

Helping Our Community, One Family at a Time

February 1, 2022

Thanks

Dear Pastor Won-yn,
Thank you for being so kind and generous. Your thoughtful ways mean so much to this old lady. May God lay an abundance of blessings on you. Again, many thanks.
Sincerely,
Wanda Spira

29 November 2021

Greetings!
My husband and I were good and cold tonight. We had marched in the Christmas parade, but prior to that had gotten chilled waiting for our turn in the parade. As we walked back along the parade route your hot chocolate was a real blessing. Thank you!
Merry Christmas! Mary Seay

In Grateful Appreciation

Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Thank you so much for the flowers and the kind words at this time with the passing of my father. God bless you all!
John B Myers, II

Dear Central UMC,
We want to thank your volunteers for the Advent Bag lunches they prepared. The Chicken soup was delicious! Best wishes to everyone for a safe and peaceful holiday season.
Merry Christmas!
Thank Bob Rinda, St. John's UMC

A THOUSAND THANKS
(SHAKESPEARE)

Dear Pastor Un, Connie, and Miss Millie,
Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity during our stay at Central United Methodist Church. Your hospitality as well as your passion for Staunton has made our trip so special. Thank you so much for the delicious lunches, dinners, and desserts. While we are sad that our trip here has ended, we cannot thank you enough for being such a big part in making this week so special. Staunton now holds a special place in our hearts and we have you to thank.
With Love,
Isabella, Michael, Kaitlyn, Manny, Tori, Molly, Sofia, Avery, Adam, Luke
P.S. Thank you for going out of your way and cooking such wonderful vegetarian meals.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

3 Sara Melton	16 Jenny Pickett
4 Linda Dinsmore	25 Wanda True
12 Diane Un	26 Ann Hill
13 Candy Nicoll	26 Ken Beals
15 James Clem	29 Russell Fitzgerald

The Central Connection

2022 March-Newsletter

March 2022 Council Minutes

The Church Council meeting of Central UMC was called to order by Chairperson Tom Davis at 7:10 pm on March 22, 2022. Due to COVID-19, Council met electronically via Zoom. A devotional was presented by Tom Davis. Those present included Connie Davis, Tom Davis, Mary Douglas, Ed Pickett, John Myers, Sandra Clemmer, Joe Hill, Lynn Hill, Caroline Jones, Mike Melton, Beverly Coltrane, Ron Shelton, and Pastor Won.

Council Committee Reports

Lay Leader: No report.

Staff Parish: John Myers reported the SPRC met last Tuesday, March 15. Karen Richardson has been reinstated as our office secretary and is currently working Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30 – 2:00.

Finance: Joe Hill reported the Finance Committee met on March 22, 2022 and discussed the following items:

The Committee received the February 2022 Statement of Financial Position Report which showed that Central ended the month in a relatively strong financial position. The General Fund ended February with a balance of \$11,969.08.

The Committee received the February 2022 Statement of Activities Report which showed that the total income for the month was \$26,975.21 which included a check from Brotherhood Mutual for \$9,777.00 for our insurance claim on the damaged exterior awning. The expenses for February 2022 were \$24,561.86.

The Committee received the Endowment Report for March 2022 as shown below.

The Committee was informed of a substantial gift to CUMC made by a current member of Central, Dr. Bob Hanson.

Because of this substantial gift and due to an inquiry for another member, the Finance Committee recommended to Council that we set aside \$20,000 to establish a scholarship fund (“Dr. Hanson Scholarship Fund”) for Central Youth who attend college and name

Dr. Hanson. Council also recommended that the award be a one-time \$500 scholarship per recipient. Council is recommended that the Finance Committee would serve as a Scholarship Committee for the future and would establish rules for eligibility for and distribution of the scholarship. Council unanimously approved all of the above recommendations.

Finance plans to have an Easter Offering this year and requested that Council establish the cause that this offering would be dedicated to. Council unanimously approved that these funds should go to the UMCOR fund designed for the Ukraine.

