



February-March, 2024

Bascom Community Church
"Reaching People with the Love of Christ"
Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30
Adult Sunday School 9:30



2024 Lenten Schedule

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| February 14 | Ash Wednesday | Noon and 6:30 p.m. | Bascom Community Church | Pastor Dean |
| February 21 | Ecumenical Service | 7:00 p.m. | Bascom Community Church | Rev. Bob Green |
| February 28 | Ecumenical Service | 7:00 p.m. | St. John's | Pastor Barb Osborn |
| March 6 | Ecumenical Service | 7:00 p.m. | Union | Rev. Amy Kinney |
| March 13 | Ecumenical Service | 7:00 p.m. | St. John's | Sr. Carol Inkrott |
| March 20 | Ecumenical Service | 7:00 p.m. | Hopewell Church of God | Pastor Dean |
| March 24 | Palm Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | Bascom Community Church | Pastor Dean |
| March 28 | Ecumenical Handwash Service | 7:00 p.m. | St. John's | |
| March 29 | Ecumenical Good Friday | 2:00 p.m. | Bascom Community Church | |
| March 31 | Easter Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | Bascom Community Church | Pastor Dean |



Wouldn't you be on board if someone asked you if you would like to share the love of Christ, be more Christ-like, please God, make the world a better place, brighten someone's day, or be kind? I think you get my drift..... Well we all have a very simple way of achieving this each and every day by simply performing random acts of kindness. These acts of kindness can involve our family members, friends or even total strangers. A

simple act of kindness could make someone's day, and it's so simple. Since February is a month when love is front and center, what better time to try to include this effort into our daily lives?

The following are examples of random acts of kindness for those who need inspiration, but you can brainstorm your own ideas too. As a church family, let's try it in the month of February and do our part in making the world a better place!

For Strangers

- Give an unexpected compliment.
- Let someone cut in front of you in line.
- Slow down so someone can merge in front of you in traffic.
- Open or hold the door for someone.
- Let someone else take that primo parking spot.
- Say hello to someone dining alone.
- Help someone struggling to carry their grocery bags.
- Stop to assist someone who looks lost.
- Leave a bottle of cold water for your mail carrier on a hot summer day.
- Tell someone to have a nice day.
- Say something encouraging to a parent who's struggling with rambunctious kids in a restaurant.
- Offer to return a stranger's grocery cart to the front of the store.
- Hand out disposable water bottles to people working outside on a hot day.
- Buy a gift card to hand to someone on your way out of the coffee shop.
- Leave a great coupon next to that item in the grocery store.
- Pick up a piece of litter on the street and throw it out.
- Pass along a compliment to a service worker's boss.
- Pay for the person's order behind you in the drive-thru.
- Take the time to write a great online review for a restaurant you love.
- Pay for the meal of the people at the next table. (Leave before they realize what you've done.)
- Leave a positive comment on a news article or blog post.
- Learn CPR.
- Give an extra tip and write an encouraging note along with it.
- Keep an extra umbrella in your car to give to someone stuck in the rain.
- Buy lemonade from a child's lemonade stand.
- Visit a nursing home — read books to or play board games with residents.
- Send a care package to a service member.
- Bring treats to your local fire station.
- Write a thank you note to your mail carrier.
- Talk to a stranger at a party who looks like they don't know anyone.
- Smile at someone who looks sad.

For Nonprofits

- Give blood.
- Donate your old cell phone or other electronics to charity.
- Become an organ donor.
- Donate gently used clothes to a charitable thrift shop.
- Give old blankets, sheets and towels to an animal shelter.
- Play with animals at a local shelter.
- Donate your old glasses.
- Contribute used books to the library or school media center.

For Co-Workers

Tell your boss one thing you love about him/her.
Bring in a favorite treat and leave it in the break room. (It's extra fun if you do it anonymously.)
Compliment a colleague to your boss.
Deliver coffee to an office assistant.
Post sticky notes with uplifting messages on the bathroom mirrors.
Stay late for a co-worker who needs to get home.
Add a positive comment to the conversation if office chatter becomes negative.
Tell a joke to lighten the mood when a co-worker is handling a tough assignment.
Thank the janitor for keeping your workplace clean.
Offer to pick up lunch for a co-worker when you pick up your own.

