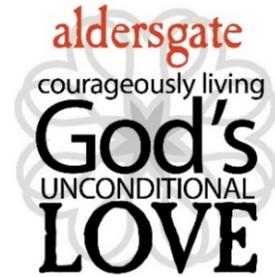


**Methodist Church**  
**Leadership Team Zoom Meeting Call**  
August 17, 2021



**Leadership Team and Staff Members Present:** Patricia Barron, Terri Phillips, Paul Amos, Shari Van Buren, Ed Little, Jon Poarch, Debbie Farson, Sue Kane, Cel Beck, Karen Latta, John Driscoll, & Joel Simpson.

Congregation member Ken Hamilton

Randy Orndorff, Julie Pfister, Caryn Souza, Christine McElwain, Hank Henderson, Sarah Lynn Mertins, & Rachel Davis were unable to attend.

- I. Welcome and opening prayer – Paul Amos  
Paul welcomed the team to the call and opened us with a prayer.
- II. Strengthen the Soul of Your Leadership Intro & Chapter 10 – Pastor Jon led the team in a time of study and devotion.
- III. Work of the Church – Ministry Reports as needed
  - Included – Connection, JD Driscoll
    - Welcome letter has been finalized and printed. The welcome bags are ready for new members and the letter will be updated every 30 days or so.
    - Waiting to see what how to move forward with the fellowship time.
    - Usher & Lay Reader volunteer signups have been set up.
    - Indoor greeters are set for August. Working to set it up for September.
  - Inspired – Worship, Jon Poarch
    - Letter to the congregation to let everyone know for the format for the fall.
    - Caryn is working on volunteers for the Worship Space.
  - Involved – Mission & Service, Sarah Lynn Mertins
    - Sunday Suppers is planning to start September 12 and will be working around the COVID 19 restrictions.
  - Instructed – Education, Shari Van Buren & Sue Kane
    - The small groups are being polled to see what they are doing and what do they want to do going forward.
    - Two adult Sunday School groups are willing to meet, but there is concern over the variant so things will evolve as restrictions permit.
    - Divorce Care Group will be starting again this fall.
    - Working with Pastor Jon on setting up Home Churches to make the larger church feel smaller. The first group will be group leaders and the connect team to get it started.
    - Working to update the language on the website for the fall.
  - Youth Ministries – Joel Simpson
    - Weekly youth group and Confirmation start Sep 12.
    - No traditional Middle or Sr. High Sunday School for the fall.
    - Putt Putt event is coming August 29 as the final summer event.

- Community Engagement, Patricia Barron
  - Team meeting went well a few weeks ago.
  - Working on signs for the yard this week.
  - Working on a blessing of the pets for October 3.
  - Meeting on August 28 with the UMW & UMM and Molly about service and community events.
  - House Church will be held in October and will be a study of Acts. It will be led by Pastor Jon and will used as part of his ordination process.
    - House church defined – no more the 20 or 30. Communion, Discipleship, and fellowship all take place.

#### IV. Church Work – Operations

- UMM Update
  - Exec team met last week at the church.
  - The dinner in September has been cancelled due to COVID restrictions and the next opportunity will be in November if allowed.
  - Golf tournament will be held on Friday.
- Finance Team Update, Ed Little
  - July synopsis submitted to the team as well as an overview of where our finances stand.
  - July was not a good month but is on trend from previous years.
  - All budget information has been requested and most has been submitted.
  - Finance team will meet in early September to review the numbers submitted and will present a target budget for review at the September LT meeting.
- Trustee Update, Hank Henderson submitted a report
  - Ceiling upgrade has been completed and looks great.
  - Carpet and tiling in the vestibule will be done this week.
  - Other leaks have occurred and are in the process of getting repaired.
  - There is a sump pump in the Narthex that is being reviewed and worked on.
- Re-Launch Team, Paul Amos and Jon Poarch
  - The team met on August 10 and will remain in place as needed due to the variant increase.
  - We have returned to the masking for all events inside of the facility no matter your vaccination status. No masks needed for outside events.
  - We will follow the recommendations of the CDC & state and local governments for when to make additional changes.
  - Worship area
    - Communion via singlets remain
    - Offering plate will remain in the back
    - Hymnals will be returning, but we will be reviewing the best way to make them available.
  - Relaunch will meet next on September 14.

- UMW Update
  - UMW will hold a garage sale on September 18 in the Guback Center. They will receive donations the evening of the 16 and again on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Funds raised will be used for mission projects throughout the year.

#### V. Pastor Updates

Jon Poarch

- Back to Church Sunday is the biggest item we are working on.
- We will live stream both services.
- The Delta variant is continuing a concern, but we will go forward with 2 services. As we evaluate the return to worship numbers, we will see if we need to stay with 2 services or adjust as needed.

#### VI. Strategic Ministry Team update – Debbie Farson

- The team continues to meet.
- The team put a survey out to the congregation and Debbie provided a high-level overview of the responses.
- In September, the team will meet to put more meat on the bones of the strategic goals.
- Will meet September 19 with a church leadership coach who is working with Randy and other pastors.

#### **Closed Session**

The open meeting concluded, and the Leadership Team moved into a closed session.

Submitted by,

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