Endowment: Tom Davis reported the following data from the church’s investments: The General Endowment as of March 21 was \$951,672.16, down from the December 31 value of \$1,014,401.02. The Apportionment Schwab account as of March 21 was \$193,776.51 down from the December 31 value of \$207,578.14. The Housing Allowance Schwab account was of March 21 was \$489,213.09, down from the December 31 value of \$504,907.74.

Trustees: Ron Shelton reported that he sought a maintenance contract for our heating and air conditioning systems from Marston and Michael but the company does not offer such a contract. He will continue to seek a contract from another vendor. Ron reported that Bill Bushman met with a representative from Stoneburner in Harrisonburg about replacing the awning in the lower parking lot. They will be providing a quote for the awning.

Nurture/Witness: Beverly Coltrane reported the Nurture Committee is considering some sort of Easter treat for our VIPs. They continue to send out birthday cards. Pastor Won suggested that the Nurture Committee check with Millie Brown for treats for the VIP’s.

Choir/Music: No report. Several Council members commented on how beautiful our music has been during Sunday morning worship services lately.

Outreach: Connie Davis reported that the Soup Ministry and Coffee Ministry on Saturdays will end this coming Saturday, March 26. She thanked all those who have provided home-made soup. Connie reported that GO Pantry is a work in

progress. She thanked those who have packed and driven the food to the clients. She also was thankful for those who entered the data for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Approximately 12-15 clients are being served on the first and third Thursday of each month and occasionally on Saturday. Connie reported that Trinity Noon Lunch has smaller numbers than before COVID-19 and now average around 17-20 clients. She and Won will meet with a representative from Trinity to discuss the lunch program's future. Caroline Jones reported that Food Pantry is going very well. They are in the process of completing the agency capacity fund application. This year our request is smaller than last year's where we requested the refrigerated van. In our report to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank we reported an average of 81 unique individuals served, each one receiving an average of 60 pounds of food. Caroline reported that the Food Bank has not had much frozen meat lately and was thankful that Food Lion had been able to provide some. Won reported that a grant overseer had requested that we receive three quotes for a cargo van. We did receive and submit the quotes. It is possible that the van could be purchased by this coming fall. Connie added that we were happy to host the Boston students who stayed at Central and worked for Habitat for Humanity while in Staunton.

Children and Youth: Mary Douglas reported the nursery is available when there are children present.

UMW: Caroline Jones reported that the United Methodist Women have been renamed United Women in Faith. Central will be hosting a district prayer breakfast on April 2. Breakfast is going to be provided by Millie, Connie, and Sandra. The theme is "Joy."

UMM: John Myers reported that the UMM are planning a meeting sometime in April.

At Large: Michael Melton reported he will be installing security cameras inside Central this coming week. Caroline complimented Mike for the new lights on the first floor. Sandra Clemmer asked where the lilies were being provided for Easter. Won replied that Milmont is the provider.

Pastor: Pastor Won reported:

Jeff Kizer from Calvary Methodist Church wants to have a mission team trip this coming fall.

Lenten Luncheons are ongoing. Won reported that Palm Sunday on April 10 we will join Trinity for the palm parade around downtown Staunton.

April 14 we will have a Maundy Thursday service at 7PM.

April 17 the sunrise service is at 6:30 at St. Paul's UMC followed by a breakfast there. We will also have a reception at CUMC after the 1:00 morning worship services.

Won shared an organizational diagram for Central.

Ken Beals was originally elected as Chair of Central's SPRC. He discovered that as a retired UMC Pastor, he is not actually a local church member; he, like other pastors, are members of the Conference. As such, he cannot serve on our SPRC.

A new doorbell is being installed outside the main door at Central which will enable us to secure the main door during services. Alonzo Taylor has been very helpful in helping secure our sanctuary during church.

On May 29 we will have a pig roast with the pig donated by Alonzo Taylor. On this Sunday, Joe Klotz is going to be our guest minister.

Daily+ bread is being picked up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Kroger. Perhaps in the future we will receive other groceries.

On Wednesdays and Fridays we receive food from SACRA.

First Presbyterian Church is looking into partnering with us on GO Pantry to serve residents of the Hilltop apartments.

