

Rush UMC Leadership Ministry Team Minutes: 4/11/24

Present: Kelly Barrett, Jan Funkhauser, Geoff Furman, Cindy Gray, Dan Kingsley, Michelle Prok, Steve Williams, Pastor Todd Goddard

Absent: Lisa Shingleton

Meeting called to order by Steve Williams

**Loving**: Updates on Don Barrett, Bob Faugh, and Ray Smith. Joys and concerns shared. Prayer from Pastor Todd

**Learning**: Dealing with Conflict.

### **Leading**

**Nominations of Personnel**: Michelle Prok made a motion to appoint Jan Funkhauser to Leadership Ministries Team and to chair SPRC. Motion seconded by Dan Kingsley, and approved unanimously. Jan welcomed to the team!

### **SPRC**

- Pastor Todd having right total knee replacement 4/16/24. Rev. Padraic Collins-Bohrer will provide worship coverage 4/21 and 4/28.
- Pastor Todd's retirement is effective 6/30, last Sunday is 6/16 (per Bishop's directive). Pastor Meg Vosburgh will provide worship leadership and pastoral care until new pastor, Kyle Roehrig, begins 7/1.
- Plans being made to welcome Pastor Kyle and his family
- Request made to look into offering child care during worship. Finance will look into whether funds are available. SPRC will need to create a job description.

### **Status of existing Ministry Action Plans (MAP)**

- Capital Stewardship Drive: Michelle reported that she is looking for ideas to present stewardship information to congregation, both for Capital Stewardship (currently in progress) and General Budget.
- Nurture, Outreach, and Witness: Cindy reported that Nurture is currently working to update Membership List. Both St. Patrick's Day Putt-Putt Party and Eclipse Bash were well attended and enjoyed.
- Intentional Discipleship: Cindy reported that a draft plan has been written and is currently being finalized. Will be presented to Leadership for approval, then to congregation.

**New Ministry Action Plans**: None at present

**Ministry Assessment**: Steve reported that meetings with the D.S. are going well, and the next meeting is set for 4/22.

**Finance and Administration**: Michelle reported that the Finance team will be working on ways to improve the way the budget is reported. Also reviewing Endowment funds to update information. Looking for additional, "knowledgeable" members for the Endowment Committee.

**Trustees**: Cindy reported that the trustees are working on a large variety of projects currently, both Capital projects and general maintenance projects. HVAC replacement in progress, as well as re-upholstery of sanctuary chairs. Geoff reported that he is working with Rob on drainage issues and getting estimates for

parking lot improvements. PromiseLand is gathering estimates for fence replacement, so new toddler playground can move forward.

Worship: Steve reported that he is looking to revamp the electronics in the sanctuary. He plans to request funding from Endowment committee. Attendance at Easter service was great, partially due to baptism.

Children, Youth, Families: Todd reminded us that C.Y.F. volunteers need to update the background check forms regularly. Suggested that we find a volunteer to coordinate maintaining those forms, to reduce extra work on Barb. Safe Sanctuary training scheduled for 4/13 at the church – in person training. VBS planned for 7/26-27/24. PromiseLand's Staff Appreciation Week scheduled for 5/6-10. People are encouraged to write messages of support to staff on star cut-outs, as the week's theme is "You're a Star!"

Baptisms: Cataleya Rose Martin (3/10/24), Francesca Marie Aquino and Michael Robin Aquino (3/31/24)

Reception of New Member: Paula Frank (3/31/24)

#### Missions:

- All shut-ins are assigned a sponsor.
- Deaths: John David, John Funkhauser, Meg Kinnally, Judy Benson, Craig Crowell
- Rush – Henrietta Town / School District / Communities of Faith: Diversity Fair, 6/8/24, 3-5:30pm, at the Henrietta Town Recreation Department. Looking for volunteer to head up organizing an informational, hospitality booth.

Endowment: Endowment fund was approached for funds to help families with 2024 Summer Church Camp assistance. Funding was approved.

#### Denomination (Todd)

- UMC Annual Conference of Upper New York (May 30 – June 1, 2024)
  - May 31 there will be a celebration of retirees, which will include Pastor Todd.
- UMC General Conference (April 23 – May 3, 2024, Charlotte NC)  
For more information – <https://www.umc.org/en/content/the-expectations-for-general-conference-2024-gaf>
- Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church (July 8-12, 2024, Pittsburgh PA)  
For more information – <https://www.nejumc.org/>
- Mentor for Enoch Renzhza

#### Genesee Area Campus Ministries (Todd)

- GACM has expanded to include both the University of Rochester and Rochester Institute of Technology  
For more information – <https://geneseeareacampusministries.org/>

#### Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency (FLACRA) (Todd, vice chair)

<https://www.flacra.org/>

Personal (Todd): My retirement video, submitted to the Upper New York Annual Conference:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/M8xmyoMxeNMyJXZF7>

Motion made to adjourn (Cindy), seconded (Dan). Meeting adjourned.