

Woodbury Peaceful Grove UMC Core Team Report

January – June 2017

New Welcome statement

A draft statement was distributed. After discussion, the final Welcome Statement will read as:

Come as you are-you'll be welcomed.

We strive to reflect God's love to all.

Be who you are-you'll be celebrated.

We honor the sacred worth and dignity of persons of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental capacity, education, economic and marital status.

Explore where you are - we'll walk alongside you.

We recognize that faith is a journey of trust and transformation, where beliefs are formed and reformed in community.

Finance discussion and update

Expenses are spot on to the budget. Operating income is behind by 6%, increasingly each month. This may be a concern, especially if the end of the year income doesn't jump. Non-pledged, which is more difficult to forecast, is further behind than pledged. Compared to past years, we are in a little better position. We need to remember this is the first year we have rolled the capitol and operating budgets into one, and we were a little more aggressive on the expenditures. We have more variables and unknowns this year than past.

Ongoing discussion about the possibility of a capitol project.

Chapel project is being scoped and staged to determine the best path, and the sound project is being worked on by Kelly and Patrick Smith. The sound project is ready to move; the chapel is further away from that point. The Facilities Team is meeting this month to work on the priorities. We may need to approve some funds immediately to seal up the outside of the building so critters can't get in anymore.

Sharing the Joy Teams update

July 23 will be the commissioning. The teams are moving forward; and it has been a lot of administrative work. Thank you, Kelly, and the rest of the staff for the diligent work and passion you have put into these teams.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Easton, Secretary