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MINUTE WITH MIKE

*Jesus prayed; "As You, Father, have sent Me into the world,
so I have sent them into the world..."
(John 17:18)*

*And Jesus said; "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria,
and even to the ends of the earth"
(Acts 1:8)*

Summer greetings to you dear ones in Christ Jesus,

Praying this newsletter finds you healthy, happy, and holy.

I continue to think a lot about our new church and the purposes God has for it and for each of us. Although I have not heard from Him in a way I can convey with words, I am certain that He put us into this place so that we can be witnesses, so that we can tell others, so that He can use us to reach people's hearts.

Like you, I want us to flourish, I want us to grow and grow and grow in every way. We will do that as we submit and obey all God commands of us.

"Churches flourish when they identify and tap into God's design for the church." That's from the book Thirsting for Living Water by Michael J. Mantel, the president and CEO of Living Water International. His book is compelling as well as inspiring. He claims we, the church, are "better together!" Singularly minded and focus not on what we want or even think, but rather on what God wants for us – for His church of which we are a part.

To that end, we have invited Rev. Nancy Dumford to come from Columbus, Ohio, and continue the work Dr. Laura began in building leadership among us. The training event will occur on Saturday, August 6th (9:00am to 1:00pm). Please attend no matter if you think you are a leader in the church or not. You can demonstrate leadership by participating in this event. (Details will follow).

Michael J. Mantel talked about the visible joy which is experienced when we "...see Jesus live through His people and His church." I want that joy for you. And I want that life for us. Would you settle it in your heart to live for Jesus and ask Him to guide and direct you as we all together seek to be His church and do His work?

Thanks again for the privilege and joy I have to be your friend, brother in Christ, and pastor.

Bless you,

Mike

SESSION NEWS

The 79th Stated Meeting of the Session of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church was called to order Monday, May 23, 2022, at 7:30 PM on Zoom, Pastor Mike Baynai, Moderator.

Devotions and Prayer – Elder Gary Lehmann provided devotions and the opening prayer.

Roll & Determination of a Quorum: Present: Moderator Pastor Mike Baynai; Ruling Elders Robert Adams, Bill Keating, Gary Lehmann, Betty Rittersdorf; and Asst. Clerk Jim Miller. Absent: Asst. Pastor Dr. Laura Smit. *A quorum was present.*

Clerk's Report

Next Communion will be observed on Sunday, June 5, 2022; the last communion was observed Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Membership

Active Membership as of 4/7/2022	43
Active Membership as of 5/23/2022	43

Correspondence

- I emailed the presbytery regarding Mike and Laura being the voting commissioners for the next presbytery meeting.

Miscellaneous

- A fellowship dinner signup form was created and been left in the church for the past two weeks. So far, about four households have signed up.

Worship Services

Attendance	4/3/2022	44 adults at GSPC
Attendance	4/10/2022	40 adults at GSPC
Attendance	4/17/2022	40 adults, 7 children at GSPC
Attendance	4/24/2022	38 adults at GSPC
Attendance	5/1/2022	35 adults, 3 children at GSPC
Attendance	5/8/2022	33 adults at GSPC
Attendance	5/15/2022	26 adults at GSPC
Attendance	5/22/2022	34 adults at GSPC

Treasurer's Report 4/30/2022

+\$8,734.94	Cash on Hand as of 03/31/2022
+\$25,734.84	CD#1 (Northpoint Bank)
-0-	CD#2 (Northpoint Bank)
<u>\$34,469.78</u>	TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

(LESS FOLLOWING COMMITTED FUNDS)

-\$0	Accrued Joyful Noise offerings
-\$839.50	Building Fund (Summary below)

\$33,630.28

Uncommitted Funds Available

Notes:

- Uncommitted funds, as of end of March, were \$39,530.3334,065.66. Our LOSS in April was an additional \$435.38, due to increases to moving expenses.

