

## HUNTERSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (HUMC)

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Church Guidance Council (CGC)

December 8, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm, Jackie Benjamin presiding. Attendees: Rev. Paul Thompson, Bill Riley, Chris Smith, John McMillan, Krista Sipe, Rick Finger, Joe Smith, Walter Wilson, Addria Capps, Charmaine Stokes, Rev. Rod Arters, Jessica Bowles, Lucas Devore, Susan Little, Mike Prosko, and Jeanie Welch.
2. Pastor Paul led spiritual formation. He asked three questions concerning the following: 1) Night and light, 2) What do you like about darkness, and 3) Negative aspects of light. He led the group in prayer.
3. Jackie asked for prayer concerns.
4. Discussion topics:
  - a. Land development update—Pastor Paul thanked Mike Prosko for his efforts on the the use development team and reported that Lake Norman Christian School (formerly the Montessori School) has expressed interest in some of our west side land. Pastor Paul asked if we should have a formal appraisal of land valuation with a cost of approximately \$5,000. Mike stated that, based on comparable sales, the land may be worth between \$160,000 and \$220,000 per acre. The land use development team has asked Michael Cox for a formal proposal. Jackie recommended that the team be reevaluated as it was formed for a temporary purpose to deal with David Dial. Discussion followed. Jackie stated that the consensus what that the CGC was not ready to commit to an appraisal and needs more discussion on the CGC’s vision for the land and proceeds from its sale at either a special meeting or at a retreat in January. It was decided by consensus was to discuss it in a retreat. In the meantime, Mike will start looking into an appraisal.
  - b. Financial report—Pastor Paul reported that we have raised \$147,000 of the \$300,000 needed to meet the budget and not lay off staff and programs, such as the tech ministry and livestreaming Sunday services. Lightserve will be upgrading the lights in the worship center in January.
  - c. Pastors’ reports—Joe Smith asked about Pastor Paul’s role in the Conference’s Parish Ministries Fund. Pastor Paul stated that his responsibilities are minimal.
5. Important dates:
  - a. Staff appreciation lunch, Monday, December 9, 1:15 pm.
  - b. There will be congregation-wide recognition of outgoing and incoming CGC members at Sunday services in January.
6. The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 5 at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeanie Welch*, Secretary