Central is now officially certified by Church World Service to help Afghani families like the Edris family. This family was given various items from Central members including furniture. This family has found employment and is doing OK.

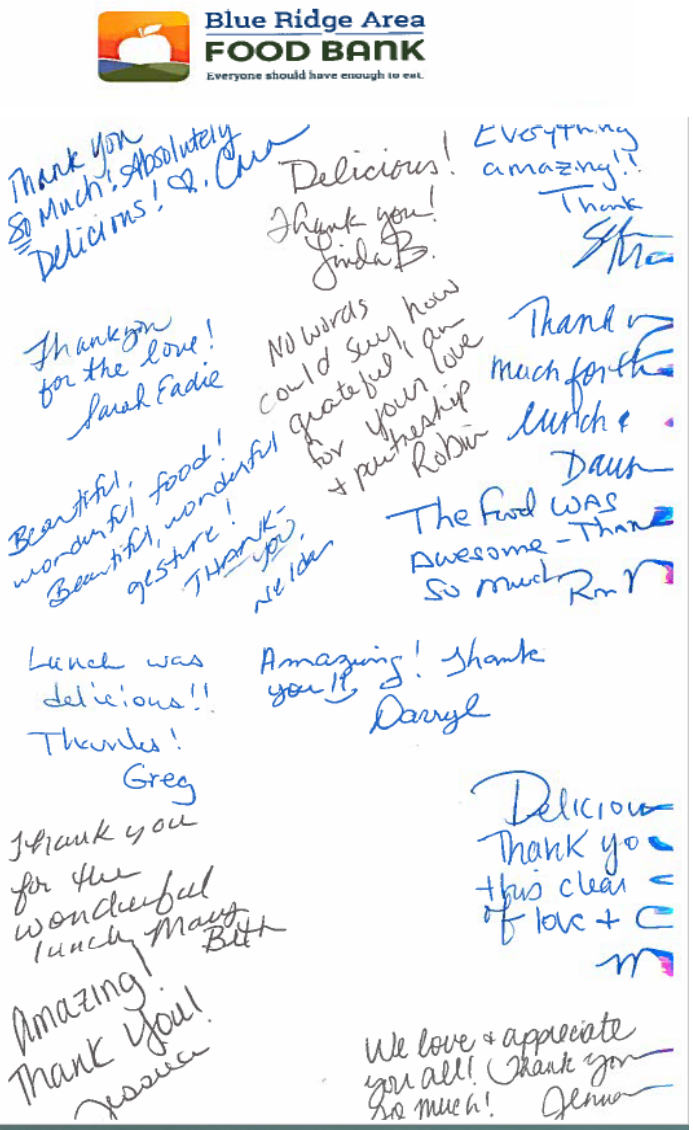
Won is working with a person on assisting refugees in the area by collecting furniture. He has made arrangements with Habitat for Humanity to store furniture in one of their warehouses.

Won reported that 2/3 of those in attendance last Sunday voted to remove the mask mandate but 1/3 still requested masks so we will continue to require masks for the time being.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 26. Tentatively this meeting will be in-person with a Zoom option. Devotions will be provided by John Myers. The meeting closed at 8:32 with the Lord's Prayer led by Caroline Jones.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joe Hill, Council Secretary



Mrs. Cecil B. DePriest

Mom dictated this note for me to write. Her hands are so shaky + arthritic.
Martha

February 3, 2022

Dear Won,
I so appreciate the beautiful flowers, soup, bread, & cookies that you, Millie, and my church family sent to me for my birthday. Although it's hard for me to get out, knowing that my church family is thinking of me means so much.
Thanks to each of you.
Bless my Central family.
Love
Thelma



DEAR PASTOR WON & CENTRAL UMC STAFF -

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HOSTING AND FEEDING OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS FROM BOSTON CONF. Your GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT IS VITAL TO OUR MISSION OF PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. - Plus, BC HAS A GREAT TIME! AND (AS ALWAYS), THANKS FOR THE KIMCHI!

Love,
Jim Brown & Lance
STAUNTON AREA WAYNEBROS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

