

**Hilltop United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Matt Sipe, Kerry Rausch, Jocelin Maine, Don Putzier, Darrin Galinat, Paulette Adams, Rob Cornelius, Karla Lassonde, Stacy Vanderwerf, and Michelle Behsman.

Pastor Matt opened with prayer and led a study on John chapter 12.

**Minutes:** Don made a motion to approve the minutes from September with a second from Rob. The motion carried.

**Finance Report:** Rob provided a report of September finances. Worship service offerings were \$23,817.16, expenses were \$21,738.01, net income was \$2,593.10. Don made a motion to approve the report, with a second from Jocelin. The motion carried.

**Committee Updates:** Nursery area to be moved to the west classroom and the current nursery room will become multi-purpose meeting space. Kids' Connection will continue to meet in the west classroom on Wednesdays.

**Calendaring:**

- a. October 23 – New members class at 1:00 pm
- b. October 30/Nov. 2 – All Saints' Day
- c. November 13/16 – Stewardship Week
- d. November 14-21 – Operation Christmas Child
- e. November 17 – Church Charge conference (pastor salary)
- f. November 20/23 – Pulpit swap with Jeff Adams
- g. November 27 – First Sunday of Advent
- h. December ? – Impromptu Christmas Program
- i. December 24 – Christmas worship 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm?
- j. December 25 – Christmas worship 10:15 am?
- k. January 20-22 – RISE youth group ski trip
- l. March 17-19 – Marriage Retreat

**Visioning:**

- a. Short-term
  - i. Update on fundraising firms: Don provided an update on the meetings with capital campaign consultants. There was a consensus that Mark Davy and Associates would be a better fit for Hilltop. The team recommends hiring them as the consultant, with the first step of conducting a feasibility study that would involve interviews with Hilltop families. Council discussed the steps in the process. The trustees made a recommendation about how we would fund this expense, utilizing our savings for the feasibility study. Don made a motion to approve financing a feasibility study to be conducted by Davy and Associates. The motion was seconded by Kerry. The motion carried. Matt will call Mark Davy on Monday. Don will update Brunton and Associates.

Matt closed in prayer.

Next meeting will be November 17 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Behsman