

Minutes

Church and Community Connections

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Fellowship Hall

Members present: Suzy Coulson, Chaplain Donna Hale, Karen Byers, Jeff Noble, Shelby Holley, Greg Lewis, Pastor Chris Schwab

Members unable to attend: Denny Minnich, Don Mowery, Sharen Shellenberger, Tanis Munroy

1. Opening Prayer—Pastor Schwab

2. October minutes-motion by Donna Hale and second by Jeff Noble—motion carried to approve

3. Informational items

a. The Special Mission for November –Sadler Health Clinic

b. The Special Mission for December is the Truck Stop Ministry

c. Community Cares is in immediate need of paper plates and towels. In addition, they have a wish list of items that can be accessed on their website. Lastly, they are looking for anyone in the community to provide a supper meal for their community periodically and volunteers can check their website for more information.

4. Old Business

1. We had a discussion on how to promote our Church in this community with the intent of attracting more members. Last month we debated whether an advertisement with the Chamber of Congress would further this aim, but our Council members felt we should further research other means of doing this. Suzy Coulson researched other organizations that may help us in this goal-including the Carlisle Visitor Center, the Downtown Carlisle Association, as well as the Chamber. This led to many other proposals including further discussion with the Chamber, working with other community groups with encouragement to utilize our Church for some of their activities, developing the idea of an Expo with other area churches, possibly thru the Carlisle Area Religious Council (CARC), to promote our individual church offerings. It was felt that this was such an important area of discussion that it should be opened to Consistory and possibly the whole Congregation. Our Council will continue to develop ideas related to this and bring them to our next meeting.

2. We are serving at My Brother's Table this Sunday Nov. 14 at 5 pm. We will be providing baked ham, escalloped potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, rolls and chocolate chip cookies. Karen Byers has taken the lead on obtaining and cooking the main entrée dishes and Suzy Coulson will provide the dessert. Pastor Donna and Shelby and Patty Lewis will help with food preparation and Greg and Jeff will set up and serve the food at the Salvation Army. We will be looking for other volunteers to help setup and serve.

5. Covid update—Greg discussed the current numbers of Covid in our county and noted the trend has been for fewer cases each month but still above the CDC recommendations of less than 5% positivity (we are 9.5%) and incidence which is recommended to be less than 50 per 100,00 and we are at 115.6. ICU admissions are up as well as are those patients on ventilators and ICU beds are scant with only 8 of 98 ICU beds available in the county. He felt that our Church's current safety measures with mandatory masking and social distancing should be continued at least thru the end of 2021.
6. Our next scheduled serving of My Brother's Table is Saturday, April 9, 2022, at noon.
7. Our next CCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall

Submitted by Greg Lewis