INTERIM BUILDING FUND BUDGET TO COMPLETE (as of Apr 30, 2022)

Irish

6' versus 3' doors = \$814
Second Bathroom = \$8,130 (only item budgeted at \$8,625)
Extra Outlets = \$275
-0- Balance Due (\$9,219 paid versus \$8,625 budgeted)

Mark

Painting = \$2,900
Carpet = \$5,000
Kitchen = \$2,500
-0- Balance Due (\$13,000 paid versus \$10,400 budgeted)

GSPC

Folding Tables (8) = \$0 due - (\$998.76 paid)
Refrigerator = \$0 due - (\$519.99 paid)
Sign balance = \$0 due - (\$6,464 paid versus \$6,000)
Pulpit/Altar = \$0 due - (pulpit-\$321.36 & communion table-\$412.34 - both paid)
Cross balance = \$387.50 due (1/2 down - \$387.50 paid)
Miscellaneous = \$452 due - (Moving piano from New Jersey)
Miscellaneous = \$0 due - (keys-\$36.31, moving chairs-\$318, cabinet pulls-\$45.13, TV surge protector-\$31.79, bathroom cabinets - \$58.28, entrance sign lettering - \$50, literature rack - \$126.08, and entrance table - \$82.44 - all paid)
\$839.50

Potential Additional Costs: Camera, Bulletin Board, Raised Verse letters, Air filtration, etc.

CURRENT REMAINING ANTICIPATED EXPENSES: <u>\$839.50</u> (remaining of \$32,908.04 of an updated total for move) [TOTAL ALREADY PAID = \$32,068.54]

PLEASE NOTE: The Building Fund has grown from \$22,000 to \$29,757 to the current of \$32,068.04, due to many changes (i.e., larger doors, 2 platforms, extra outlets, shelf, and electronics cabling, etc.)

A motion was made to cash out the CD at Northpoint Bank, putting \$10,000 into a new CD or possibly a business account at Lake Michigan Credit Union, and \$15,000 into the church's checking account. **The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Bill will investigate the possibility of a commercial account and interest rate at LMCU.

Consent Agenda – The Clerk and the Treasurer have moved to approve their respective reports, and to approve the minus for all session and congregational meetings (as amended) which have been held since the last session meeting. **The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Assistant Pastor — Dr. Laura will be preaching June 19 and 26.

Upcoming Dates

- June 5 Pentecost
- June 12 Installation of newly elected elders and deacons.
- June 12 Mike will be conducting a memorial for Pat Doorn.
- July 3 Will be Ken Miyagi's last day at GSPC before going to Princeton.
- August 6 Nancy Dumford will be conducting part 2 of leadership training. Session agreed to reimburse her for mileage.

Pastor

- Mike is considering a new members' class. He will ask those that might be interested.

Worship Service

- During the summer months, the session agreed to serve communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and to include both wine and grape juice.
- The "Ephraim" piano has been canceled due to irregularities with the shipping company. We are still waiting for our check to be refunded to us.

Adult Education

- There has been some interest expressed in restarting the adult Bible study, possibly mid-week. Robert will survey the congregation about possible times, locations, and topics for both summer and fall.

Brooks Memorial Scholarship

- Jim reported that three people have been awarded the scholarship, and checks should be mailed in July. The scholarship fund balance is currently \$9,141.

Mission, Website, and Newsletter

- Dana Lehmann will be invited to write an article for the newsletter about how to donate to the little girl who has undergone several heart surgeries that the church has been praying for for some time.
- The session agreed to spend \$100 on Facebook ads as a way to reach potential new members. Robert will look into details.
- The Grand Rapids Scottish Society asked about meeting in the church space. The session agreed that they could use the space without cost, as long as they kept the space clean.

Personnel and Nominating Team

- The session will hold a meeting after church on June 5 to discuss the potential new pastoral "team" model.

Fellowship

- Robert reported that a few people have signed up for the Fellowship Feasts. The session agreed to start with who we have, and hopefully that will build excitement and entice others to sign up.
- Pastor expressed interest in a "learning luncheon" once per quarter, possibly inviting an external speaker to attend. Session supported the idea.
- Possible outdoor services this summer?

Next Presbytery Meeting — October

Next Session Meeting — The next session meeting will be **Thursday, July 7, 2022 7:30pm on Zoom.**

Closing Prayer – Pastor Mike closed the meeting with prayer; adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Adams. Clerk of Session

MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2022 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A meeting of the Congregation of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church was held Sunday, May 22, 2022, at Good Shepherd immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service.

1. The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer at 11:00 AM by the Moderator, Rev. Michael C. Baynai.
2. Purpose of the meeting: To vote on nominations for Elder and Deacon.
3. Gary Lehman presented the names of two nominations for the session: Jim Miller and Bill Keating. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was unanimously carried to accept the slate of members, as presented.
4. Gary then presented Bettye Kay as a nomination for Deacon. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was unanimously carried to accept the slate of members, as presented.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM with a closing prayer by Pastor Laura Smit.

