**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**CONSISTORY MINUTES – DECEMBER 14, 2020**

A meeting of the Consistory of First United Church of Christ was held on Monday, December 14, 2020. **Present (in person and ZOOM)**: Patricia Frey, Bill Harrison, Dave Rohrer, Dallas Bailey, David McKibben, Greg Lewis, Kathy Wilson, Craig Kern, Mike Coulson, Kate Poe,, Pastor Chris Schwab, and Karen Byers:

**Absent:** Lee Fischbach and Susan Stott.

**DEVOTIONS:** In the absence of Lee Fishbach, Pastor Chris opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: Corrections to the November 16, 2020 Minutes were made:

Dave Rohrer indicated under the Church and Ministry Report, it should have stated, “…at the December 27 service, the outside musicians **would be wearing masks and the bells of instruments would be covered.**3

Greg Lewis indicated, where mentioning regarding “the Church remaining open, “**Covid”** (should be added)numbers are increasing.

On a Harrison/Rohrer motion, the Minutes of December 14, 2020 were approved, with corrections. Motion carried.

**PASTOR’S REPORT:** No additions. Pastor Chris did indicate the technical aspects of streaming services is being worked on.03 there are no changes.

**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:** Greg inquired as to donations made to Thornwald and Sarah Todd Homes by the Church at Christmas. Karen explained, in lieu of individual gifts for each resident, in December Caring Fellowship presents to each home gift cards in the amount of $100 each to Walmart, Giant, and Michael’s. Any other gifts given to the local homes or through the Auxiliary would be individual gifts.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Property Management:** David McKibben reported all fire extinguishers in the Church have been replaced.

**Covid Update:** Greg reported on the increases in diagnoses, hospitalizations, and deaths in Cumberland County, as well as the 17013 and 17015 areas. Gatherings in hotels, churches, and restaurants is not prudent, due to poor air circulation in these areas.

Pastor Chris indicated he received a phone call from a member inquiring as to a Christmas Eve service. Consistory felt that was not a good idea, after listening to Greg’s recommendations and explanations.

3On a Harrison/Kern motion, Consistory voted to remain closed until the January 18 Consistory meeting; will revisit this item at that time. Motion carried.

David inquired if we should continue sanitizing the sanctuary, if we are closed. He did point out that if it is done in December, it would be good until mid- January. At that time, we would decide what to do, depending on whether we reopen or remained close.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a Rohrer/Lewis motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen F. Byers, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 18, 2021 – 10:00 AM (in person/via ZOOM)**