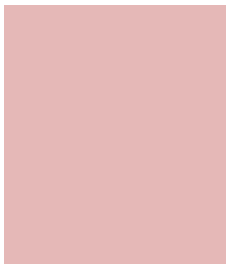


...the whole body,
joined and held
together by supporting
ligament, grows and
builds itself up in love,
as each part does its
work.



Ephesians
4:16

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER
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COMMUNICATING ABOUT OUR CHURCH'S JOURNEY

Notes from Leadership Council

This week's eNews is an update on what has been happening in your leadership council.

First off a reminder of who is on the leadership council – so if you have questions, see these people. If that person doesn't know the answer, he/she will find it out.

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| <i>Scott Miller – Moderator</i> | <i>Becky Crane – Vice Moderator</i> |
| <i>Beth O'Connor – Clerk</i> | <i>Karen Lacatell – Treasurer</i> |
| <i>Bob Bender – Buildings and Grounds</i> | <i>Betsy Rumprik – Missions</i> |
| <i>Kat Miller – Outreach</i> | <i>Carlton Dodge – Worship and Music</i> |
| <i>Sarah Pudlo & Nadine Hiser – Spiritual Growth & Development</i> | |

Exciting news on the roof! Well maybe having our roof repaired does not seem terribly exciting. However, if you had seen how pleased Bob Bender was to present the winning bid to council – you might be excited as well. That bid came from Vermont Roofing, who has done work for us before and has an excellent reputation. Their bid was under \$24,000, which is considerably less than the \$40,000 which we had allocated from the Dawes bequest at the annual meeting. Since that money is being held in the Endowment, there will be a congregational meeting on June 3rd to authorize council to move those funds back out of the endowment so we can stop the leaks.

We also had very positive news on the Designated Pastor search. This interview committee, which is meeting weekly, presented the following:

The interview committee is making it a priority to keep the council and the congregation informed on their progress. Some new information we can provide is: First, Jill Graham of the Massachusetts Conference's Western Regional Office has provided us with information about three people to whom she has spoken about our congregation, and who have indicated an interest in coming here. Jill knows them well, and feels all three are very well qualified, and thinks that each one of them could possibly be a good match for our congregation. Second, we have been reviewing over the church's profile, and the information provided by Jill, and we've been meeting to prepare to interview the three candidates. We have developed a tentative interview

schedule and will be contacting and confirming dates with our candidates by the week of 5/2/12. Our goal is to recommend a candidate to our Leadership Council before the end of May. The Leadership Council will then decide whether the recommended candidate is the best fit for our church.

The Worship and Music team has begun preparation of a worship plan based on the results of the last Walking in the Way session. This plan is likely to include recommendations that were made at that session including the adoption of a two Sunday service schedule and the blending of some contemporary and traditional worship styles/music. Worship and Music and the Leadership will work with the chosen Designated Pastor on these recommendations with the goal of implementing them by September. If you have ideas/comments, please send them to the church office so they can be forwarded to Worship and Music.

The Finance team is hosting an open review of the church's finances this Sunday, April 29th at 11:30 in the parlor. If you want to know what is going on with our budget or have other questions for the finance team, please plan to attend.

Sunday School will be ending its year with a special 9:15 service on May 20th. Even though there will not be Sunday School after this date, Spiritual Growth and Development has promised that we will have packets and activities available for the kids so that Sunday service continues to be a good experience for them.

In the spirit of being together as a congregation on the biggest day in the church calendar – Pentecost - there will only be one service @9:15 on May 27th in the sanctuary. This will also be Confirmation Sunday.

The summer schedule of having one service will begin on June 17th and continue through Sunday, September 2nd. This service will be at 9:15 and be in the sanctuary.

Dalton Carnival is fast approaching and volunteers are needed to ensure the community doesn't miss our fabulous Fried Oreos (or that we don't miss this major fundraiser). This is a great chance to spend a few hours working in the booth with friends – or getting to know someone new. Please contact Scott Miller (684-3686 or mydotcomm@gmail.com) if you can help out.

Lastly we come to the realization that producing a weekly eNews is very difficult to accomplish along with the rest of our busy lives. So, for now, the Leadership Council has decided to publish the eNews every other week.

Peace,

Scott Miller, Moderator