

Leadership Board Meeting Reports
Saturday, April 22, 2023
9:00 – 1:00
First United Methodist Church
Friendship Center

If possible, join the meeting in-person, but it will also be available by Zoom.

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Pastor's Report – Pastor John Nash

1. Randall Partin, former provost of the conference, has been named as the new Albuquerque DS. Other appointments will soon be announced.
2. Registration for the special called Annual Conference in May has begun.
 - a. Don Casperson and I will be the delegates.
3. I thought that Holy Week and Easter events went very well.
 - a. I heard very good comments from Easter and it was great to have such a large choir for that service.
 - b. The staff will be doing a review soon to make any changes/improvements for next year.
4. A huge thank you to the youth group for leading the service after Easter. They did a great job and I think the congregation appreciated their leadership and participation.
5. We have another person who has expressed interest in assisting with improving the quality and connecting of our online community.
 - a. I hope to get that group started in May.
6. It has been a goal of mine to get a summer fellowship program going for a number of years, but it hasn't yet happened for some obvious reasons.
 - a. We have mapped out possible events for each summer weekend, other than July 4th, and hope to get volunteers to take one event and coordinate it.
 - b. While not everything is written in stone yet, we will start on Sunday, May 28 with an Isotopes Game.
 - i. Game time is 1:35 and it is faith day at the stadium.
 - ii. We will put information out for tickets soon.
7. I hope to begin planning out worship series for the summer and fall at the beginning of May so I can begin getting ready for those series.
 - a. This Sunday we begin a new series entitled "The Nots of Jesus," which will be on the things that Jesus tells us not to do that will take us through the end of June.
8. It's getting to be review time again and so I will be sending out review forms to staff in May to be completed by the beginning of June when we will then sit down together.
 - a. Any raises will go into effect on July 1.
9. Bethlehem Lutheran is looking at the possibility of some staff changes/realignment and I will be meeting with them next week to talk about changes we made when Deb left, why and how it is working.

Ark Report - Shanice Ramos

Church facility – Julie Risch

1. Church Building:
 - a. Work Day: April 30 from 4-5:30 p.m. followed by dinner.

- i. We will have a list of job that can easily be completed in an hour.
- 2. Electrician: Barry from Barry Electric
 - a. Emergency lights in the education and two restrooms off Fellowship Hall have been replaced.
 - b. New lights on the yard sign have been installed.
 - c. Barry worked on the sanctuary lights on the stage and fixed them so they would dim.
 - i. Unfortunately, the panel we bought to replace the old one only allows us to dim all the lights, not individual rows.
 - ii. He could not figure out how to connect them with the Crestron, so we are not able to control them from AV.
- 3. Kitchen:
 - a. Rafael has completed cleaning the stove and grill top, kitchen hood, and other appliances in the kitchen.
 - b. The dishwasher was not working so I called Auto-Chlor out of Santa Fe to come and look.
 - i. Sensors were covered with scale so they were not working.
 - ii. I gave the maintenance instructions to Rafael and suggested we do this on a monthly basis because, our water is so hard.
- 4. Deep cleaning:
 - a. Rafael completed a deep cleaning and dusting of the sanctuary before Easter Sunday.
- 5. Lighting:
 - a. The kitchen lights and Mid-High light fixtures have been converted to LED bulbs.
 - i. Rafael is working on the Youth room currently.
 - b. John Courtright and Joe Richardson looked at the last light post in front of the church which has not been working.
 - i. They found the converter that was inside went bad so they replaced it and it's now working.
 - ii. We put LED bulbs in those lights in 2022.

Connecting (Lay leader)

Crisis and Caring – Carol Mead

Nothing to report.

Faith Development - Phillip Ortega

- 1. Programming Night
 - a. Started new season 4/16/23 until end of May.
 - b. People seem excited about new book study, *The Prodigal Prophet, Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy*.
 - c. Children and Youth numbers doing well.
- 2. Children and Youth
 - a. Youth Sunday was a success.
 - b. Easter Egg hunt was amazing.
 - c. Starting new "Early Church" lesson series.
- 3. Volunteer Sunday, May 7th
 - a. Thanking volunteers during programming night.

Leadership Board – Julie Risch

- 1. Communication:
 - a. The questions for Pastor John's Lenten series were posted in the newsletter and our website, and included in the bulletins on Sunday morning.
 - i. A few responses were sent in to the office.

- b. Carol wrote up a report for the March 29, 2023 newsletter.

Missions - Camille

1. The Missions team will meet April 20.
2. Ann spearheaded the laundry soap collection for the 4 corners.
3. We are coordinating with the library for a volunteer opportunity.
 - a. There is a need for computer help filling out forms for those needing social services.

SPRC – Nathaniel Morgan

No Report

United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith – Carol Mead

1. Our next All Booked Up discussion will be *The Land Is Not Empty* on Wednesday, May 10.
2. Martha Circle sent goodies to our 15 college students as they prepare for finals.
3. Our May Day potluck lunch will be on Saturday, April 29. All the ladies and girls of the church are invited.
4. We will be co-hosting the graduation celebration for our high school seniors at the Programming Night dinner on May 21.
5. Along with other Albuquerque District UWF groups, we are planning a week of STEM/VBS activities for McCurdy's Camp Stars summer program the week of June 26.
 - a. We will also provide lunch for the kids the day they come up for their field trip at PEEC.
6. UWF has changed its EIN from the church number to Conference United Women in Faith number.
 - a. The bank does not require a change of the checks.

Worship - Valerie Collins

1. Our special Easter Choir was a success, and it was great to have so many singers helping to lead worship.
 - a. Interest was expressed in doing this type of choir at other times during the year. I believe people liked that it was a short-term commitment.
 - b. We will look for other opportunities.
2. The Easter service was well attended. It was great to have:
 - a. the baptisms of Mada's great-grandsons, Jesse and Kai (parents Natalie and Taylor Tremblay)
 - b. the addition of new members, Jason & Christine Benkoski and their children, Brent and Althea.
3. The Youth-led service this past week was appreciated, the skit enjoyable, and the sharing by the youths good to hear.
4. We will continue alternating Traditional and Contemporary Worship for the foreseeable future.