



# HUNTERSVILLE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

June 2, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am, Jackie Benjamin presiding. Present: Joe Smith, Charmaine Stokes, Wanda Kerns (guest), Addria Capps, Chris Smith Krista Sipe, Rev. Rod Arters, Rev. Paul Thompson and Jeanie Welch; attending via Zoom: Jesica Bowles, John McMillan and Rick Finger.
2. Pastor Paul led the spiritual formation discussion on best friends and the cost of love.
3. Pastor Paul and attendees stated prayer concerns.
4. Jackie led the book discussion on leadership, including authority, responsibility, and accountability. Discussion followed, including the following:
  - a. The responsibilities of the CGC are based on its guiding principles with authority and responsibility;
  - b. What may be holding us back from reaching our full potential for spiritual leadership and fulfilling administrative responsibilities? Pastor Paul listed the following spiritual responsibilities: greeting on Sunday morning, service, assisting with communion, reading Scripture, praying and visiting the congregation.
5. Quick topics:
  - a. The minutes of the May meeting were approved with the following correction: Jackie and Jerry Kita will sign the contract for land development;
  - b. Having CGC members praying before worship and doing the Scripture readings;
  - c. Comments on the pastor's report—
    - i. Pastor Paul discussed the procedure for the pastor's report, including priorities;
    - ii. He suggested sending a thank you card to Mark and Maggie Kessler for their efforts in the mulching project. Jeanie will get a thank-you card for CGC members to sign and leave it in the church office;
    - iii. Staff evaluations will be done in either July or August.
  - d. Fall retreat—Jackie suggested having the fall CGC retreat on either September 21 or 28 or in early October from 9 am to 1 pm (including lunch).
6. Big Rock discussion—Pastor Paul reported on a meeting with David Dial on land use development, including the congregation's preferences for senior housing, a medical office and pavilions, and the need to be in alignment with Huntersville's 2040 development plan. Several people have volunteered to work on land use development. The next meeting is June 17. Jackie discussed the fact that Huntersville is "residential heavy" and needs more businesses. Wanda Kerns stated that Huntersville keeps approving more housing. Pastor Paul stated that we must keep both ministry and raising revenue in mind.
7. Next meeting: July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm