

The Program Planning committee met on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Those present were Rev. Chris Andress, Cindy Altman, Carol and Thurman Elmore, Karla Gerner, Angie Hildreth, Scott Honaker, Dale Lipke, and Gene Day, visitor.

Children's Choir - Cindy Altman reported she is working with the children on a duet in November and Christmas music in December.

Communications - Karla Gerner and Doug Patrick have been working on the church website with the new Elexio platform. This will have one database which will be used for finance, membership, One Call Tell All, email, calendar and website. Robert Johnson is working diligently on getting the database set up. He, Patti and Carol will go through training soon.

Worship – “All Saints’ Day” will be Sunday, Nov. 4th. Patti will be sending notifications out to family members soon. There will be one service on Christmas Eve at 8:00 PM.

Music – The Chancel Choir cantata will be on Sunday, Dec. 16th at 5:00 PM with the handbells performing beforehand.

Elder Church – Beverly Johnson is working on updating the list of shut-ins. The youth will be sending out cards/notes soon to all shut-ins.

Family – “Picnic Under the Bricks” was a great success with approximately 65 in attendance. We will have a Thanksgiving family covered dish on Sunday, Nov. 18th. Turkey will be ordered from Randolph Market.

Mission – “The missions committee is meeting regularly. We are meeting some of our commitments as we are able. Our reminder cards will be sent out this week and we trust that we will be able to meet all of them by the end of the year. Unfortunately, our community garden has not been a success due to lack of response from the congregation and the community, so we will have to demolish it. A big thanks to Bunn Armstrong and others who tried to make it work. However, the Little Free Library is still serving its purpose. We would like to invite anyone who has a heart for missions to join us 6 times a year to plan and seek discernment as to what we should support in the years to come. Please prayerfully consider joining our great team. Thank you – Dale Lipke, Missions Chair”

Youth – Sunday, Oct. 21st, there will be a “Bruncheon” after the 11:00 service for the church congregation as a fundraiser for projects the youth have specifically selected. These will be announced at the event. Benji Farmer has offered to provide a pizza party for the youth soon. The youth will sponsor the “Fall Bash” on Sat, Nov. 3rd 5:00 – 6:00 PM in conjunction with the church wide “Trunk or Treat”.

UMW – The UMW Christmas dinner will be on Monday, Dec. 3rd. They will sponsor a lasagna luncheon fundraiser on Sunday, Dec. 9th.

- In lieu of having an “Angel Tree” this year, we will be collecting winter items for “RVA Comfort Cases”. We will have a “Lights of Hope” tree with items folks can select, purchase and return unwrapped. Kick-off will be on Sunday, Nov. 18th, at the Thanksgiving luncheon. This program will run until Sunday, January 6th when there will

be a chili/sandwich luncheon fundraiser with the proceeds for “RVA Comfort Cases”. There will be a packing party of all the items donated after the luncheon. This is a churchwide project!

UMM – Breakfast is in the fellowship hall this coming Saturday, Oct. 13th at 8:00 AM.

Scouts – They will have a “Biscuit Bash” on Sunday, Oct. 28th and a “Soup and Sandwich Lunch” on Sunday, November 11th as fundraisers. There are a number of new scouts and cubs. Leaders are needed!

Chris announced he will be leading a new Bible study, “The Bible in 90 Days” on Wednesday evenings. Each participant will read 12 pages a week at home. Each Wednesday there will be discussion and a DVD about how scripture ties all together. These 1 hour sessions will begin with a kick off covered dish dinner on Jan. 9th at 6:30 PM. Then will follow each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM through the last study supposedly on March 27th with a dinner. A church member has graciously volunteered to purchase 30 paperback copies of the book for participants to have.

Karla announced a Strategic Planning Process has formed with Karla chairing. A specific group of folks have been selected to form this committee which will have its first meeting on October 23rd. Rev. Andrew Book from the James River District office will be a resource person during the process. Stay tune for upcoming information.

SPR – A question/concern has been raised regarding what is available for an elementary age child to be able to do during the 11:00 worship service in lieu of sitting in the service. Cindy Altman is having children’s choir. But if a child does not want to participate, what else is there? The SPR has spoken with the nursery attendants and they have resources available to provide a lesson/activity for this age group.

Gene Day, visitor, asked how all of the programs, events, etc planned tonight are announced – weekly bulletin, newsletter, emails, outside LED sign. He was at another church recently and they had a TV monitor displaying upcoming information. He wondered if we could have something similar possibly on the TV monitor in the welcome area. He will discuss such with Robert Johnson in regards to the new Elexio program.

Notes taken by Carol Elmore