For Neighbors

Introduce yourself, even if — you've lived near each other for a while but haven't met.
Compliment a neighbor on a feature of their home.
Scrape the ice off a neighbor's windshield after you've finished doing yours.
Mow their lawn, shovel their walks, rake their leaves or sweep their sidewalk as a surprise.
Make a double batch of the cookies you're baking and bring some next door.
Plan a neighborhood block party so everyone can get to know each other better.
Walk your neighbor's dog when he has to stay late at the office.
Offer to babysit a neighbor's child for free.
Build a "little free library" box in your yard. Put books in it for your neighbors to borrow, and invite them to donate their books.
Make dinner for a neighbor who has just had a baby or surgery.
Bring your neighbor's garbage totter back in when you get your own.

For Teachers

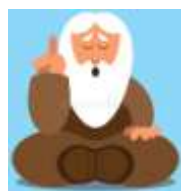
Write a thank you note to a teacher who made a difference in your life.
Tell the principal how much you love your child's teacher.
Offer to read to your child's class during story time.
Offer to make copies or do other chores for your child's teacher.
Send in hand sanitizer and tissues during flu season. Send in tissues for spring allergy season.
Send in school supplies as supplies dwindle later in the year.

For Friends and Loved Ones

Be on time.
Call your mom or dad just to say I love you.
Tell a friend what you love about their children.
Attend an event, such as a dance recital or sporting event, of a friend's child.
Send a message to a friend, letting them know you appreciate them.
Reconnect with an old friend you've lost touch with. Share a memory you carry with you.
Forgive someone who has wronged you.
Make amends with someone you have wronged.
Do chores for a family member who could use some extra free time.
Let your spouse sleep in when it's his/her turn to get up early with the kids.
Give a friend a book you think they would like.

Write a letter of encouragement to a child you know is having a hard time.
 Figure out a friend or family member's half birthday (six months from their full birthday) and surprise them with a little treat on that day.
 Write a sweet, encouraging note and put it in your child's lunch box or under their pillow.
 Make them their favorite special treat.
 Pick some wildflowers and take a bouquet to them.
 Call a friend who you haven't spoken with in a while. You never know when someone may be having a rough day.
 Don't forget yourself! Schedule a pedicure or massage, spend a few hours reading a great book or make time for another activity you love. Being kind to yourself will give you the energy and strength to be kind to others!

Kindness is a gift that keeps on giving. Sprinkle a few of these ideas into your weekly routine, and let's make a difference!



Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class is studying the final portion of the Andy Stanley book, Christian, It's Not What You Think. The class is learning what it means to be a disciple of Christ and one of the most important commandments that Jesus gave us – to love one another. That is something that all of us worldwide need to remember and do.

The next study will be a LifeGuide book, Growing Older and Wiser. The study tells us that wisdom does not automatically come with age. However, we can get wiser as we get older, if we tap into the eternal wisdom of God. Lessons will be about older people who should have listened to younger people and vice versa.

In December, the class lost one of its long-time members, Kenny Thallman. Above the door of our classroom is a sign that says, "Willing Workers." Kenny was indeed a willing worker, doing many things for our church over the years, from making repairs to our church equipment and buildings, mowing lawn, decorating our church outside for Christmas and washing dishes in the kitchen basement. Our class will sorely miss his input, dedication and humor.

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KIDS CLUB meets the first Saturday of the month from 2-4:00 p.m. at

Bascom Community Church. This is an opportunity for kiddos to come and participate in some age-appropriate Christian themed activities. Each month, there is a theme that the activities and message revolve around. For example, last month's theme was snowflakes and how we are all created by God wonderfully unique and different. This is currently a very small group, but we would love to be able to reach more children. Please spread the word and invite any members of the community that you think may be interested. If you have any questions, you may contact the church.



