

Administrative Council Report 2020

FINANCE		J Buckley L Ruth
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
With less money in contributions and careful spending, we are still afloat. We have a \$27K loan through Payroll Protection Program that may be waived.	Budget for 2021 was approved with a 10% reduction.	Thank you all for your ongoing financial support.

EDUCATION / CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES		K Sparks
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
We made a move to virtual/online Sunday School since March. This allows us to reach new people but children also need a tech break if they are also attending school virtually.	We hope to offer Children's Church soon, along with continued online classes. We may reopen to in-person classes in January.	** More online Sunday School teachers are needed. **Katie will go on maternity leave in January. **We are looking for ways to reach more families.

STAFF PARRISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE		G Ginder
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
Meetings have restarted via Zoom in October. Donna Horgan and Paul Deemer have resigned, as has Rev. Graham. Jeff Bunnell's contract has been revised to reflect additional online worship duties. Brian Willmore began as our new organist.	We are working on a Charge Conference report and a separate report for PenDel Conference. We are looking for a bell choir director. We are working on a new contract for Joseph as sole custodian.	Can anyone help spread the word about our bell choir's director role?

MISSIONS		J Tanner
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
All of our summer mission trips were cancelled but we maintained some monetary support for Spirit Lake and Red Bud missions.	We are always looking for ways to serve locally and our monetary needs continue.	Please remember the Missions work in your pledges and in your giving.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY		S Starrett
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
No meetings since February. We were planning to address many of the Social Action Principles from the Book of Discipline.	Next meeting Nov 11.	Looking for church members to engage in the activities when we are able to restart them.

STEWARDSHIP		E Gruebel
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
We were not able to host a planned Oct 5K for ALS or our regular Earth Day activity for Sunday Schools.	We will try to reschedule our 5K fundraiser for March/April 2021.	We will look for participants when the 5K is held

COMMUNICATIONS		N Crawford
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
The shutdown cancelled many church events, but we got Joy of Faith in before the shutdown. Karen's retirement was duly noted in local press.	We have some cookbooks for sale Nov 6 and 13. We will provide publicity for our holiday schedule.	Please keep Nancy informed of your committee's work so she can help publicize them. Beth collects newsletter items by the middle of each month for publication at the first of each month.

TRUSTEES		P Humphrey
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
<p>**The Parsonage renovation is complete –last project was shower door in the master bathroom.</p> <p>**The installation of the vandal covers on the main street sign was completed Oct 22.</p> <p>**There was a clogged drain in the sanctuary AC. The flooded carpet will be repaired after asbestos abatement of the tiles under the carpeting.</p>	There are no current projects after the AC/carpeting problem is resolved.	

WORSHIP		P Humphrey
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
The new paraments for the altar podium and communion table are nearing completion.	A new monitor for the technology booth is requested which will make the production process easier for the technicians.	We are looking for additional AV technicians to be trained for duty during Sunday services and/or online services if we need to go back to virtual services. We also have need for techs during weekday services, such as funerals.

MUSIC		P Humphrey
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
Full choir and bell choir are on hiatus during Covid restrictions.	**We will feature solo and small groups for foreseeable future. **Two new wireless microphones will help with our small group performances.	

ROTATING SHELTER (Missions subcommittee)		H Gaultney
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
Covid restrictions do not allow for the type of overnight shelter we have used in recent years. Local hotels will be used to house the clients.	When our 2 weeks of service come around, we are asked to prepare individual meals. Heidi will learn and share more information about numbers, locations and protocols for meals.	We will look for individuals and small group teams to prepare meals. We plan to provide containers to the cooks.

OUTSIDE GROUPS		Pastor Eric
<i>Activity in 2020</i>	<i>Plans moving forward</i>	<i>How can church help?</i>
After a period of time with NO outside groups, we are ready to welcome back scouts, AA, etc.	We will prepare a revised "agreement" for groups who wish to use our facilities. This will define protocols for cleaning after each usage. We anticipate at least Boy Scouts, Wed. Communion, 1 or more adult Sunday School groups and AA.	If you are part of any group using the facilities outside of Sunday morning services, expect to pitch in and clean.

EUMC LAYLEADER 2020 Charge Conference Report

In the first three months of 2020, there were no events at church needing the assistance of the Lay Leader. And, unfortunately, that situation prevailed as the coronavirus struck the United States shutting us down and locking us in behind closed doors for many months.

We slowly re-opened for in-person worship on October 6th and are continuing to do so as long as there are no repercussions health-wise because of the virus.

Serving as Lay Leader is a very gratifying role and I have had the pleasure to serve in this capacity for the past four years and consider myself blessed to be able to share in such a wonderful growth experience.

