



A SUMMARY OF OUR FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Fall Congregational Meeting was held after worship on Sunday, November 21, in Fellowship Hall. It was a “hybrid” meeting with people attending in person as well as several people attending virtually via Zoom conference call. The 2022 Proposed Budget was made available earlier in the week via an email link and paper copies were made available for all those in attendance.

Our Moderator, Jeanne Mantsch called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m., and Pastor Scott McLeod opened the meeting with prayer. The Church Treasurer, Kathy Bretl, presented the proposed budget for 2022 and walked everyone through the different line items. Financial Administrator, Lorraine Halls, was available to answer specific questions. The expected expenses for 2022 come to \$262,015.00 with the listed income in the proposed budget, based on last year’s income: \$184,378.00. At the time of the meeting, approximately \$50,000 has been received in pledges, although we hope to know more about the pledges for 2022 over the next 4 to 6 weeks. At this point the proposed 2022 budget shows a potential deficit of \$77,637.00.

The largest increase in expense is due to the beginning of loan repayment for a loan taken in 2020 to repair the windows and steeple. Bill Bond asked about fulfilling the remaining \$2,500 for Lighthouse Youth Ministry in 2021 and it was announced that a fundraiser is planned before the close of the year. It was noted that \$91,425.00 is available in different accounts for use by the church for expenses, and this does not include funds held specifically for mission nor those monies given for specific purposes as memorials.

Claude Zimmerman brought the issue of the growing list of needs for the building that will have to be addressed soon, including the recent example of the discovery of a water heater that was about to burst. Thanks to a generous donation two water heaters were able to be purchased and installed. Louise Mollinger, asked that the Finance Team work on a philosophy of how care for the building could be included in an overall plan for ministry of the church. Pastor Scott shared that there is a need to do long-range planning in the new year to address some of the concerns about the building and our important ministry in the community. He also thanked everyone for their diligence and faithfulness in “an unprecedented time”.

With no further questions and no further business, Jeanne Mantsch adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m.