



**STATED MEETING OF SESSION**  
**New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6 PM**  
**(Combined In-person and Zoom meeting)**

**Minutes**

Teaching Elders:		Pastor Eddie Spencer	P	Pastor Mike Jones	P
Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022	
David Carpenter	Z	Bill Ashton	EA	Steve Boutelle	P
Bill Enslin	P	Al Frees	P	Sheldon Church	P
Art Hunkins	P	Randy Hincks	P	Sean Ellis	P
Pat Mehaffie	P	Jeannie Martin	P	Jackie Elliott	P
Signe Pagel	P			Jerry Franz	Z
				Ken Seim	P
Ed Harger (Staff)	P	Chuck Knox (Treasurer)	P	Bob Welsh (Member)	P
				Quorum	Yes
P=Present, EA= Excused Absence, A= Absence, Z=Zoom					

1. Opening Prayer: Jerry F.
2. Clerk of Session Report:
  - a. **MSC (Al F/Sean E/Unanimous)** to approve the Session minutes for July 28th as presented. (See attached report).
  - b. **MSC (Pat M./Bill E/Unanimous)** to approve the Membership Statistical Report as presented. (See attached report)
  - c. **MSC (Dave C/Steve B/Unanimous)** to approve the following names as Commissioners to Presbytery (Oct 17th): Sheldon Church, Bill Enslin, Art Hunkins and Bob Welsh
  - d. **MSC (Jackie E./Bill A/Unanimous)** to approve the following names as Commissioners to GA (Sept 17<sup>th</sup>-18th): Sheldon Church, Bill Enslin, Art Hunkins and Bob Welsh
3. Strategic Planning Committee's Status Report (Pastor Mike): See attached report  
 Pastor Mike updated Session. The committee was formed and has gotten off to a good start.
4. Financial Ministry (Randy H/Chuck K). See attached Financial Reports:  
 Considering the Covid climate we are operating under; the Lord has blessed His ministry with faithful givers. The financial posture of NHP is good and all budgeted items have been paid. Starting in September, we will be back to paying both interest and principle on our mortgage.

5. Recommendation from the Nominating Committee for review and approval of the following: (See attached report)
  - a. **MSC (Signe P/Pat M/Unanimous)** to approve the following names as voting members of the Nominating Committee. They are:
    - Art Hunkins (Elder, Chairperson); Dave Carpenter (Elder- Vice Chair);
    - Steve Mckinnon (Deacon); Mindy Rutherford (Deacon);
    - Shannon Dardaman (Women's Ministry); Brian Kelley (Education)
  - b. After much discussion it was **MSC (Ken S/Jackie E/Unanimous)** to call a Congregational meeting on Sunday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am (between morning services)
  - c. **MSC (Art H/Sheldon C/Unanimous)** to provisional acceptance of Elder's and Deacons Handbooks with a final approval at next month's meeting
  
6. Status report on the Opening Up of our Facilities (Pastor Mike):

The opening up of the facilities for Early Childhood, Children's and Student Ministries, along with one Adult Wed evening class, will begin during Mid-September.
  
7. Other Council/Ministry Status Updates and/or Reports (See attached reports):
  - a. Youth and Student Ministries report: Zack Unkenholz
  - b. Children Ministries report: Debbie Norris
  - c. Early Childhood Ministries report: Pam Poland
  - d. Mission/Outreach Council Minutes: Jim Mayer
  - e. Deacon's Minutes: Jill Ritterbusch
  
8. Old Business:
  - a. Property Council (Tabled):

MSC () to approve the recommendation to build a Structural Patio for Rm 212  
See attached proposal.  
Note: proposal was made last month for this month's consideration.
  
9. New Business:
  - a. Establish a pool of potential preachers for Worship services (Pastor Mike).

Pastors Eddie/Mike will provide at the next month's Session meeting some names that could be called upon as back-up preachers in the event Pastors Eddie and Mike are unavailable.
  
