the letter. (copy of letter attached)

Bob Vornbrock- SPRC Chairman- We will be having called meetings with Bishop McAlly and Rev. Dr. Debra Smith to discuss where we will go from here to replace our Senior Pastor. We are feeling God working among us as we reflect on the ministry of Rev. David Atkinson. We are grieving in his passing and we are in no hurry in terms of replacing him as Senior Pastor. Dr. Harry Durbin will stay with us until Sept. and possibly longer.

In early June discussions will start as to how to proceed and handle the transition. SPRC is the voice of the congregation.

We are looking for a Modern Worship leader, SNAP Director and a Part-Time Nursery Director

Rev. Dr. Deborah Suddarth-Pastor's Report- Started with great emotion her report acknowledging those who had been faithful in their attendance and that would be greatly missed Bill Bice and Rev. Atkinson.

That it was strange to give this report. As David would have said as our spiritual leader "Be at Peace, it is what it is"

I ask that you continue to lift up our staff and encourage them. We appreciate Dr. Harry Durbin in the peace he brings to heal us in our grief. Dr. Durbin, Rev. Tondala, and myself will be intentional in our plans through July to work to heal our church. We have new hope and new life to bring comfort to our church.

With our grief addressed we continue to address to Covid policies. We can now be mask free in worship but she will continue to wear a mask for a while in support of those who do not yet feel comfortable going without.

Our church continues to function and serve:

270 children enrolled in Winshape. We have a wait list and continue to need volunteers

Lifting up our Live Local ministry, the UMW collected and delivered 5 SUV's full to Golden Cross

New Beginnings S.S. food drive on the 15th and 16th of May

63 flower arrangements made and delivered

UMM made 100 lunches for Memphis Union Mission

Mops MOMS Next - delivered 50 Hygiene bags to Manna House

Church staff packed 90 appreciation bags for Sycamore Elementary

Marie DeLockery closed meeting thanking everyone for being flexible in making the change and asked Rev. Tondala to close in prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Jeffrelyn Arterburn