

2021 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be holding our annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 10, 2021 following our morning worship service, beginning at 11:40.

During this meeting, we will be electing/reelecting Trustees, sharing 2021 budget information and updating the congregation on 2020 finances.

Our meeting will be formatted differently than we have in the past few years. The 2020 accomplishments for the areas of Education, Fellowship, Missions, Outreach and Worship will be shared before the meeting in our bulletins (see below). If you have questions about a particular ministry, please contact the Group Lead listed.

On Monday, January 4, all of our members will receive an invitation to a private "Zoom" meeting on Sunday, January 10 at 11:40 a.m. You are welcome to attend the meeting in person, as always, or you can attend via Zoom. This will be a closed meeting intended for members.

Dave Ward will present the building and property, support and development and finance reports for 2020. He will also give us the update on budgets for 2021. After his presentation, we will have a question and answer period.

We will then elect or reelect our Trustee. Gene Tarnowski's Trustee term will expire this year.

Education Ministry Group (Group Lead: Melissa Ward)

Even though this year has been totally different than we had envisioned, there have been some very good things that have come from it. We have more people "attending" Bible classes both on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The addition of Zoom and Facebook video streaming has opened up new possibilities for those who can't drive at night, can't attend due to work schedules, and even those throughout the country. We have people from coast to coast viewing and/or participating in our classes!

We have also played Bible Jeopardy on Zoom a few times.

We plan to continue offering Bible classes in these same formats.

Fellowship Ministry Group (Group Lead: Emem Akpan)

Our fellowship this year has been really different than we envisioned. We have been able to provide plants and other little gifts at various times to our members simply to let them know that we are thinking of them and they are an important part of our fellowship. Another positive thing to come out of the changes this year is that each person is warmly greeted as they come through the door – it's a more formal program (due to Covid), but we have also had positive feedback about it. We hope to be able to have at least a few of our regular activities later next year.

Missions Ministry Group (Group Lead: Emem Akpan)

Though the year is unprecedented, the harvest for the kingdom is still plentiful and so is the need for support of our mission workers. We continue to support African Transformation Network, Mission Para Cristo in Nicaragua, Cameroon, Liberia, Nigeria and St. Paul Urban Ministries. Below is a thank you message from Mision Para Cristo: "Nicaragua and Honduras have seen challenges from COVID-19 and two, Category 4 hurricanes. These challenges have deeply impacted our lives and the communities we serve. Our ability to function during these times is only from God's blessings of your support." We also continue to support other missions work as opportunities arise.

Outreach Ministry Group (Group Lead: Jim Hinton)

Here are some of the highlights from 2020. You are to be commended for your generosity!

FMSC monthly packing events have begun again.

March FoodShare efforts supported 10 children or collected \$ 1,375.19

Thanksgiving assistance was given to 4 families

38 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were donated

Local Christmas Outreach helped 4 families (5 children)

Orphan Sunday - \$ 370

During 2021, we plan to continue these same efforts and hope to be able to add others in as the opportunities arise.

Worship Ministry Group (Group Lead: Dave Ward)

It's been a year of change and growth for our worship. We've had to reimagine and then engineer how to meet "virtually" and then make changes to meet together in person. Thank you very much to everyone who has been so flexible and understanding during this time. Our worship service is now being "live-streamed". The addition of in-person and "virtual" attendees has been very encouraging! We have some new members who have been attending in person very regularly and have people across the country who are also viewing Jim's messages. The addition of using the Praise and Harmony CD's for our singing has also been one of the positives from the changes we needed to make. We plan to continue meeting in person and also livestreaming our service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Jim Libby—at home, but please pray for strength for him

Jim Baros – in a rehab facility after a stroke

Hinton Family – Jim's stepdad, Dave, has been hospitalized with COVID. His mom, Fran, is recovering from COVID.

Mark Novak – healing after back/spine procedure

Mike Harrison – his nephew, James, had a heart attack. He is still suffering from various medical problems caused by an auto accident 11 years ago – he's 30 years old.

June Harrison – her brother Mark has emphysema and kidney cancer and his wife Mary has very advanced lung cancer

Wendy Nastansky—has a double ear infection and a sore throat. She tested negative for COVID, but is very uncomfortable.

Those fighting cancer:

Phil Johnson – has begun more chemo

Laura's friend **Michelle** (she also has COVID now)

Autumn (Weber's grandsons' mom)

Dawn Eickers (friend of Tarnowski's)

Carol Reiter (friend of Tarnowski's) - she has decided to not continue chemo treatments

Amanda Latraile—Rebecca Heldt's children's cousin

Other Needs:

Long-term care residents – affected with loneliness and confusion due to COVID restrictions

Social reforms needed to address racism throughout society

Our Servicemen and women, police officers, fire fighters, and all 1st responders

Our Missionaries—Richard Inyang is currently in Nigeria and Cameroon

Lynn Daniels (a former member) – she's recently lost 3 brothers to Covid, her mother recently passed away, another brother is fighting COVID and recuperating from an accident. She's asking for prayers for her and her family.

Marilyn Iverson (friend of Julie Libby) - passed away last Tuesday

Dickey Joe Turner—Joe Pennington, a friend from Bible school, passed away from complications of COVID

Our Bible Class and Message Schedule



Wednesday 7:00 PM Study will be on Zoom. Each week an invitation will be emailed to you and available on the church Facebook page. All you have to do is click on the link and join the meeting!



Sunday morning bible classes and messages will start at 9:00 and between 10:25 an 10:40 AM on Facebook Live on the church Facebook Page. They can also be viewed anytime after that on our Facebook Page. For those of you who are not on Facebook they can also be viewed on our website.

December 20

Contribution \$ 2,516.00

December 27

Contribution \$ 1,919.00
FPYC \$ 10.00

Weekly Budget \$ 3,400
YTD Actual \$ 172,289.08
YTD Budget \$ 176,800.00

We also accept contributions through



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Do you have a suggestion or idea that you'd like to discuss?

A concern or burden that you need to share?

We invite you to come to any of us and to share whatever is on your heart.

We have an open door policy and we welcome and value your input and feedback.