

Pastor's Report for Administrative Council - July 2025

PROGRESS REPORT ON ANNUAL GOALS

Goal #1 - Policies and Procedures

- Two job descriptions to present for approval - Communications, Custodian
- Brittany is putting together a draft of a Safe Gatherings procedures document

Goal #2 - Outreach Team

- Chair of team = Suzanne Thompson
- First Team Meeting = Wednesday, July 30, 6:30 pm

Goal #3 - Parsonage

- Ad Council has shifted priority away from parsonage for now
- Proposed new goal: Discern the needed updates to the church building and develop a plan to implement them

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DISCUSSION

- Facility questions - Per Trustees Report

Hard questions to ask ourselves:

- Is this facility an asset to our ministry? How so?
- Are we ready to put money into the building, knowing it needs hundreds of thousands of dollars of work, given the Trustees priority list?
- How comfortable are we incurring debt?
- *Charge Conference forms will be due September 15th*

ACTION

- Approve job descriptions

OTHER REPORTING

- Took vacation - July 7-20 - Thanks everyone, especially Charlotte Phelps and David Phelps for preaching
- Was present and spoke at Missouri Faith Voices protest on 7/21 outside Senator Josh Hawley's office
- Met with District Superintendent Rev. Adrienne Denson Ewell for annual evaluation - all went well
- "Maplewood at the Movies" - Thursdays, July 24, 31, August 7, 14 = Movie in Fellowship Hall
Sundays, July 27, August 3, 10, 17 = Movie themed worship
 - This year's theme = "Feline Films" (Flow - The Life of Pi - The Incredible Journey - The Lion King)
- Upcoming dates: 8/3 - Communion / First Sunday Potluck
 - 8/17 - Back to School Sunday / Rally Sunday in Sunday School
 - 8/18 - Webinar for Reconciling Churches - 6:00 pm - Email was sent 6/17
 - 8/24 - Present third grade Bibles in worship / Acolyte training after worship
 - 8/31 - Pulpit Exchange - Rev. Lauren Bennett, St. Louis Metropolitan Community Church