

WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUMMARY

The Winter Congregational Meeting was held following worship on Sunday, January 29. Following the call to order by Moderator Jacque, Pastor Scott's opening prayer, and the approval of minutes from the recent Fall Congregational Meeting in November 2022, Phil Stepanski, Financial Administrator, presented the 2023 Church Budget. Phil invited everyone to look through the budget and noted that the numbers had really not changed much since the proposed budget was presented to the church back in November. While the church ended 2022 with a \$28,587 deficit, this was a significant improvement from the anticipated \$83,761 approved last year. The proposed 2023 budget has a deficit of \$53,739. Phil praised the work of the Stewardship Team in their fall campaign, and announced that we received 95 pledges totaling \$162,314 which includes 10 new pledges, 52 increased pledges, 26 that remained the same, and 5 that decreased their giving. Phil then asked if there were any questions. The members present asked about the potential for rental income from the space previously rented by Port Pre-School. For instance, could the space be used for individual fundraising events or a series of events? The answer was that, yes, the space could be used for individual fundraising events, but that Council had been focused on trying to find already existing non-profit groups who might be looking for space. If this search is unsuccessful, than other uses for the space would need to be pursued. With no other questions, Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the 2023 Church Budget as presented, knowing that we could adjust things if necessary at our next Congregational meeting in June. The motion was unanimously approved. Jennifer Dimmer then encouraged church folks to use Scrip/RaiseRight gift cards as an easy way to help raise money for church, Shandy Roehrig reminded everyone of the Church School Mac & Cheese Fundraiser on Feb. 12, Pastor Scott gave a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned. If you would like to look at the 2023 Budget that was approved, please [click here](#). Thanks to the members of Church Council and to Phil Stepanski for their work on the budget.



TUESDAY NIGHT YOGA CLASS AT CHURCH WELCOMES EVERYONE

Last month a new Yoga Class led by Dawn Stacey, a licensed yoga instructor and PTA began meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. The classes have been going well and have attracted 10-12 participants each week. It is exciting to see another one of those pre-Covid regular activities of the church return with enthusiasm! This is a great opportunity to give yoga a try, or to restart on your regular yoga practice: all levels are welcome and encouraged to give it a try! Dawn has been teaching yoga for over a decade and has previously taught classes at ZuZu Pedals, Saukville YMCA and the Port Washington Rec Center. Dawn's personal approach to yoga features a focus on the student's discovery of greater ease in their body through movement, breath, and meditation. She teaches a slow alignment-based class with options to build poses throughout the class and a guided meditation at the end. Classes are from 6:00—7:00 on Tuesday evenings and cost \$12, which is payable to Dawn via check, cash or Venmo. Dawn has mats available for new students who don't have a personal mat, and she invites everyone to arrive 10 minutes early for personal setup. See you on Tuesday nights!