What's The Big Deal About Easter Anyway?

There are some popular commercials out today trying to get you to buy insurance. I'm sure you have seen them. They are the ones that tell you that you can save 15% in 15 minutes. They started that ad campaign many years ago and to keep it fresh they have added a twist to. They spent years teaching everyone that phrase and it became synonymous with their company. My favorite starts with one person saying "did you know you could save 15% in 15 minutes with Geico", another person says, "everybody knows that, then the other person says "yeah but did you know..." then they say something like, "Pinocchio was a bad motivational speaker". Then they show Pinocchio speaking and basically lying to people telling them they have great potential. His nose starts growing because he is lying to his listeners. The advertisement's spin focuses on the basic premise of questioning what's the big deal about 15% in 15 minutes. We have heard it before.

That's the way much of the world looks at Easter. They say what is the big deal. All it is, is another way for people to make money. Easter baskets and candy eggs. It's on Sunday which means that it is not even a real holiday. We don't even get a Monday off for it. Our scripture this morning tells us what the big deal is about Easter. Peter is encouraging and reminding Christians just what our faith is all about. You see, the big deal about Easter is that without Easter, there would be no Christianity. He is assuring his audience that Easter really happened and that there is a Hope of eternal life because it did.

The first thing we see here is that there is a proclamation of our being born again because of Easter. Because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead we can now live with great expectation and anticipation of what is to come in this lifetime and after we have been called to our heavenly home. Easter gives us a new life and it gives us an eternal life because Easter proves that a man can be raised from the dead.

So, what's the big deal? God raised another man from the dead. He has done that before. Plus, there are some TV programs today that are very popular about people being raised from the dead. We have the "Walking Dead" which is about Zombies who walk the Earth. You have all of these Vampire shows about beings who are immortal. In contrast to these fictional resurrections, God created the first and only walking dead who was both fully human and fully God on that first Easter morning when He brought Jesus of Nazareth back to life.

That is what the big deal is about Easter. God proving who He was through the resurrection of the person of Easter. Easter is not about new clothes or candy or baskets or eggs, it is about God proving that He and only He can provide eternal life to people. Peter not Only Proclaims Easter in this verse he also identifies the person of Easter. And contrary to the Cadbury egg commercials, it is not a bunny rabbit. The person of Easter is Jesus Christ, God in the flesh.

So what's the big deal about Easter anyway? God rose Jesus from the grave on that first Easter morning. Peter writes that we are born again by and through the raising from the dead of Jesus Christ. The person of Easter. Nobody else could have done this for us. The resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what we need to tell the world about Easter. That without Easter, there would be no Christianity. And without Christianity, this world offers no hope.

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance -an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay (1 Peter 1:3-4).

God Bless and Happy Easter... Pastor Dean



Super Bowl Subs

The Church is planning to make Super Bowl Subs on Saturday morning, February 10th. Please come join us for the famous sub assembly lines – which should not replace anyone's day job if you still work!!!!

Orders must be placed by Sunday, January 28th – but the final order can be “tweaked” until February 5th. If necessary, please call Ron Lutz at 419-448-8675.



COWBOY COOKIES

YIELDS: 2 - 3 dz. PREP TIME: 15 mins TOTAL TIME: 1 hr 15 mins

Ingredients

- 1 c. salted butter, divided
- 1 c. packed brown sugar
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 c. old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- 1 c. coconut flakes
- 2 c. chocolate chips
- Flaky salt, for sprinkling

Directions

1. In a medium saucepan, brown 1/2 cup of butter by melting it over medium heat, then letting it cook and bubble for an additional 3 to 5 minutes, or until the foam and butter underneath is golden brown. Immediately transfer it to a large, heatproof mixing bowl and swirl a few times to help stop the browning. Let it cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, allow the remaining 1/2 cup of butter to soften.