DATES – JUNE

1st Wednesday: Prayer Call 7:00pm
2nd Thursday: Bible Study at Grand Village (Barb's home) at 1:00pm
3rd Friday: Men's Breakfast Devotional at (Bob Evans) – 9:30am
5th Sunday: Worship and Communion at 10:00am
12th Sunday: Session meeting after church
5th Sunday: Devotion at Samaritas (the Woods) 2:30pm
8th Wednesday: Prayer Call 7:00pm
9th Thursday: Bilyea's Home group meeting at 1:00pm
9th Thursday: Bible Study at Grand Village (Barb's home) at 1:00pm
12th Sunday: Worship and Installation of Newly Elected Officers at 10:00am
12th Sunday: Memorial Service for Pat Doorn 1:30pm
15th Wednesday: Prayer Call at 7:00pm
18th Saturday: PRC's Life Walk
19th Sunday: Worship and Communion at 10:00am
19th Sunday: Devotional at Grand Village (Barb's home) at 2:00pm
20th Monday: Newsletter deadline
22nd Wednesday: Prayer Call at 7:00pm
23rd Thursday: Bilyea's Home Group meeting 1:00pm
23rd Thursday: Bible Study at Grand Village (Barb's home) at 1:00pm
26th Friday: Ladies Luncheon at First Wok (44th Street) at 1:00pm
26th Sunday: Worship at 10:00am

26th Sunday: Devotional at Brook Crest (Joan's home) at 2:30pm

29th Wednesday: Prayer Call at 7:00pm

LOOKING AHEAD

July 3 Sunday: Goodbye to Brother Ken as he leaves for Princeton Seminary

July 7th Thursday: Session Zoom meeting at 7:30pm

July 17th Sunday: Hymn-sing 5:00pm

August 6th Saturday: Leadership training and luncheon 9:00am – 1:00pm

August 17th Wednesday: Lunch-n-Learn at 11:30am
Guests, Judge Randy and Marsha Heckman

SERVING

5th: Preaching - Pastor Mike
Musician - Marjorie Boerema
Special Music - Adams family
Communion Bread - Rachel Wahome
Officiating at the Table - Henry Gachini and Robert Adams
Greeting - Bill & Sandee Keating
Sound Booth - Liam and Seamus Adams
Fellowship Host - Cammi and Faywen Adams
Cleaning this week - Keatings

12th: Preaching - Pastor Mike
Liturgist - Dr. Laura
Marjorie Boerema - Musician
Special Music - Dana Bilyea and Dana Lehmann

Greeting - Diane Solomon & Marilyn

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Sound Booth - Liam and Seamus Adams

Fellowship Host - Dana Bilyea

Cleaning this week - Henry, Bev & Dana B.

19th: Preaching - Dr. Laura

Liturgist - Pastor Mike

Communion Bread - Rachel Wahome

Officiating at the - Table Henry Gachini

Maureen Sweet - Musician

Special Music - Mercy Kamau

Greeting - Roger & Marie Zoerner

Fellowship Host - Al Schumacher

Sound Booth - Gary & Dana Lehmann

Cleaning this week - Rachel and Mercy

26th: Preaching - Dr. Laura

Liturgist - Pastor Mike

Musician - Maureen Sweet

Special Music - Henry Gachini & Rachel

Wahome

Greeting - Henry Gachini and Mercy Kamau

Sound Booth - Gary & Dana Lehmann

Fellowship Host - Joyce VanderLaan

Cleaning this week - Mike & Donna

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of May 1-7: The Adams Family

Week of May 8-14: Mike & Donna

Week of May 15-21: Henry, Bev and Dana B.

Week of May 22-28: Rachel and Mercy

Week of May 29-June 4: Bill and Sandee

LADIES LUNCHEON

You're invited to join some of the ladies of the church meeting at First Wok on 44th Street at 1:00 PM each last Friday of the month at 1:00pm. It's a great time of prayer and fellowship as the "sisters" meet with Pastor Mike. (Everyone is "Dutch.") For more information contact Pastor Mike at (616) 822-9988.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

The Men of the Church meet every FIRST FRIDAY of the month at 9:30am at Bob Evans (Kalamazoo Ave. at M6). After a brief devotional and prayer, the gents enjoy a breakfast and great conversation. All are welcome to join us.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Are you wanting to pour out your heart before the Lord? You have an opportunity to do so each week on Wednesday at 7:00pm. Join Pastor Mike, Dr. Laura and others as we together, "pour out our hearts before Him".