10. Closing Prayer: Bill E.

Respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Eddie, Moderator  
Art Hunkins, Clerk of Session



## New Hope Presbyterian Church (EPC)

### RptMS01- Monthly Membership Statistics for: July 2020

<b>Active Membership as of the Beginning of Month</b>		<b>956</b>
New Members this Month	3	
<b>Membership (Unadjusted)</b>		<b>959</b>

<b>Membership Removals for the Month</b>		
Members Deceased this Month	0	
Members Transfer Out this Month	0	
Members- Session has Approved to Remove	0	
<b>Total Removals for this Month</b>		<b>0</b>

<b>** Total Active Members as of the End of Month</b>		<b>959 **</b>
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<b>Active Affiliates as of the Beginning of Month</b>		<b>32</b>
New Affiliates this Month	0	
<b>Affiliates (Unadjusted)</b>		<b>32</b>

<b>Affiliate Removals for the Month</b>		
Affiliates Deceased this Month	0	
Affiliates Transfer Out this Month	0	
Affiliates- Session has Approved to Remove	0	
<b>* Total Removals for this Month</b>		<b>0</b>

<b>** Total Active Affiliates as of the End of Month</b>		<b>32 **</b>
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**\*\*\* Total Active Membership: 991 \*\*\***



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## RPT09G- Adjustments to Membership (ELI)

For Month of: July 2020

Membership Dates  
Start            End

AA13	Eubanks, Jeffrey	Primary Con	7/5/2020	New Member this Month - Profession
AA13	Eubanks, Lori	Spouse	7/5/2020	New Member this Month - Profession
AA13	Pear, Thomas	Primary Con	7/27/2020	New Member this Month - Profession

\* Total Catg: 3

\*\* End of Report \*\*

Prepared by the Church Admin Office

## New Hope Presbyterian Church of SWFL, Inc.

## Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2020

08/18/20

Cash Basis

	Jul 31, 20
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
11001 · Busey Operating	232,554.70
11005 · Finemark Checking	239,121.73
11009 · Petty Cash	200.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>471,876.43</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>471,876.43</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
13003 · Office Equipment	49,011.94
13010 · Church Organ	736,149.04
13101 · Land Acquisition	2,451,549.32
14101 · Pre-Project Capital Costs	146,401.37
15101 · New Building Costs	7,754,368.97
19101 · Accumulated Depreciation	-72,739.56
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>11,064,741.08</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>11,536,617.51</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
22001 · Federal Tax Payables	377.22
22002 · FICA/Medicare Payables	-177.22
22101 · Retirement/IRA Payable	401.17
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>601.17</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>601.17</b>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
24001 · Capital Building Mortgage	390,493.45
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>390,493.45</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>391,094.62</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
30001 · General Fund	149,856.27
31001 · Amortized Capital Reserve Fund	50,000.00
31201 · Operational Contingency	4,868.00
31301 · Land/Facilities/Equip/Furnish	9,904,250.09
31302 · Organ Fund	736,149.04
31401 · Campus Debt Reduction Fund	16,804.30
32001 · Worship Fund	
32101 · Worship/Music Fund	3,286.99
32201 · Organ Maintenance Fund	16,531.64
32301 · Memorial Fund	3,309.10
<b>Total 32001 · Worship Fund</b>	<b>23,127.73</b>
33001 · Preschool Fund	199.63
34001 · Kid's Ministry Fund	
34101 · Kids Ministry General	6,902.83
34301 · Kids Special Projects/Events	104.92
34501 · Kids Camp KidJam	705.00
<b>Total 34001 · Kid's Ministry Fund</b>	<b>7,712.75</b>
35001 · Student Ministry Fund	
35101 · Student Ministry General	261.95
35201 · Student Events	1,351.32
35202 · Student Projects	268.35
35301 · Student Retreat	50.00
35402 · Student HS Trip	1,700.00

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35411 · Student Trip Scholarship	2,453.89
<b>Total 35001 · Student Ministry Fund</b>	<b>6,085.51</b>
36001 · Adult Class Funds	
36102 · Adult New Community Class	1,655.42
<b>Total 36001 · Adult Class Funds</b>	<b>1,655.42</b>
36201 · Womens Ministry Fund	
36211 · COF World Mission	2,099.53
36212 · COF Deborah Circle	311.38
36214 · COF Lois Circle	267.07
36215 · COF Rebekah Circle	818.00
36222 · Womens Mission	1,999.81
36231 · Womens Retreat Registrations	425.93
36232 · Womens Retreat Donations	229.43
<b>Total 36201 · Womens Ministry Fund</b>	<b>6,151.15</b>
36301 · MOPS Fund	
36311 · MOPS AM	6,073.65
36321 · MomsNext AM	2,530.00
36331 · Moms @ Night	1,727.86
<b>Total 36301 · MOPS Fund</b>	<b>10,331.51</b>
37001 · Missions Fund	
37121 · Local Brittany Apartments	1,789.68
37131 · Local Dunbar Booster Club	5,354.52
37171 · We Care	200.00
37301 · Supporting Ministry Fund	3,363.71
37321 · Supporting Mission Kid Care	375.00
37501 · Outreach Ministry Fund	4,349.28
37511 · Outreach ECHO	1,710.00
37521 · Outreach Edwards-New Intl	300.00
37700 · Mission Trips Fund	
37701 · Mission Trip DR 2020	159.50
<b>Total 37700 · Mission Trips Fund</b>	<b>159.50</b>
37711 · Mission Trips Scholarships	861.14
37801 · Mission Projects	43,662.95
<b>Total 37001 · Missions Fund</b>	<b>62,125.78</b>
38011 · Care & Compassion Fund	26,886.39
38201 · Single Moms Ministry	1,392.00
38601 · Seminary Scholarship Fund	3,744.80
38901 · Memorial Garden Perpetual Care	35,537.94
Net Income	98,644.58
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>11,145,522.89</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>11,536,617.51</b>

