

Program Council Zoom Meeting Date 5/5/25 7-7:43pm
(Aka Shared Ministry Team 2.0)

Worship-Ben Campbell – The Worship Committee is reconstituting with new members, discussing policies and procedures, still figuring out what and how to delegate, potential for a chair. Getting speakers is an “all hands on deck” thing, so please let the worship committee know about speaker possibilities. The committee has discussed Action Sundays, especially the effect on first time visitors, and the possibility of Wednesday night Zoom vesper services

Webmaster-Pat Geary

Pat is waiting for updates from Social Justice and CRE. (Kim sent a link in Chat for her update)

Tech- Kim

Still searching for a new “Sunday Hot Seat” Tech person. Kim has sent several suggestions to Rich, hoping they show interest.

Social Justice – Wendy Wintermute

Thanks to Buildings and Grounds for moving the big tables; the committee would like to use the blackboard for their new poster, and potentially some chalk, so that members can show all the organizations and projects they are already involved in, and encourage others to join them. They need photos of activities; please send them. There are lots of events currently; Wendy is keeping a calendar, and forwarding notifications to Tom. These include a Summit this Saturday, and a lunchtime gathering every Thursday “with or without Ben Cline”, from 12-1:30

Music- (Dee)

Music storage cabinet looks great- Thanks for ordering, Tom!

Choir practices 1st and 3rd Thursdays, with summer break June-August. New members welcome.

Minister – Rev Janet Onnie

Just moved to Asheville this past weekend; they are beginning to get settled. (The cat is doing great). She has been writing the Monday musings, will be here the next 2 Sundays, and is available for anything HUU needs in the week between. At the Board’s request, she has been putting out feelers for new ministers. The UUA process is tedious and time-consuming, and HUU has a lot of work to do towards that.

Membership- David Lane

Greeters are perfecting their game, and enjoying it! Last Sunday, there were 78 people at church, 7 were visitors. Over the last 3 months, there have been 4 visitors every Sunday. They are friendly, stay and chat. 10:20-10:30 is hectic, but the greeters are able to help visitors make badges and find a seat, and still chat with them. Tom asked David to look at the “Welcome to HUU” message he sends out after visitors first come, and make any suggestions that are needed. David has approached people about joining, and several are getting close, but can’t be hurried.

Covenant Groups have been meeting regularly.

Hospitality- Cathy Gardner – The annual schedule is still working well; Cathy just sent a reminder. Even with an occasional hiccup, the bins under the kitchen table keep snack options ready. She is planning towards more substantial refreshments for the Annual Meeting Sunday.

Finance- Rich is wrapping up the pledges and budget in preparation for the annual meeting.

Events-(Amy sent in a report beforehand, which is the announcement and ad):

Join us May 31st for a picnic/potluck and carnival games behind HUU.

We will provide burgers, dogs, veggie burgers, and lemonade. Folks can bring side dishes to share.

And we'll have fun carnival games for everyone, including prizes for kids

CRE- Kim & Sandy have had several long phone calls, and are committed to consistency and support as we overlap and transition to Kim's leadership. Kim has reorganized the CRE page for the website, and is attending the Safe Congregation workshop this Saturday, also notifying any other CRE volunteers. We briefly touched on the need for permission for any photos that are posted or printed at HUU, especially the kids. Kim is the go-to person for that.

Sandy did get a soccer goal, Kim has organized the July campout at Sherando Lake
Sandy offered a bell song by the CRE kids for the annual meeting.
She mentioned planting the big planter behind the CRE building.

Caring Circle – Martha Sider –

Lots of folks reached out after Molly Muldoon's surgery and caring circle notice. We should be seeing her and the kids back soon.

Barbara was very helpful by responding to a call from a friend of the congregation who has been struggling with long-term illness and difficult family issues.

Martha is working on a memorial plaque for Sherry Thrasher.

Buildings and Grounds- Rich and Grayson

Paint colors have been chosen, and Committee members are planning to paint the front wall in the sanctuary and the kitchen.

Bill continues to repair the bell tower. Pete continues with the arboretum. Mowing season has begun.

Board – Sandy Greene

The Board meets second Sundays after church.

Our annual meeting will be the last Sunday in May. We'll celebrate the year, vote on the budget and new Board Nominees: Sarah Cheverton, Lee Anna Farrell, Treasurer Grayson Sless have agreed to serve. We will recognize and thank our staff and volunteers. The congregation will also vote on two Bylaws changes relating to term limits. Rich will send the Congregational notice on May 13th.

We have reached out once more, and put Kim in contact with preschool teacher Cierra Harold, but have not heard back about the possibility of renting the room in the CRE building for weekdays during next school year.

Personnel: We are still searching for a new Sunday tech person.

Administrator- Tom Hook – He has been dealing with hackers from all over the world that are trying to get through the embedded newsletter invitation on the website. Pat has taken away that embedded link to stop that.

For the CRE notice he sent out today (which has not been delivered yet), Google sometimes puts a hold on a message with a cut & paste portion, to ensure it is deliberate. He and Pat are following up, so that goes out to members and friends as intended.

These informal notes are sent to participants to be sure they are accurately reported. Please let Sandy know if they need corrections. They will be posted on the HUU Website by Tom and Pat 3 days after they are sent out. If you mention dates, the calendar will also be updated and shared. I will also be sharing these notes with the Board at our next meeting.

Next Program Council meeting: Zoom the next first Monday, June 2nd at 7. Our Zoom link will be the same each month, but I'll send a reminder. If you can't come, please send an update or committee member. Thanks everyone – you are the heart of HUU!

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