The third Sunday of October is designated as Laity Sunday so the church's Lay Leader takes over leading the worship service that morning. Methodism has deep roots where laity is concerned dating back to the olden days when clergy rode from town to town and district to district to hold church services. Lay people of the church filled in and kept things running smoothly back home while their clergy were making their rounds. So once a year on Laity Sunday, we celebrate all the laity of our church who give so generously of their time, talents, and gifts.

Laity Sunday is not only the day when lay people plan and participate in the worship service; it's also a day that gives lay people time to pause and consider how they might use their gifts and interests to best serve our church.

This year Laity Sunday fell 7½ months after the coronavirus struck our country locking us in and shutting us out from our normal daily activities. It has totally changed the way we live and the way we act and react. It provided the incentive for me to focus on Jesus as the perfect example of perseverance for my sermon (Jesus = Perseverance) on Laity Sunday.

The New Year will bring new challenges and new ways of doing things while we continue to battle this virus, but we will rise to the challenge knowing "*all things are possible through Christ.*" (Mark 10:27)

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Crawford

Communications Committee Chair

Board of Trustees Conference Report - 2020

Submitted by Paul Humphrey, Chair

The Board of Trustees is responsible to oversee, maintain, and supervise all local church property. To accomplish this responsibility, within the allowable budget, we have prioritized needing the most attention in the Church and parsonage. Maintaining these facilities varies during the year as equipment fails and weather can add unexpected costs. The following is a list of projects from this past year.

Projects Completed

Parsonage renovation

Replace on-demand hot water units in main restrooms

Place 1"-3" rock around outside of Wesley Wing and Weldin Hall

Install additional security cameras in front and rear of building and in main hall

Replace security system monitor

Replace cooling unit on Ice Maker

Replace air filters on main air handling units

Repair front entryway, including doors; molding, stain glass seal, walkway

Replace steeple spotlights

Remove light poles along walkway in front of Weldin Hall

Replace sink faucets in both main restrooms

Replace vandal covers on main street sign

Install "LOCK BOX" by back door

Replace Carillon Chimes

Install storage shelves in choir room

Repair drain from sanctuary air conditioner

Remove tile floor and clean asbestos from second floor foyer

Replace folding chairs in Weldin Hall

Replace table and chair racks in Weldin Hall

Projects in Process

Install new lighting outside Weldin Hall front entrance

Replace walkway lights by front door

Connect electric feed to main street sign

Reinstall carpet and pad in second floor foyer

Projects for the Future

Recover siding on shed

EUMC COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

2020 Charge Conference Report

The Communications Committee kicked off the New Year accomplishing tasks needed to publicize our Joy of Faith Weekend in early February. We were responsible for getting it publicized in local papers, getting the word out to members, families and friends, producing a radio commercial with WXCY that Pastor Karen recorded, and arranging for before and after coverage in the Cecil Whig.

The next order of business was to prepare a press release for the Cecil Whig detailing background information on Pastor Karen Bunnell and her impending retirement. An interview was arranged with Jane Marshall, reporter at the Whig, and an in-depth article was subsequently printed in the Cecil Whig.

And then the unprecedented global COVID 19 pandemic struck and life, as we knew it, changed dramatically. We were locked down and shut in so we could protect ourselves and others from this insidious virus. Our church doors were closed and all church functions ceased, other than online virtual worship services, which our new pastor, Rev. Eric Warner, was tasked with as he took over as our leader.

We finally re-opened very carefully and cautiously on October 6th for in-person worship services combining our 8:30am and 11:00am services into one 10:00am service. Our Administrative Council met in person for the first time on Tuesday, October 22nd to discuss plans to move forward while still under threat of the virus. Individual group committees will begin to meet as needed as events are planned and organized. And the Communications Committee will be on hand to assist in getting the word out.

Our Tech Team members under the leadership of Roger Robinson and Joe Buckley, have done an excellent job throughout the pandemic bringing us weekly online virtual recordings of worship services and we've even managed to gain a new team member or two. New portable personal microphone equipment will be purchased to assist with sound consistency of musical offerings during worship services.

It is an understatement to declare 2020 has been a huge challenge to our webmaster, Jeff Bunnell, who has worked tirelessly to ensure our online services are produced, edited, and posted online in a timely manner to make sure we can all still gather, albeit virtually, for weekly worship. His work efforts have more than doubled the amount of hours he devoted to serving EUMC and his salary has been adjusted accordingly to compensate him for his additional time and efforts on our behalf.