Dial-in-number: 1-602-580-9612

Access Code: 6914064

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5 Scott/Shauga Gipe (Anniv.)

9 Barb Bailey

10 Jaicilynn Vanderberg

24 Ayla Lehmann

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us on Wednesday, August 17 at 11:30am for our first Lunch-n-Learn luncheon. Our special guests will be the Honorable Randy and Marsha Heckman who will share with us some of their experiences in sharing their love of the Lord Jesus with others. We'll have a "boxed" lunch from Horrocks for all those planning on attending. The lunches will be made up of ham sandwiches at a cost of \$10.00 per lunch. Please speak with Pastor Mike for more details and be sure to sign up.

HYMN SING

We'll hold a good old-fashioned hymn-sing on Sunday July 17 at 5:00pm. Marjorie has agreed to play and after singing a dozen or so of your favorite old hymns, we serve up dishes of ice cream. Please be sure to sign up.

COMMUNION THIS SUMMER

After celebrating communion every Sunday during the Lenten season, the Session has considered the benefit of having communion more often. It has been decided that for the summer months (June, July and August) we will have communion on every first and every third Sunday.

Additionally, we will be introducing real wine to the congregation. Please note carefully the communion trays will contain BOTH grape juice and real wine. They will be clearly distinguished from one another and thoroughly explained before each communion service. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to speak with pastor Mike, Dr. Laura or any of the members of Session. Thank you for your willingness to explore what might be extremely meaningful for another.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Rev. Nancy Dumford will be with us on Saturday 6th for session two of our Leadership training. The session will begin at 9:00am and after a short boxed lunch break, will conclude at 1:00pm. Everyone in our church community is invited and encouraged to attend. There is a workbook to purchase for \$10.00.

Dr. Laura conducted for us the first session a few months ago. What we learned is that we are all leaders in this our new and growing church. We all have something to contribute. Please make the effort to join your pastors and elders as we work together to develop our church into the kind of community the Lord Jesus will use in a mighty way. For more information, please feel free to speak to Dr. Laura or pastor Mike.

POST SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

A calendar has recently been hung in the Fellowship area for anyone to sign up for Fellowship Hostess/snack. You may also confirm or change the date that you have already agreed to. We are blessed with many volunteers sharing this contribution and thank you for bringing in treats for this time of fellowship.

Sandee Keating

QUIP

(Submitted by Donna Baynai)

What is the church? It's not a building. Nor is it a corporation with a cross on top. It is His people, gathered anywhere in His name through faith in Him. Chuck Swindoll

FELLOWSHIP FEASTS

Fellowship Feasts will be starting soon, and you are invited! These are an exciting way for you to get to know other members of the GSPC family with whom you may not be familiar. You have two ways to be a part of this. First, you can volunteer to open your home to other GSPC members, and serve the entrée which doesn't have to be fancy. The other guests provide the other items of the meal such as appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. You are completely in charge. You choose the day, the time, and the number of guests. You may choose to inform the guests what the entrée will be so the sides will complement the entrée, but that isn't required. Second, if you can't open your home to others, you can choose to be a guest. Guests will be randomly chosen to attend a meal. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church if you are interested. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Robert Adams, Clerk of Session

DIRECT-YOUR-DOLLARS (a reminder)



We've now begun partnering with SpartanNash, the big food distributor, in their direct-your-dollars charitable program. This was previously announced via email and from the pulpit. Receipts have begun trickling in and we're hopeful (and prayerful!) that as many of you as possible will participate.

The way this works is that everyone saves their receipts for groceries purchased at one of the SpartanNash stores and turns them in to the church. There's a convenient grocery bag hanging from the coat rack where you can deposit your receipts. Once we've collected \$150,000 worth of receipts, we submit them to SpartanNash, and they give us a check for \$1,000! The SpartanNash stores in the Grand Rapids area are Family Fare, D&W and Forest Hills Foods.

I know that sounds like a lot but you'd be amazed how fast it adds up, particularly if you recruit friends and family members to add their receipts to yours. We're organizing a collection point in the church for you to turn in your receipts, and I'll conglomerate them together and, eventually, submit them for our cash reward!

Submitted by Jim Miller

