

**Hilltop United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Matt Sipe, Kerry Rausch, Jocelin Maine, Don Putzier, Derrick Galinat, Paulette Adams, and Rob Cornelius.

Pastor Matt opened with prayer and led a study on Revelations 22:1-7

**Finance Report:** Rob provided a report of August finances. Worship service offerings were \$ 21,423.66. Total Income was \$21,799.19 and expenses were \$27,175.43, for a net income of \$5,376.24. The working general fund balance on 8/31/22 was \$55,280.42. Derrick made a motion to approve the report, with at second from Matt. The motion carried.

**Committee Updates:** Janitorial duties were expanded, adding an additional 1-2 hours a week. Two childcare workers were hired, Allison Behsman and Brooke Behsman. The Safe Sanctuary policy was recently reviewed and edited.

**Calendaring:**

- a. September 18 – Connect Groups begin this week (8 groups)
- b. September 25/28 – Bibles for third grade and confirmation students
- c. September 25 – New members class at 1:00 pm
- d. October 2 – World Communion Sunday
- e. October 8 – Multiplication Seminar (anyone interested in attending?)
- f. October 15 – Day 4 Restore Emmaus Retreat
- g. October 30/Nov. 2 – All Saints’ Day
- h. November 13/16 – Stewardship Week
- i. November 20 – Pulpit swap with Jeff Adams

**Visioning:**

- a. Short-term
  - i. Wednesday nights: MEA Oct. 19 & Thanksgiving Nov. 23  
No Kids programming & meal
  - ii. Stewardship 2022  
End of Oct - November Stewardship Sermon Series  
Stewardship week will be Nov 13-18.  
Looking for individuals to share from their hearts on how Hilltop is important to them.
  - iii. Prayer Partners 2022-2023  
Debby Westby will help get this organized and in 2 weeks will get this out to the congregation for sign up.
  - iv. Guest welcome items (coffee, greeters, etc.)  
Picking up pieces and we will take baby steps.  
Sunday morning greeters we have a small team started.
  - v. Guest-follow up and TEXT IN CHURCH  
Will start connecting with members; this could include notifications from staff to talk about upcoming events.
  - vi. How are Wednesday nights working out?  
Move meal to 5:45 pm, instead of 6:00 pm. Will announce in 2 weeks.  
Hiring a PT worship leader, Michael will be out 2-3 Weeks.
  - vii. Christmas Eve/ Christmas – same services?  
Christmas Eve- Saturday 2 services  
Christmas Day- Sunday 1 service  
All the same service
  - viii. New Chairperson – thoughts/suggestions?

Next meeting will be October 20 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jocelin Maine