The Communications Committee will continue to be proactive in promoting events, activities, and weekly services to the general public. Keeping our website up to date is vital since it is a 'public' forum with no membership required to view, and Facebook is a great social media tool, so we will continue to keep our information timely as our church reopens and events are scheduled. We will be selling our EUMC cookbooks on Friday, November 6th and November 13th in Weldin Hall from 10:00am until 11:30am to kick off the holiday season. And our Christmas services will be announced to the public via the Cecil Whig.

As this year draws to a close, we are anticipating a very slow reopening in 2021 and the postponement of many annual events due to the continuation of the virus making in-person gatherings unsafe. The Communications Committee will work closely with our church committees to get the word out, keep our website and Facebook page current, as well as using print medium to keep our members and the public well informed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Crawford

Communications Committee Chair

Education Committee
Charge Conference Report
Fall 2020

This past Sunday School year (2019-2020) we offered a variety of Sunday morning classes for all ages and maintained an average weekly attendance of 59 people until Covid-19 had us switching to virtual classes. This past spring (before the Covid-19 lock down) our children collected multiple boxes of non-perishable food for our local food bank. In June we promoted children to the next grade level for Sunday School during a virtual promotion ceremony on our church's Facebook page.

For the current Sunday School year (2020-2021) we are once again offering a variety of Sunday School classes for all age groups. Our elementary school students can watch an interactive lesson each week via either our Facebook page or YouTube channel. Our middle and high school students meet weekly via Zoom for a discussion based class using the LinC curriculum. Our adult classes (all 3) continue to meet each week; two are virtual via Zoom and one is in-person.

While our Sunday School program is far from our "normal program" and we have not been able to hold many of annual events for the families, I am glad that we still been able to reach our families through virtual offerings. These offerings could not be done without all the help from volunteers in our congregation and I am forever grateful for the time and effort they have put into our education program during these trying times.

In closing, I look forward to seeing what the rest of the school year holds in terms of our Sunday School and children's program as we move forward during these times of Covid-19.

Katharine Sparks
Director of Education and Children Ministries

Scouting Department Report EUMC Charge Conference 2020

Troop 443 Report

The Troop is currently steady with 15 active Scouts. Due to Covid our camp outings have been limited as well as our service projects for the year. The Troop had 1 scout age out after completing his Eagle rank. Three scouts discontinued the program due to loss of interest and Covid complications (virtual meetings for a few months and lack of being able to do activities). Of the 9 AOL scouts that crossed over, 5 have continued and will recharter with the Troop. The Troop also did 2 training sessions for the first-year scouts due to summer camp being cancelled.

Crossover Scouts from Pack 443:

1. Liam Whelan
2. Jack Edler
3. Andrew Rodriguez
4. Sebastian Dallatore
5. Gavin Zigler
6. Grant Wilcox
7. Chase Reynolds
8. Alex Pelino
9. Josh Noll

Service Projects (2):

1. August: Church Mulching and restoring the Elk Landing Flagpole
2. September: Moose Lodge deck staining

Camping (2):

1. August: Dietz backyard campout with a day hike
2. October: Fairhill campout

Troop 143G Report

This new Troop for girls was started this summer and is currently steady with 4 active Scouts. Due to Covid our camp outings have been limited as well as our service projects for the year. We have started camping with other boy and girl Troops in the area. We are also having weekly meetings with Troop 443 where we have participated in the mulching project and calendar planning for fall and spring. They have provided us with many tools to help get our Troop started. We have also had donations from other Troops in the area.

Pack 443 Report

The Pack is doing very well with **30** active Cub Scouts. We have been meeting outdoors with success, and just had our first indoor meeting.

Crossed Over in February (9):

1. Grant Wilcox (T443)
2. Gavin Zigler (T443)
3. Josh Noll (T443)
4. Chase Reynolds
5. Sebastian Dallatore
6. Liam Whelan
7. Andrew Rodriguez (T443)
8. Alex Pelino (T443)
9. Jack Edler (T443)

New Scouts This Year (3):

- Lions (3)

Service Projects (3):

1. Mulching at EUMC
2. Scouting for Food (donations made at Pack events)
3. Pancake Breakfast on Scout Sunday

Daytime Camping Opportunities (1):

- Weeklong Cecil District Day Camp (Elk Landing) in August
- Cub Family Day at Rodney Scout Reservation

Overnight Camping (6):

1. Cabin Camping (Camp Ware)
2. Overnight at the Blue Rocks Stadium
3. Camping with Troop 443 (Webelos and AoL only)

Other activities and events (16):

1. Pinewood Derby
2. Arrow of Light Crossover Ceremony
3. Popcorn fundraiser
4. Weekly Den Meetings and monthly Pack Meetings
5. Natural history Hike at Iron Hill
6. Visit from a fire truck thanks to Singerly Fire Co.
7. Visit from a State's Attorney

Submitted By Mike Noll, Charter Organization Representative