

Emanuel United Church of Christ  
Consistory Minutes – October 11, 2022

**Present:** Val Cordray, Helen Tritt, Andrea Sammons, Pastor Gaye Santoro, Nancy Perry, Janel Baughman, Nick Kindel, Betsy Rawlins, Glenn Lynn, Alexandra Sammons

**Absent:** Bob McCall

The consistory meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Val Cordray through Zoom. Pastor Gaye Santoro opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Correspondence:** none

**Secretary's Report:** September Consistory minutes were approved via e-mail.

**Treasurer's Report:** Edward Jones lost \$14,000 in investments in September. We are still in the red. Glenn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Betsy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Report submitted to Consistory.

- Busy this month.
- Kelly King played for World Communion Sunday.
- There are 6 children under 4 who haven't been baptized since the pandemic began. One person came to the baptism workshop.
- Appalachia Service Project – hoping to take 5 youth and 2 adult to ASP with the Methodist Church, Sts. Peter & Paul, and other churches. Pastor Gaye sent an email to youth over 14. The deposit is due to the Methodist church by November 1.
- Rev. John Schluep is preaching on November 13 for Veterans Day. There will be devotionals on our Facebook page November 1-11. Trinity UCC has closed their Healing Circle for Warriors Journey Home due to lack of interest.
- Nancy made a motion to accept the Pastor's Report, and Glenn seconded it. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Yard Sale: went great, and there were lots of volunteers throughout the 3 days. There was discussion on whether to have food at next year's sale. We are leaving a balance in the Yard Sale account until December.
- 2023 Appalachia Service Project trip: discussed in Pastor's Report
- Guest Preacher Compensation & Compensation Request Form: Form looks good.
- Fellowship Hall use: The Consistory discussed the forms and eliminated the rental to non-members form since our church does not rent the Fellowship Hall out to non-members.
- Active Member Roster: There was a lot of discussion on sending letters to inactive members. Pastor Gaye will draft an intermediate letter to send out to non-active members asking what the church can do for them. This letter will be sent out before an inactive member letter will be sent.

**New Business:** Discussion was held regarding Pet Blessing and September offering totals.

**Standing Committees:**

**Missions:**

- Blessing Box – Pastor Gaye put the Blessing Box fund on her registry for her wedding

and now there is over \$900 to purchase items.

- Next meeting – October 18
- Change for Change: October 16 benefits Share-A-Christmas program

Christian Education:

- On October 16, four 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be receiving their own Children's Bible. They are Elliot Danko, Aliyah Fischer, Nora Miller, and James Ulmer.
- The Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for October 29 from 1-3PM with a parade at 1PM and then trunk or treating. Cookies and juice boxes will be served on the church porch. There are 17 members who will be decorating their trunks.
- The Children's Program will be on November 27 during worship.

Elders: See September minutes

Property:

- Power-washed the front steps and porch
- Pews have been rearranged in the balcony
- Replaced lights in the sanctuary

Technology: We got a new router.

Music: Glad Kelly could fill in and play while Carol is healing.

Pastoral relations did not meet

Safety and Security: Door monitors still needed.

Lunch & Learn starts on Thursdays at noon.

Val adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Tritt, Secretary