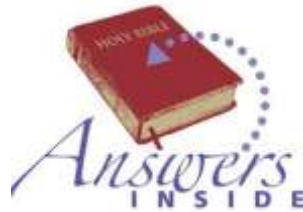
2. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
3. To the browned butter, add the softened 1/2 cup of butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar. Using a stand or hand mixer, beat on medium-high speed until the mixture has lightened in color and texture, 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce the mixer speed to low. Add the eggs and vanilla, and beat until smooth, scraping the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed.
4. In another medium bowl, whisk to combine the flour, baking soda, and cinnamon. Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture in 3 parts, mixing on low speed until fully incorporated after each addition. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed. Add the oats, pecans, coconut flakes, and chocolate chips, and mix on low speed or stir with a spatula to combine.
5. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. Using a 2 tablespoon cookie scoop, drop cookie dough onto the baking sheet, leaving about 2 inches of space between each cookie. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, or until golden brown and dry in appearance on top. Let the cookies cool for 2 minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely. Sprinkle with flaky salt.

Tip: You can also make these with 1 cup of softened butter and skip the step of browning butter!



February-March, 2024 Events

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| February 2 | Groundhog Day | |
| February 3 | Men's breakfast at Denny's | 9:00 a.m. |
| February 3 | Kids Club | 2:00-4:00 p.m. |
| February 5 | Communion Sunday | |
| February 10 | Super Bowl Sub making | 9:30 a.m. |
| February 11 | Super Bowl Sunday | |
| February 13 | Admin. Board Meeting | 6:00 p.m. |
| February 14 | Ash Wednesday Services | Noon and 6:30 p.m. |
| February 14 | Valentine's Day | |
| February 16 | Mommy & Me | |
| February 19 | President's Day | |
| February 21 | Ecumenical Lenten Service at Bascom Community Church | 7:00 p.m. |
| February 28 | Ecumenical Lenten Service at St. John's | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 2 | Men's breakfast TBA | 9:00 a.m. |
| March 2 | Kids Club | 2:00-4:00 p.m. |
| March 3 | Communion Sunday | |
| March 6 | Ecumenical Lenten Service at Union | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 10 | Don't forget to Spring your clocks Forward | |
| March 13 | Ecumenical Lenten Service at St. John's | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 15 | Mommy & Me | |
| March 17 | St. Patrick's Day | |
| March 19 | Election Day | |
| March 20 | Ecumenical Lenten Service at Hopewell Church of God | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 20 | First day of Spring!! | |
| March 24 | Palm Sunday | |
| March 28 | Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Service at St. John's | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 29 | Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Bascom Community | 2:00 p.m. |
| March 31 | Easter Sunday...regular worship service time | 10:30 a.m. |



Following are the Scriptures that go along with the pastor's sermons for the months of February-March, 2024:

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| Thursday 1 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY 1 Corinthians 9 & 10 | Friday 2 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY Mark 1:29-39 1 Corinthians 11 & 12 | Saturday 3 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11,20 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39 | Sunday 4 Feb 2024 B 5 EIPPHANY Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11,20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39 | | | |
| Monday 5 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45 | Tuesday 6 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY 2 Kings 5 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 13 | Wednesday 7 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45 1 Corinthians 14 | Thursday 8 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9 | Friday 9 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY 2 Kings 2:1-18 Psalm 50 1 Corinthians 15 | Saturday 10 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY 2 Corinthians 4 Mark 9:2-13 1 Corinthians 16 | Sunday 11 Feb 2024 B TRANSFIGURATION 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9 B 6 EIPPHANY PROPER 1 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45 |
| Monday 12 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY Numbers 1 & 2 | Tuesday 13 Feb 2024 EIPPHANY Numbers 3 & 4 | Wednesday 14 Feb 2024 ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Either</i> Joel 2:1-2,12-17 <i>or</i> Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6,16-21 | Thursday 15 Feb 2024 LENT Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15 | Friday 16 Feb 2024 LENT Genesis 9:1-17 Psalm 25 | Saturday 17 Feb 2024 LENT 1 Peter 3:8-22 Mark 1:9-20 | Sunday 18 Feb 2024 B 1 LENT Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15 |
| Monday 19 Feb 2024 LENT Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 Mark 9:2-9 | Tuesday 20 Feb 2024 LENT Genesis 17 Numbers 5 & 6 | Wednesday 21 Feb 2024 LENT Psalm 22 Numbers 7 & 8 | Thursday 22 Feb 2024 LENT Romans 4 Numbers 9 & 10 | Friday 23 Feb 2024 LENT Mark 8:31-9:13 Numbers 11 & 12 | Saturday 24 Feb 2024 LENT Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 Mark 9:2-9 | Sunday 25 Feb 2024 B 2 LENT Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 <i>Either</i> Mark 8:31-38 <i>or</i> Mark 9:2-9 |
| Monday 26 Feb 2024 LENT | Tuesday 27 Feb 2024 LENT | Wednesday 28 Feb 2024 LENT | Thursday 29 Feb 2024 LENT | Friday 1 Mar 2024 LENT | Saturday 2 Mar 2024 LENT | Sunday 3 Mar 2024 B 3 LENT |