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**New Hope Presbyterian Church of SWFL, Inc.**  
**Session General Fund Financials vs Budget**  
**July 2020**

	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Annual Bud...</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>	143,971.60	143,058.60	100.6%	1,128,645.31	1,106,782.80	102.0%	1,981,161.00
<b>Gross Profit</b>	143,971.60	143,058.60	100.6%	1,128,645.31	1,106,782.80	102.0%	1,981,161.00
<b>Expense</b>							
62000 · Worship/Music	2,269.30	0.00	100.0%	17,413.02	23,600.00	73.8%	23,600.00
63000 · Christian Education	3,235.34	0.00	100.0%	35,799.76	91,900.00	39.0%	91,900.00
66800 · Hospitality/Fellowship	742.34	0.00	100.0%	6,654.00	11,550.00	57.6%	11,550.00
70000 · Missions & Outreach							
71000 · Local Outreach	123.57	0.00	100.0%	17,818.28	38,000.00	46.9%	38,000.00
73100 · Supporting Roles	7,750.00	0.00	100.0%	23,250.00	31,000.00	75.0%	31,000.00
75000 · Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.0%	52,250.00	104,500.00	50.0%	104,500.00
76000 · Missionary Care & Trips	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%	15,000.00
77001 · Administration	59.96	0.00	100.0%	59.96	1,500.00	4.0%	1,500.00
77011 · Mission General Spending	0.00	0.00	0.0%	1,739.58	5,000.00	34.8%	5,000.00
77021 · Mission Events	0.00	0.00	0.0%	822.28	5,000.00	16.4%	5,000.00
<b>Total 70000 · Missions &amp; Outreach</b>	7,933.53	0.00	100.0%	95,940.10	200,000.00	48.0%	200,000.00
78100 · Care Ministries	2,083.34	0.00	100.0%	15,221.39	29,500.00	51.6%	29,500.00
78500 · Deacons	55.00	0.00	100.0%	858.00	3,050.00	28.1%	3,050.00
79000 · EPC Support	2,833.34	0.00	100.0%	20,625.96	38,000.00	54.3%	38,000.00
88000 · Facilities & Campus	15,894.42	0.00	100.0%	87,178.73	188,070.00	46.4%	188,070.00
88500 · Administration	25,909.32	0.00	100.0%	75,624.22	135,890.00	55.7%	135,890.00
89001 · Mortgage Principal and Interest	867.44	0.00	100.0%	72,197.88	168,000.00	43.0%	168,000.00
90000 · Personnel	91,848.82	0.00	100.0%	611,205.59	1,091,601.00	56.0%	1,091,601.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	153,672.19	0.00	100.0%	1,038,718.65	1,981,161.00	52.4%	1,981,161.00
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-9,700.59	143,058.60	-6.8%	89,926.66	-874,378.20	-10.3%	0.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-9,700.59</b>	<b>143,058.60</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>	<b>89,926.66</b>	<b>-874,378.20</b>	<b>-10.3%</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**New Hope Presbyterian Church of SWFL, Inc.**  
**Session Restricted: Transactions**  
 July 2020

