

FELLOWSHIP Ministries (Donna Russell) – The remaining 2024 fellowship schedule is attached at the end of the minutes. We held a the Mission Sunday Potluck on Mission Sunday, September 8th, and the Pastor Appreciation Social will be on October 13th. Plans for a First Responder Appreciation/Chili Cook-off are in the works for October 26th. There will be an All Saints Day Parlor Social on November 3rd and our Christmas Luncheon Potluck will be on December 15th.

Chili Cook-off notes:

Men are leading the effort, but support is needed.

There will be a sign up in the Narthex for Chili. **Members are asked to provide sides and dessert.**

The men will be cooking hamburgers/hotdogs as well.

Set up will be inside and outside.

Black Rifle Coffee will have a stand and serve coffee.

Families are welcome. Expect in excess of 100 people (members and responders). **Lots of chili.**

Will have Halloween candy and games for children **need leader**

Judges and prize for best chili. **Need prize**

Sandbridge may bring their firetruck.

Charlie will provide music.

COM will help defray expenses.

Children – Children **Ministry Chair is vacant.** Kristen Hart has volunteered to lead our Children's Ministry for 2025. We will be incorporating children activities in the Chili Cook-off.

Communications (Donna Russell) – Christmas newsletter inputs are due by November 15th.

Education (Shane Lussier) - The Friendship and Fellowship Sunday School classes continue to meet each Sunday. Friendship class is continuing their study of Romans.

Wednesday night Bible studies are continuing. (Youth and adult)

Sunday night small group starts again on October 11th.

Children's Worship continues in hiatus, as plans are developed.

Evangelism/Outreach -

Membership Care (Jane Smith) Jane, Rhonda Reckhemmer and Linda Durkee continue to keep in touch with members and provide information by cards and online. We discussed ways to help members going through hard, sad times. Communication is important.

The idea of a gift for new members could be purchased. Maybe t-shirts or other token.

Looking into ways to enhance our fellowship with events for our members (dinners...)

Tabernacle T-shirts are now available for purchase.

Several ideas were broached at the Idea Session.

Men's Ministry (Shane Lussier) –The men continue to meet the first Saturday of the month and will host the chili cook-off.

Missions (Mary Hall) – We are supporting People in Need (PiN) ministries by serving dinner on every other month (October occurs next week).

Our Thanksgiving mission is being done in conjunction with the efforts of CCUMC. We will still have the congregation donate the fixings for Thanksgiving boxes. Instead of turkey/ham, gift certificates will be purchased. Maureen Mitchell is leading the event.

The Rise Against Hunger Event is scheduled for January 12th. COM and Mission Ministry are covering the cost.

COM decided to give a gift to support the efforts in recovery from Helene. in North Carolina. COM approved a \$5000 donation.

SAFE (Marny Sanders) – Lois Gunter, Claudia Brooks, Joan Pool and Pastor Christa will guide the next chapter of the SAFE group.

Technology (Ryan Reckhemmer) – No report.

Welfare (Jody Flade) – Continuing to support those in need. Jody is looking for a person to assist the Thanksgiving and Angel Tree project in 2024.

Worship (Laura Thomas) – We will be purchasing a new Christmas tree this year. (\$500) Laura is always looking for usher support.

Youth (Craig Zeigler) – Wednesday Night Youth Group started in September.

Pastor Christa –

We held an Idea Session after church on September 22nd. Highlights include:

Interest in a Women's ministry group/activities.

Different fellowship opportunities to include – movie night, craft night, variety show Mother's Day Tea.

Interest in getting our Children's Ministry revived.

Sunday 8:30 service will continue.

Charge conference will be in conjunction with our Admin Board meeting in November.

Pastor Christa continues to support social media outreach.

Old Business

- Church Yard Sale made \$1575.
- T-shirt sales \$485.
- COM Fund has \$32000. The COM fund is used to support the ministry of Tabernacle. If you have an idea, please bring it to the COM.

New Business

- Budget inputs are due to Cathy and Finance.
- Next meeting will be on November 5th (election Day).

Action Items

Tommy will reach out for volunteers for the Christmas program.

Council of Ministries Goals for 2024:

1. Bring our church family and friends together Christian fellowship, to include safe family, youth and children's opportunities, visitations, socials, and other fellowship opportunities.
2. Involve our congregation in missions and ministries to a greater degree. Get new people involved.
3. Evolve the way we communicate to the congregation using traditional and digital/online methods (No Congregant Left Behind). Improve communication within the COM and other committees.

Tabernacle 2024 Fellowship Ministries

January 7 - Parlor Social

February 11 – Soup-er Bowl Luncheon

March 24 - Palm Sunday Parlor Social

April 21 – Potluck Spring Fling

May 12 – Mother's Day Parlor Social

June 16 – Combination Parlor Social Father's Day and Graduate Celebration

July 7th – Patriotic Parlor Refreshments

August Open

September 8 - Barbecue Potluck with Mission's Sunday

October 13 – Pastor Appreciation Parlor Social

November 3 – All Saints Day Parlor Social

December 15 – Holiday Potluck Luncheon