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| Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22 | Exodus 20:1-21 Numbers 13 & 14 | Psalm 19 Numbers 15 & 16 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5 Numbers 17 & 18 | John 2 Numbers 19 & 20 | Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22 | Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22 |
| <i>Monday</i> 4 Mar 2024 LENT Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21 | <i>Tuesday</i> 5 Mar 2024 LENT Numbers 21 & 22 | <i>Wednesday</i> 6 Mar 2024 LENT Psalm 107 Numbers 23 & 24 | <i>Thursday</i> 7 Mar 2024 LENT Ephesians 2:1-10 Numbers 25 & 26 | <i>Friday</i> 8 Mar 2024 LENT John 3 & 4 | <i>Saturday</i> 9 Mar 2024 LENT Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21 | <i>Sunday</i> 10 Mar 2024 B 4 LENT Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21 |
| <i>Monday</i> 11 Mar 2024 LENT Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33 | <i>Tuesday</i> 12 Mar 2024 LENT Jeremiah 30 & 31 Numbers 27 | <i>Wednesday</i> 13 Mar 2024 LENT Psalm 51 Numbers 28 & 29 | <i>Thursday</i> 14 Mar 2024 LENT Psalm 119:9-16 Numbers 30 & 31 | <i>Friday</i> 15 Mar 2024 LENT Hebrews 4:14-5:10 Numbers 32 & 33 | <i>Saturday</i> 16 Mar 2024 LENT John 12:20-36 Numbers 34 & 35 | <i>Sunday</i> 17 Mar 2024 B 5 LENT Jeremiah 31:31-34 <i>Either</i> Psalm 51:1-12 <i>or</i> Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33 |
| <i>Monday</i> 18 Mar 2024 LENT Mark 11:1-11 John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 | <i>Tuesday</i> 19 Mar 2024 LENT Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 | <i>Wednesday</i> 20 Mar 2024 LENT Mark 11:1-11 John 12:12-19 | <i>Thursday</i> 21 Mar 2024 LENT Psalm 118 Numbers 36 | <i>Friday</i> 22 Mar 2024 LENT Isaiah 50 Psalm 31 | <i>Saturday</i> 23 Mar 2024 LENT Philippians 2:1-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 | <i>Sunday</i> 24 Mar 2024 B PALM SUNDAY { <i>Either</i> Mark 11:1-11 <i>or</i> John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 <i>or</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark (14:1-72); 15:1-39,(40-47) } |
| <i>Monday</i> 25 Mar 2024 HOLY MONDAY Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11 | <i>Tuesday</i> 26 Mar 2024 HOLY TUESDAY Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36 | <i>Wednesday</i> 27 Mar 2024 HOLY WEDNESDAY Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32 | <i>Thursday</i> 28 Mar 2024 MAUNDY THURSDAY Exodus 12:1-4,(5-10),11-14 Psalm 116:1-2,12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-7,31b-35 | <i>Friday</i> 29 Mar 2024 GOOD FRIDAY Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 <i>Either</i> Hebrews 10:16-25 <i>or</i> Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18 & 19 | <i>Saturday</i> 30 Mar 2024 HOLY SATURDAY <i>Either</i> Job 14:1-14 <i>or</i> Lamentations 3:1-9,19-24 Psalm 31:1-4,15-16 1 Peter 4:1-8 <i>Either</i> Matthew 27:57-66 <i>or</i> John 19:38-42 | <i>Sunday</i> 31 Mar 2024 B EASTER DAY AM <i>Either</i> Acts 10:34-43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 <i>Either</i> 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-43 <i>Either</i> John 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Mark 16:1-8 PM Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 114 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Luke 24:13-49 |