	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
42000 · Worship	
42031 · Memorial Gift	1,030.00
42131 · Music General	1,000.00
	2,030.00
<b>Total 42000 · Worship</b>	<b>2,030.00</b>
44100 · Kids Ministry	
44381 · Camp KidJam	705.00
	705.00
<b>Total 44100 · Kids Ministry</b>	<b>705.00</b>
46400 · MOPS Funds Income	
46401 · MOPS	456.70
46411 · MomsNext	31.96
	488.66
<b>Total 46400 · MOPS Funds Income</b>	<b>488.66</b>
49101 · Building Fund Pledge	3,527.60
51000 · Missions	
51100 · Local Missions Income	
51011 · Colonial Elementary	123.57
	123.57
<b>Total 51100 · Local Missions Income</b>	<b>123.57</b>
57000 · Missions Misc	
57011 · Missions General Income	150.00
	150.00
<b>Total 57000 · Missions Misc</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Total 51000 · Missions</b>	<b>273.57</b>
58100 · Caring Ministries	
58101 · Care & Compassion	1,870.00
	1,870.00
<b>Total 58100 · Caring Ministries</b>	<b>1,870.00</b>
58601 · Seminary Scholarship Income	3,440.40
	3,440.40
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>12,335.23</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>12,335.23</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
62000 · Worship/Music	
62001 · Worship Administration	
62131 · Worship Discretionary Funds	353.99
	353.99
<b>Total 62001 · Worship Administration</b>	<b>353.99</b>
<b>Total 62000 · Worship/Music</b>	<b>353.99</b>
63000 · Christian Education	
66400 · MOPS/MomsNext/MomsPM	
66401 · MOPS	204.65
	204.65
<b>Total 66400 · MOPS/MomsNext/MomsPM</b>	<b>204.65</b>
<b>Total 63000 · Christian Education</b>	<b>204.65</b>
70000 · Missions & Outreach	
71000 · Local Outreach	
71011 · Colonial Elementary	123.57
71091 · Local Discretionary Expenses	468.26
	591.83
<b>Total 71000 · Local Outreach</b>	<b>591.83</b>
77011 · Mission General Spending	75.00
	75.00
<b>Total 70000 · Missions &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>666.83</b>
78100 · Care Ministries	



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**Session Restricted: Transactions**  
July 2020

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	<u>TOTAL</u>
78101 · Care and Compassion	<u>6,019.20</u>
Total 78100 · Care Ministries	<u>6,019.20</u>
Total Expense	<u>7,244.67</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>5,090.56</u>
Net Income	<u><u>5,090.56</u></u>

August 20, 2020

From: Strategic Planning Team

To: Session

RE: Monthly Report

The Strategic planning team has met three times via Zoom. The team members are Sheldon Church, Bill Enslen, Sean Ellis, Jerry Franz, Ashley Kelly, Michelle Myers and Pastor Mike.

Building on the Auxano teams work of articulating New Hope's values and mission, we are asking "what does 'Living out the Gospel together' look like in a COVID-19 and post COVID-19 world?" We are framing our strategies based on the best case/worst case scenarios. Best case; we return to a "better normal" in which we move from our aspirational goals of community building and passionately living out our values to a strategic plan to reach them. Our "worst case" scenario planning takes into account strategies to gather in smaller, safe environments and care for one another and our neighbors while maintaining strong connections to the ministry and family of New Hope EPC. We so appreciate your prayers as we embrace this important work.

**Minutes for Mission Council Meeting  
June 8, 2020**

**Members Present:** Bill Ashton, Robin Flanagan, Art Hunkins, Bonnie Hunkins, Pam LaRiviere and Jim Mayer

**Members Absent:** Jim LaRue, Olivia Myers, Ken Seim, Veronica Towe and Bob White

The meeting was called to order by Jim Mayer at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Jim Mayer opened with prayer and then gave the devotional on fourth chapter in *Across the Street and Around the World* which talked about cultivating cross-cultural disciples.

The minutes for the May meeting were approved as written by a motion made by Art Hunkins, seconded by Robin Flanagan and unanimously approved by the council.

**Old Business:**

- a. The Mission Council Monthly Financial Review was given by Jim Mayer.
- b. We will be continuing to make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for We Care.
- c. The liaison contacts for the month were reviewed (see attachment).
- d. The Celebration of Colonial 5<sup>th</sup> Graders was held Wednesday, June 3.
- e. Jim LaRue will be in contact with someone to follow up on possible needs of farm people in Immokalee.
- f. Jim Mayer read the thank you cards received Kevin & Andrea Erwin, Young Life, Teen Challenge, BJ & Chris Diggins and the Weinmann's.
- g. The Council agreed that Lifeline's need to replace their commercial freezer could use funds from the \$25,000 returned from Next Level. The Council will decide about this once we find out what the freezer will cost. Jim asked members to check with their liasons about needs.

