



# HUNTERSVILLE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Church Guidance Council (CGC)

March 3, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm, Steve Gilbert presiding. Attendees: Jerry Kita, John McMillan, Joe Smith, Chris C. Smith, Natasha Stracener, Addria Capps, Jessica Bowles, Rev. Paul Thompson, Charmaine Stokes, and Rev. Rod Arters.
2. Pastor Paul led the spiritual formation discussion on John 17 and led the opening prayer.
3. Prayer concerns were shared.
4. Pastor Paul reported for Kim Trull on the Easter Eggstravaganza on March 23, a community event.
5. Steve Gilbert led the discussion of *Who Stole My Church!* Pastor Paul discussed common ways people come to faith by believing, belonging and growing. Discussion followed. The next book will be *Twelve Ordinary Men*.
6. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as distributed.
7. Big rocks discussion:
  - a. Jerry Kita gave the update on land development. We are waiting for the proposal from Ridge Care. We have an interest in buying the Overcash property adjoining the church property; Ed Humphries is involved in this. Discussion followed;
  - b. Pastor Paul discussed the upcoming UMC annual conference to be held in Charlotte. He and Rod have scheduled a series of forums for church members;
  - c. Steve Gilbert discussed the project to replace the flooring in the Fellowship Hall and hallway, including that the contract for work to start on April 1 with the work done by Friday. HUMC members will need to strip the baseboards and move the furniture. Wooden baseboards will be installed. Easter services and April 7 services will be outdoors. The area will be out of use until the fumes are gone. Pastor Paul accepted an action to develop a plan for a fundraiser to replenish funds;
  - d. Pastor Paul reported on the coffee house, stating that a meeting with Avalanche Coffee will be held on March 4. Proposed coffee house hours are from 6 am – 2 pm.
8. Pastor Paul discussed generative and strategic work for the CGC to initiate change and foster a climate of trust. Discussion followed, including having CGC members meet with Sunday school classes to foster a sense of trust for the congregation.
9. Rick Finger proposed that the church website be updated. Discussion followed.
10. Rick Finger asked if a third Assess UMC meeting. There was agreement on the need for such a meeting.
11. Beth Weant is researching possible organizations to which we could donate the Room in the Inn mattresses, since the program is no longer active.
12. Steve Gilbert led the closing prayer.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.
14. Next meeting will be on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeanie Welch*

Secretary