

Report from the January 25 Ad Council Meeting

The Ch Rho singers will hold a concert here at First Church on Thursday, March 22. It starts at 7:00 PM.

A very special thanks to Hanover Architectural Products for donating everything needed to install the Paver Garden.

Old Business: 1) The Van Committee reported back that there is a need for a "bus" that can carry up to 15 people. It will be a used one. A motion was made and passed to raise money for the bus, to inform the congregation about it and to raise at least \$15,000, and the endowment fund's interest income will match that. 2) Pat Gerken thanked the trustees for all their work and support in adding a hand washing sink in the kitchen.

New Business: Joyful Noise Preschool was giving approval to start a 5 year old class.

Finance: 1) We ended the year \$1,025.00 net income ahead of where we needed to be. December was a good month for us. 2) A big thank you to each committee and committee chair for being good stewards! 3) We might be able to pay off our conference loan this year if we continue receiving money at the same rate we have been. 4) The church's audit is being done once again by Stambaugh & Ness.

Worship: 1) There will be communion on February 5th at the 8:00 service and February 25 & 26 at the other services. 2) The Worship Committee would like someone or some group to organize the Christmas decorating for the coming year. If you're interested, please let Pat Gerken or Sally Stroberg know. 3) The Bella Vioxx will present a concert here on April 22.

Missions: 1) After meeting all commitments, Missions was able to provide additional support to 10 organizations. 2) The Least of These Ministries received \$1,955 from the Alternate Christmas Gift donations. 3) Monies collected through the Lenten Folders this year will be sent to our Mission Central for cleaning buckets. 4) Donations to Heifer International will be the Easter Alternate Gift idea this year.

Staff Parish: 1) Holly Culp has resigned as children's choir director as of the end of May. 2) March 18 after the 10:30 service, there will be a celebration of Pastor Jacobs 41 years of service. Details can be found in the bulletins or by calling the church office.

United Methodist Women: 1) World Day of prayer will be held at our church this year on March 2. 2) The UMW circles will provide a meal for the "Chi Rho" singers on Thursday, March 22. Their concert here at First Church starts at 7:00 PM. Pastor Jacobs is a member of Chi Rho singers.

Education: Camping Sunday will be on February 26th.

Scholarship: Scholarship information can be found in February's newsletter.

Children's Ministries: There will be a Summer Camp this summer. It will be offered for 9 weeks from June 11th thru August 13. The cost will be \$50.00 per week. Each week will have a Bible based theme. It will be self funded.

Memorials: There has been \$2,665.00 contributed to the building fund and \$275.00 to the organ fund.

Trustees: 1) The parsonage roof needs to be replaced and the attic needs ventilation. This is to be done in late spring or early summer. 2) Some of the stones on the outside of the church are deteriorating and need to be replaced. The whole building should be sealed as well. 3) An assessment of our HAVC has been done on our facilities. 4) The Trustees are putting together a booklet of present and future needs of the church as well as the duties of the trustees. This will be pasted on to future trustees. 5) Problems with bathroom faucets being looked into. 6) With Pastor Judy Christmann's input, the trustees are installing a "Connection Center". Details can be found under Pasto Judy's report.

Judy Christmann: 1) The "Connection Center" will be a place that people can gather to get information about our church. There will be someone there before and after the worship services to answer questions. 2) The trustees are installing a desk/counter and new lighting for this center.

Pastor Jacob: 1) The Vision team has finished their draft and is working on the document to present to council and the congregation. 2) A motion was made and passed to establish a Facility Study Committee. This committee will a) Analyze the needs of the church and community b) Project the potential membership with average attendance c) Write up the church's program of ministry d) Develop an accessibility plan including chancel areas e) interview architects to come up with plans.

Rusty Elsner thanked Dianne Drupp for all her help and organization of the VIM's trip to Dominican Republic.

Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend any of our meeting. They are always open to everyone.