**New Business:**

- a. Jim Mayer asked Pastor Mike Jones for a list of church planting for Mission Council to at least put on prayer list.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2020, at 6:00 pm. Robin Flanagan will give the opening prayer and lead the devotional.

The closing prayer was given by Jim Mayer and the meeting was closed at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Hunkins

August 16, 2020

From: Zack Unkenholz

To: Session

RE: Student Ministry Report: July/August

- Zack is in the process of reaching out to every student in our ministry via texts/calls/zoom and in-person meet-ups.
- Zack put together a survey that was sent to all students asking questions to determine who would be attending in the fall and what topics the students want lesson series on. 45 students responded and we have received fantastic feedback.
- Zack has sent emails and has posted to Youtube, Facebook, and Instagram with Student Ministry updates on a weekly basis.
- Since Jordan left, Zack has done 1 prayer gathering, 1 local mission project, 6 zoom game nights and 4 picnics in front of the church.
- Zack has updated Eli with new student information and has updated the current small groups, including leader changes.
- Zack and Jenna have put together mail packages for every student with a "welcome back" letter, information on safety guidelines, a 2020 student ministry calendar and more.
- Zack has put together a calendar for the rest of 2020 with the help of the Student Ministry Council.
- Zack and 8 students to help Jim Mayer put together 120 bags of supplies for one of our local mission partners.
- Over the last 3 months, 7 of our small group leaders have decided to finish their time Student Ministry due to Covid-19. Over the course of the last 2 months, Zack has been able to recruit new leaders to fill the roster.

It has been a wild month for sure, but I can confidently say that we are ready to begin Student Ministry in-person again on September 16th. I have attached the Student Ministry guidelines to this email.

# THE PLAN FOR STUDENT MINISTRY

## NEW HOPE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Student Ministry's weekly Common Ground meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 16th. We will open up to all students that are willing to come. The night has been carefully structured to best serve our students and our ministry while providing a level of flexibility in this time of Covid-19.

### GUIDELINES

We will be following CDC guidelines as well as the guidelines the Lee County School System is following.

- Masks will be required while inside at all times.
- Masks will only be required outside for certain games. While masks are not required outside, they will be highly recommended.
- We expect everyone to maintain a safe social distance of six feet (6ft) at all times.
- Hand sanitizer must be used before entering and after leaving the church buildings. Hand sanitizer will also be required during and after games that require students to touch the same object (ex. a ball, water gun, etc.)
- Parents will pick-up and drop off behind the building by the field. Signs will indicate where the drop-off location is. Students who drive will be asked to park in front of the church sanctuary.
- Only students and leaders will be permitted to enter the building. Everyone must enter through the back door of Room 212 (the Student Ministry Room).
- Room 212 will be used for lessons. If we are over the fifty (50) person capacity (unable to seat students without breaking social distancing guidelines), we will split the group into high school and middle school. Middle school will stay in Room 212 and High school will move to Room 216 (Children's Ministry Room).
- The maintenance team will be made aware of every room we will be using to clean rooms once they are no longer in use.
- We will not be allowing food or beverages within the building, as students would need to take off their masks to eat and drink.

### SCHEDULE

- We will begin at 6:30pm with a game outside on the lawn.
- At 7:00 we will finish the game and break for snacks/bathroom use.
- The lesson will begin at 7:10.
- At 7:30 we will break into small groups. Students will be released with their groups one at a time to avoid large amounts of people walking in close proximity in the hallways.
- We officially finish Common Ground at 8pm.
- If anyone wishes to stay longer or needs to wait for parents, students and leaders will go outside to allow everyone to talk at a social distance and give the maintenance team time to clean.

## **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT OUTSIDE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

- Students who are unable to attend Wednesday night Common Ground will be welcome to join a "Large Small Group" over Zoom on Thursday nights. This will include a game and small group time. It will be open to students of both genders and all ages. This will be led by Zack Unkenholz.
- Small Group Leaders will be expected to connect with their students periodically through Zoom, phone call or in person. If Small group Leaders plan to meet with a student, they are expected to meet with students in a public place or with the parent/s or guardian/s of the student nearby.
- Students will be invited to join Zack on Sundays at 10:30am to mingle outside before the 11am contemporary worship service. Students would then be invited to join Zack inside for the service. Students are welcome to stay after the service and talk outside on the lawn in front of the sanctuary.
- Zoom game nights will happen periodically and other in-person events are scheduled throughout the year for students to meet together, grow in their faith and have fun.
- Opportunities to serve locally will take place periodically.

