

FELLOWSHIP Ministries (Donna Russell): Recommend a Memorial Day Sunday service to remember and recognize our church family who have passed on during the last year with fellowship following service.

Looking for other opportunities to share fellowship. (Graduation Sunday, Talent Show, 4th of July)

Children (Lauren Mowbray) – Small playground set put up by the Strong's during Church Clean-up day. Large playground materials are on back-order. Had to re-order the large set and expect delivery in a couple of weeks. Will need assistance in set up!

Communications –TUMC website upgrade is looking good. Steady progress on the new website and Shane is adding to the current one. Social media interactions remain high.

Information is needed to share with the website and social media, to them more useful. Examples are photos (with some explanation). Scott has a drop box to put photos.

Looking to modify the calendar section to highlight important or near-term items.

Transition to the Churchmarket.is social media support continues.

Education (Melissa Raehl) –

Virtual small group meetings and training for leaders continue

Transitioned to Fellowship Group hybrid meetings weekly

Transitioned to Friendship Group hybrid meetings weekly (thank you, Scott!)

Last small group virtual meeting for this school year on May 17th (preschool, elementary, middle, and high--unless small group leader wants to continue)

Need input from Council/PRG on face-to-face return to small groups for children in September

Investigating sound proofing with trustees for Fellowship Hall to improve sound quality

Evangelism/Outreach (June Raehl) - Social Media Engagement and Reach continue to Increase in April with fewer posts

- First paid ad ran in April and we refined future ads to reach a younger demographic closer to the church location.

- We highlighted Tommy Moore, Jimmy Brickhouse and Paul Russell in April for Ministry Heros.

- Highlights for May - Melissa Raehl (Teacher Appreciation) + Lauren Mowbray (Mother's Day).

- We are adjusting the Ministry Hero Highlight to focus on sharing our testimonies - renaming #TabernacleTestimony

- We are starting a #TabernacleThrowbackThursday - we have met with Ann Henley and recorded a tour of the church/grounds while interviewing her on the history of the church - we will run clips from the tour/interview at least once monthly through the rest of the year mixed in with photos as well (Scott is editing the video for social media and to post on our website) - I have forwarded her personal history and testimony to CMi to highlight the week we initiate the throwback thursday posts ~end of May or early June.

- #FunFriday posts are receiving positive interest/engagement even from the younger crowd - some Youth.

- Please let me know if you have anyone you would like to highlight and forward their testimony + picture to me - CMi prefers at least a 2 week ahead notice to create the post.

- As we return in person, we may need to recruit volunteers to help manage social media comments/responses during live service times.

Membership Care (Jane Smith) – Stephanie and I report that last month we mailed out 14 handwritten notes, 9 e-birthday cards and 17 Prayer/ Praise requests.

Missions (Mary Hall)– The focus for May is filling Beach Bags for Virginia Beach school children. There are collection bins in the library for the donated items.

Required items for each bag are: 8-ounce servings of shelf-stable milk; individual-sized meals (ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs, macaroni and cheese, chunky soups, etc.); 4-ounce or larger fruit cups; 100% juice boxes; snack items (granola bars, pudding cups, pretzels, trail mix, snack crackers, etc.)

We will continue to collect food for Community Courthouse Food Pantry. I've been delivering every two weeks lately.

For our consideration and discussion tonight is a proposal for a new way to help PiN ministries. They are looking for churches to provide completed cooked meals for 30 people delivered to their Miller Lane facility. Right now they have servers but in future months we can also help serve the food. We can sign up for as often as we are willing or able. Once a week? Every other week? Monthly? What can TUMC commit to? Is one night of the week preferable? All nights except Wednesday are available. Mary will reach out to the congregation, but COM supports the efforts.

SAFE (Marny Sanders) – Claudia Brooks and Lois Gunter are working with Marny to take over leadership of the SAFE group.

Technology (Scott Willett) Audio enhancement system is installed and available now. We have 8 headsets available during the Sunday worship service.

Tech team looking for additional volunteers that can be trained to assist with Sunday and Wednesday services. No experience necessary but technical aptitude is helpful. Compensation available via gift cards.

Welfare (Mary Hall) – We helped a Virginia Beach woman with her Dominion Power bill this month.

Worship (Joan Pool) – 1. The last Sunday of April, 25th, saw us with fifty some people attending church, everyone so glad to see each other. Greeters at the table checking temps., and welcoming them back.

2. The first Sunday of May we had another good crowd and held communion for those attending, it was almost like before the pandemic. We look forward to all those who have been vaccinated, will be returning to church.

3. Look forward to having a Social Sunday outside before too long.

Youth (Tommy Moore) – Youth Group returned to Wednesday nights as of April 14th.

Joy in Service:

a. 13 youth and 12 adults completed yard work for Marny Sanders on April 25th. A great time was had by all.

b. 6 youth and 3 adults traveled to Roanoke to work with REACH on several projects.

c. Week-long mission trip is planned for June 21-26 in supporting Hope Restoration in Kinston, NC Senior recognition will be the first Sunday in June (6th).

Looking at opportunities to engage the youth at church and off campus. When allowed, a fun road trip, a spring 30-Hour famine, Busch Gardens, as well as summertime mission trips and SPLASH events.

Pastor Christa – Bible starting on May 12th. Studying Philipians. If anyone wants a pastoral visit, please let her know. She is interested in starting small group get-togethers.

Old Business

- COM to work on plan usage of the church tent.
- Security committee to meet to discuss upgrades to church security.

New Business

- COM is starting to normalizing their ministries.
- Memorial plans for those who passed during the pandemic should be considered.

Action Items

Council of Ministries Goals for 2021:

1. Bring our church family and friends together Christian fellowship, to include safe family, youth and children opportunities, visitations, socials, and other fellowship opportunities.
2. Involve our congregation in missions and ministries to a greater degree. Get new people involved.
3. Evolve the way we communicate to the congregation using traditional and digital/online methods (No Congregant Left Behind). Improve communication within the COM and other committees.
4. Improve our online small group meetings and transition to in person study and fellowship meetings.