

PASTORAL REPORT
December 2022 – January 2023
December 13, 2022-January 11, 2023 (Since last report submitted December 12, 2022)

Worship:

Led worship/preached on the following days:

- December 18, 2022- virtual and face-to-face worship (live stream to church FB; and Dialpad/uber); also posted on YouTube, pastors Facebook pages and church website (new system used) (spoken word for Dialpad worked; warbling for some music for Dialpad) (NOTE: had to remove Video Capture card and re-install to make OBS work)
- December 24, 2022- virtual and face-to-face worship (live stream to church FB; and Dialpad/uber); also posted on YouTube, pastors Facebook pages and church website (new system used) (spoken word for Dialpad worked; brass music and organ ok through Dialpad)
- December 25, 2022- virtual and face-to-face worship (live stream to church FB; and Dialpad/uber); also posted on YouTube, pastors Facebook pages and church website (new system used) (spoken word for Dialpad worked; music worked well with streaming and ok with Dialpad ISSUE-Sound turned off, turned back on; ISSUE- hand held microphones not working)
- January 1, 2023- virtual and face-to-face worship (live stream to church FB; and Dialpad/uber); also posted on YouTube, pastors Facebook pages and church website (new system used) (spoken word for Dialpad worked; warbling for some music for Dialpad) (ISSUE- had to remove video capture care, install again, worked; ISSUE- three microphones up front did not work, raised voice, acoustics helped in person and streaming service (hand held microphones still not working)
- January 8, 2023- virtual and face-to-face worship (live stream to church FB; and Dialpad/uber); also posted on YouTube, pastors Facebook pages and church website (new system used-all microphones have been adjusted and are working) (spoken word for Dialpad worked; warbling for some music for Dialpad)

Data from services:

Averages for 2021:

- 38.6/week in person
- 107.3/week total in person and virtual

Averages for 2022:

- 42.1/week in person
- 174.4/week total in person and virtual

Funerals: none at this time

Weddings: none at this time

Baptisms: none at this time

Administrative: Blessings to us in this wintertime, and may we be joyful and live with faith.

Meetings:

- December 13 – Church and Community Connections Council
- December 14 – December staff luncheon
- December 15 – Workshop, Suicide and Prevention in Teens
- December 18 – Consistory meeting
- January 3 – SDK call about sound system, adjusting and fixing the system through phone call
- January 3 – Pastoral concerns meeting
- January 8 – Church and ministry council meeting
- January 8 – Christian education council meeting
- January 9 – Pastoral concerns meeting
- January 10 – Stewardship meeting
- January 10 – Church and Community Connections Council

Pastoral Care:

- Calls – 19
- Pastoral Care/Counselling – 11
- Texting weddings, outreach checking one several members and community people

Outreach:**Actions:**

- December 13 – call with connection with MH county organization
- December 16 – Memorial Blanket Project drop off (2 of them)
- December 18 – Met “peter, second time at church, talked to him. Offered communion to him and others.
- December 19 – Memorial Blanket Project drop off
- December 20:
 - Meeting to check in with people about Memorial Blanket Project
 - Meeting with Shannon from SPY
- December 22 – Family for adopt a family
- January 2 – Community encounter
- January 3 – Clergy meeting/lunch
- January 4 – School worker meeting about teenager in need
- January 6 – Community encounter

Theology Pub:

- January 8 – Mollie Pitcher community wide advertising 4 people in attendance

Community Office Hours:

- December 15 – May not happen due to schedule, workshop to attend
- December 22 – Did not offer community office hours, scheduling
- December 29 – Did not offer community office hours, scheduling
- January 5 – Community office hours, 1 returning contact, 2 new contacts

Community Prayer Time:

- December 13 – From church plaza, offered community prayer
- December 20 – Bosler Library, offered community prayer

- December 27 – Office closed on this day due to holiday,
- January 3 – Stairs on Pitt street, offered community prayer
- January 10 – Parking lot of west shore UPMC, offered community prayer

Fellowship Events:

- No Sunset Vespers or Messy Church for winter (further evaluation)

Informational:

- There are some initial plans to have 2-3 events this year to feed the community. A grant has been secured to help with some of the cost for the food events. There may be some music tied in with at least one of the events
- I am just sharing this here in my report. Provided I am still working at 1st UCC – Carlisle in the year 2033, I will not be working December 25, 2033 (which is the next time Christmas day falls on a Sunday). It is rather challenging to work on Christmas Day and not be with family. I am putting this down, so it is recorded.

Sabbatical:

Times talking about community, sacred community, building community, etc.

- December 18 – Sermon on community
- January 1 – Community incorporated into portion of sermon
- July 27–September 6 – Second round of sabbatical, different approach to event (first year, no connections in events, second year, will have previously set connections before community events)