December, 2023 Administrative Board Meeting

December 12, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Dean, Helen Emerine, Don Thallman, Mike Prosser, Deb Lutz, Jeanne VanBuskirk, Lori Clay, Ed Smith, Carol Reisner, Bob Manz

Not present: Carolyn Thallman

Minutes taken by Lori Clay

The first order of business discussed was to address the Board regarding the website update options due to the name change. Do we make the minimum necessary name change update or do we choose to make it more updated, user friendly and more mobile friendly. (Also please refer to notes further down that refer to the website.) The current website is totally antiquated. The cost commitment that was given to us to do the complete overhaul was approximately \$5250.00. Half of the fee is due at the onset of the project. It was shared that we have already received an anonymous donation of \$3000.00 that has been earmarked for the purpose of website investment as Spire had to be hired to update the website with our new church information anyway. The board felt that investing the full \$5250 to modernize the website is a good investment if we have the money available to do it. Carol Reisner made a motion to commit the \$5250 for the full updates, Don Thallman seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Bob Manz will notify Spire to move forward with the project. Lori Clay will send a check to Spire for half the total fee.

Regarding the church building, Pastor Dean shared that Chuck Popenberg and Don Thallman are still working with Bishop Plumbing regarding the bathroom leak. It may be after the first of the year before it is resolved. Jay Frankart helped with placing an elbow on the air line as it appears rain may be entering the line and adding to the issue. We will know more after Bishop Plumbing investigates the cause (probably after the first of the year).

Chuck and Dane Popenberg have begun converting the fellowship hall lights from fluorescent to LED. The old bulbs and ballasts are being kept as replacements for other areas of the church. Chuck & Karen Popenberg are donating the bulbs to the church.

There is nothing to report with the parsonage.

Pastor Dean has also provided that regarding the website, Bob Manz and Lori Clay met with Spire Advertising on Dec. 6th. Pastor Dean was to attend but had the day incorrectly entered in his calendar. The estimate is now \$5250 versus the original estimate of \$3000. The minimum to do the name domain change was \$1500. Enhancements for the \$5250 are as follows: a "four page" site that allows a home page, an enhanced "about" page that has the capacity to grow as we grow, a more efficient and user friendly calendar page and the capacity to use additional videos other than our current limitation to link only through Facebook. This will give us an opportunity to be more interactive with our audience. We will need to decide what color pallet to go with that makes our website more inviting to the public. They have purchased the domain name "Bascom Church" for us and if you search for "Bascom Community Church", the search engine leads you to our current website. Included in the \$19.95 fee is the re-direct of all inquiries on BUM Church or Bascom UMC to our new site. Completion is expected to be approximately the end of January. Nick Reinhard is working on creating a new Facebook page with our new name plus Bob Manz is working on having our current page contain our current name of Bascom Community Church.

Pastor Dean shared that the deed completion should be done by 12/31/23. Attorney David Bacon is handling the transaction (pro bono as much as possible). The initial meeting was 11/2/23. He was emailed for an update on the status on 11/22/23, and there was no response. He was called again on 12/11/23, and as of today's date, there has been no response.

The transition to 501C3 is currently on hold as it will require a budget and some additional paperwork that Bob Manz and Lori Clay will begin work on when other areas currently being addressed are closer to completion (cost is \$275.00).

