

NUMC Ministries Council – 10/16/2024

NEXT MEETING: November 20, 2024



In attendance: Carol TL, Eric and Ben Lekberg, Brandon Wallace, Eric G, Ann Mackey, Allen McCormack, Mary Larkins, Heidi Horton, Darren CW, Angie Kattman, Lydia Shaw

Special Guest: Peter Chen

Meal and Prayer - DCW

2025 Stewardship Campaign - Peter Chen

- Theme - Harvesting Hope
 - Previous themes
 - Roman Chapter 5:5
 - Today (10/16) -Start Rippling out information
- Key Messaging:
 - Makes it possible to offer ministry of hope, healing, and Justice
 - Pledge today, cards are available by OCT 27
 - Online is available
 - Nov 24 is Pledge Sunday, but DON'T WAIT
 - Oct 27- Nov 8: Testimonials in E-news and Sanctuary
 - Looking for definitions of Hope.
 - Target is a modest 1% (or more, if needed)
 - In line with plan adopted in 2023
 - Includes 2% cost of living increase for staff
 - Outreach will include 1% and 5% calculation, sent out in Mid-Nov
 - Pledge form is different from Giving form
- Asking:
 - Consider your own pledge, 100% for MC
 - One sentence or so with your Why, how are you harvesting Hope. (send to Doshia - doshia.stewart@gmail.com)
 - Carry the word back to your committees and commissions
- Pledging really helps the finance committee and the board to plan

Advent Festival

- Eric Galloway presented that many leaders would be unlikely to fulfill their traditional roles on Dec. 8th. In addition, Eric G shared that Denise and Rosie had pointed out that it was too late for little kids.
- Ministries Council voted unanimously to move the event back 1 week, to December 1st, and to move the time up to 4:30P
- Ministries Council also agreed to help with Setup and Clean up.

Mardi Gras

- It was pointed out that we are short staffed and that that might make Mardi Gras a bit of a challenge.
- Darren agreed to solicit the Board of Directors to help with this event, in addition to staff.

Preliminary Spring Calendar

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Jan 26 - UWF Sunday➤ Feb? - Book Exchange➤ Feb - Mental Health First Aid Event – 2 experts come to speak➤ (C&N at least 2 Mental Health events before Summer)➤ Feb - UWF Sunday Supper➤ Legislative Review – JAT➤ Legislative Review - Green Team➤ Pre-Lent - Membership Class Raiser?➤ Mar 1 - Children's retreat➤ Mar 4 - Mardi Gras (Add BoD as workers)➤ Mar 5 - Ash Wednesday➤ Mar 8 - Youth Retreat➤ Mar 9 - Pie Sales Lent – DCW➤ Communion on Wednesday Mornings in Lent➤ Mar 12 - Lenten Wed. Evening - Hymn Sing➤ Mar 16 - Pie Sales➤ Mar 26 - Lenten Wed. Evening➤ Apr 9 - Lenten Wed. Evening | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Apr 13 - Palm Sunday/UWF Pie Pickup➤ Apr 17 - Maundy Thursday➤ Apr 18 - Good Friday➤ Apr 20 - Easter➤ Apr 22 - Earth Day Tuesday➤ Apr 27 - Creation Care Sunday➤ May - NightWithoutABed Education/Fellowship activity and Fund➤ May 4 - Youth Sunday➤ May 11- Mother's Day/Children's Musical➤ May 18 - Plant Exchange➤ May 25 - Indy 500/Memorial Day Sunday➤ May 26 - Memorial Day➤ June 1 - August 31 - 8:30A Service in Chapel➤ June 7 - Pride Parade/Festival➤ June 8 - Pentecost/Pride➤ June 15 - Sept 8 Summer Choir➤ 3rd week of June - Youth Mission Trip➤ August - Education Sunday?➤ August - Umoja Sunday➤ Sept 8 - Worship Without Walls |
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Brainstorming

- On-going program like Jeremy W's program, ongoing with grants
- Shower Ministry
- NightWithoutABed to support Family Promise (May)

Additional Updates

- West Entry signage (voted on by MC) is on the way. Darren says Jeff Linnan says we should have it soon.
- Words of Welcome seem to be a success.
- It was agreed that we should add additional elements to the June 8th Worship Service to make it something we can invite people to from the Pride Booth. Heidi agreed to keep this in front of Worship and the Arts. Brandon is setting up an initial meeting of the Pride Committee to get other details moving for this event.

Upcoming meeting dates – November 20, December 18