

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

With the work of Sarah, Mary, and Sue, CCNS financial reporting has been clarified. Their work is much appreciated. Greg Hughes has joined S&F
TOPPS donations: Individual contributions, proceeds from the Deacons spring food drive, and the Lenten offering totaled \$9660. This has been sent to TOPPS. Journey Outward Team: This is envisioned as a 3-4 month commitment to create templates for future mission journeys and learning journeys for the next 4-6 years. This work group would focus on capacity (our church and possibly members of other churches) and sustainability (financing). S&F is working with the stewardship campaign committee to complete our fall pledge drive.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

The Blessing of the Animals and Trees was nice and orderly and well received. 35 people attended. 60+ trees were taken by participants. A Blessing of the Cyclists was suggested for spring. Discussed what brings us joy in worship services? Unison response: Music! More Christmas carols will be included in Advent services. Involving the children and youth in worship services matters. Having children process in with cloths and loaves of bread on World Communion Sunday was meaningful. Lynn Jacobs encourages young musicians and could perhaps let them go behind the scenes to see how the organ is played

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Advent workshop will be held at the Seminary on Sunday, December 1. Carol volunteered to organize the workshop and Debbie volunteered to help Carol. Jenn suggested youth host chili supper again as fundraiser for mission trip.

Preschool SS. Rhonda shared that everything is going great. There are 4-5 kids each Sunday.

Youth Ministry

Mission trip 2020 will be the Urban Youth Mission at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Celebration at the Manger program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15. Carla Rice is directing. Jenn encouraged CE members to reach out to Carla and offer to help her and also recruit other members in the congregation to help.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Skyped with Sarah Henken from her living room in Barranquilla, Colombia

Sarah told us about her day. In office mode, catching up with email and paper work. Very busy the last few months with YAV (young adult volunteers). Challenges: even though peace accord officially in place, still lot of violence. Trying to work into handing over weapons, but slow process. Government slow in funding. Some are finding themselves in limbo. Land rights a difficult issue. Reclaiming land is risky, running for office is risky. Churches helping locally as they can, with services and classes. Immigrants from Venezuela create tension, meeting their needs and locals needs.

OPC has given \$9,960 to TOPSS. Discussion followed. Nancy will write letter for review to ask that we be given bimonthly updates on progress

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Communication Committee has been busy developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an improved AV system, meeting with vendors, discussing process and reviewing the submitted proposals. Session should have a final recommendation from Communications by December. Matt Benzing joined Kim Logsdon and Gene Krebs on the committee.