Also, we will need to advise congregation members to amend their wills to leave any bequests to either "Bascom Community Church" or "the church last attending" instead of Bascom United Methodist Church. It appears this can be done with a notarized statement but they may want to double check with their attorney. Pastor Dean will research and present what he finds out to the

congregation. Via research online, they may be able to do it themselves. Helen Emerine has offered to notarize any such documents if needed.

Regarding finances, due to some generous benefactors, we were blessed so that we didn't have to take out any loan for disaffiliation costs. There are however unprojected costs with our disaffiliation, as well as the ongoing capital needs requirements (such as the reseal of the parking lot at approximately \$3000 in 2024 plus the unknown costs associated with the bathroom leak). Do we need to speak to the congregation and have a fundraiser campaign similar to the "Raise the Roof" campaign? Karen Popenberg has approached WSOS about the possibility of utilizing our church building again. There currently is no need but they will contact us if a need should arise. We have prepared a recap of the Raise the Roof funds that were available AFTER the church building roof was installed. The current roof balance is \$3920.34. The board felt there may be a need to do another campaign.

Helen Emerine mentioned that we should first present to the congregation the options that we have regarding staying independent versus joining Global Methodist. The team will work on a presentation of pros and cons of each decision and present to the congregation shortly after the first of the year. After the congregation votes, it can be determined if another campaign is needed.

We received a letter from the Bureau of Worker's Compensation stating policy #00568458 has been changed from Bascom UMC to Bascom Community Church. The Vanguard account changeover process is still in process at this time.

At some point, we will need to come up with a new Book of Discipline. Pastor Dean has been given another church's Book of Discipline, and that church did give us permission to use for our own as necessary.

Pastor Dean shared he met on December 5th with Lifewise. This is an excellent opportunity to reach children at Hopewell Loudon Schools. This would require coordination of local churches (they recommend at least 3), local business leaders, school administrative and teachers and local support. This would need to be privately funded. Per the presentation, it is very time intensive for the first year and normally takes 8 to 12 months to get ready to implement. The current superintendent, Matthew White, attended the meeting and supports this initiative.

Carolyn Thallman and Don Thallman will be rotating off the board, and Jeannie VanBuskirk will be the chair for 2024. New members are still being sought.

Mike Prosser made a motion to approve the prior information as the pastor's report, Carol Reisner seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Lori Clay gave the Treasurer's report and presented the 2024 budget. Deb Lutz made a motion to accept both, Carol Reisner seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

New business:

Deb Lutz states Ron Lutz inquired if the board wants to do the Super Bowl Sub Sale if we can make a profit in 2024? The board members all agreed to go ahead with the sub sale as long as we don't lose money.

It was asked if we are to be assisting with Mommy & Me or not. Pastor Dean said that Laurie was fine if we helped and was also fine if we didn't. She didn't request that we assist. No insurance is needed since they are not an entity. We completed and paid for background checks because we are required to do the checks per Safe Sanctuary rules. Insurance rules require background checks as well.

Communion was brought up. It was asked that since Covid is going back up, should we continue to offer both processes as we have been. It was determined that we should.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be February 13th at 6:00 p.m.

January 21, 2024 Special Administrative Board Meeting

January 21, 2024 11:45 a.m.

Present: Pastor Dean, Helen Emerine, Deb Lutz, Jeanne VanBuskirk, Lori Clay, Carolyn Thallman, Ed Smith

Not present: Carol Reisner, Bob Manz, Mike Prosser

Meeting minutes taken by Lori Clay

The meeting was called to discuss Ash Wednesday service time. After much discussion, it was decided that this year, we could have two services to accommodate those who are working during the day and also those who did not wish to drive after dark. A motion was made to have a service at noon and a service at 6:30 p.m. Carolyn Thallman made the motion, Helen Emerine seconded it, and all were in favor. The other order of business was that the board authorized Helen Emerine

to sign the new deed acting as temporary board administrative chair and Betty Park as temporary admin board member. Jeannie VanBuskirk made the motion, Deb Lutz seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The next board meeting will be held February 13th at 6:00 p.m.



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