## **IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE**

- Zack will alert the Session, as well as Eddie Spencer and Mike Jones, that someone with Covid-19 was in attendance at a Student Ministry event.
- Eddie and/or Mike will make an announcement to all faculty, attendees, etc. via email and other forms of communication deemed fit to make the church family aware.
- The session will decide what to do in response in order to protect others from being infected (ex. postpone student activities, close the building, etc.)
- If Student Ministry is unable to meet in-person, Zack will continue Student Ministry via Youtube on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm with pre-recorded lessons, questions and activities.
- Anyone with questions will have the opportunity to talk with Zack over the phone or through Zoom.
- If Student Ministry discontinues on-campus meetings due to a Covid-19 case, it is recommended by the CDC to keep doors closed for two weeks. The session will ultimately decide when Student Ministry will re-open in the building.

August 24, 2020

**Deacons present** – Sue Bova, Chris Bundschu, Al Cason, David Childs, Judy Clarke, Mark Dillehay, Doug Keno, Steve McKinnon, Karen Pultz, Sandra Raak, Jill Ritterbusch, Emily Reese, Mindy Rutherford, Alan Staffon

**Unable to attend** – Linda Daniels, Candy Engleman, Christine Glatz, Pam LaRiviere, Marlys Norve, Kathy Orkowski

Moderator, Doug Keno, opened the meeting with prayer. He also thanked the deacons for being at the meeting. A happy July birthday was wished to Chris Bundschu and to Steve McKinnon, Sue Bova, and Linda Daniels who celebrate birthdays in August.

The church opening has been going smoothly while following the guidelines for everyone's safety. This past Sunday, August 23, attendance at the 9 am service was 140 and at 11 am service 90.

Minutes approval - The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report – No new expenses this last month. The Deacons have a \$3000 budget for 2020 and have spent \$558.

### Book Discussion – Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts

Chapter 7 in our book is on the gift of giving and Steve McKinnon lead a review of this chapter. We as deacons give of our money, time, talents and energy. There are 3 general statements about giving: 1. We are to give regardless of our situation in life; 2. All of us are commanded to give, and to do so with liberality; and 3. Giving is not limited to money.

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6

Several characteristics of the gift of giving are:

1. The person with the gift of giving has a desire to give quietly, not calling attention to himself.

2. The person with the gift of giving is usually eager to motivate others to give.
3. The person with the gift of giving rejoices when his giving is an answer to someone else's prayers.
4. The person with the gift of giving relies upon the wise counsel of his spouse.
5. Persons with the gift of giving take joy in being part of the ministry of the person to whom they have given.

Jesus is our role model for giving. He gave his life on the cross for us.

The person who has the gift of giving is a blessing to others in the body of Christ.

### Old Business

Continue to mail encouragement cards to those on our lists. If you know of someone who should be added to the list, please let Doug know.

There are cards in your deacon mailbox for you to use.

Joel Sill's memorial service was postponed from July to possibly November.

### New Business

Pastor Mike Jones communicated to Doug there is a committee to investigate how to maintain community in our church, especially during times like we have been experiencing. Any ideas please let Mike know.

### Nominating committee

Mindy Rutherford and Steve McKinnon are on the nominating committee for new deacons and elders.

### We Care

Mindy thanked those deacons who provided the spaghetti lasagna for We Care. It was liked so much that we will make the casserole again on September 11. Mindy will be sending out an email asking for volunteers.

Mindy will check with Jim Mayer on how else we might be able to serve and fill needs for the We Care ministry.



### Calling Lists

Pastor Eddie would like church members to be called. Doug gave calling lists to deacons who will get in touch with these people. If there are any special needs, deacons will report back to Eddie.

### Property Council

New projectors have been ordered for room 212.

The church is looking for a new facilities person to replace Sue Hall who has retired. If you know of someone who would like to fill this position please let the church office know.

Mindy Rutherford closed the meeting in prayer.

The next deacon meeting will be September 28.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Ritterbusch

July 27, 2020

From: Property Council

To: Session

RE: Structural patio covering for Room 212

Recommendation to consider putting up a sustainable structural patio covering for 212.  
Estimate cost is c. \$35,000.

See line item (highlighted in Yellow) on the attached "List of Projects and Needs" from the Property Council which was submitted to Session on June 12, 2019.