

State of the Church

Pastor's Report



CURRENT FOCUS

- Community Groups
- Endearing our Community: Be Rich – October 5
- Connecting with regular attenders – inquire about becoming core members (already giving, inviting others) and placing on Care list.

New Core Members

- Welcome to four newest families: Mark and Kim Mitchell, Joe and Lou Ann Mayfield, Robin Dalton, Jill Johnston.
- Next orientation to be scheduled early fall.

Children and Student Environments

- Revamping to be revealed in September
 - 2-5 years – meets every Sunday during worship service
 - Elementary, Middle School and High School – meets every 2nd and 4th Sundays
 - Confirmation – meets 1st and 3rd Sundays (four students to make confirmation of faith May 2027)

Adult Environments

- MidWeek – Bill and Burma Chase will be taking the lead from Pastor Mark Spelzhausen.
- GriefShare – New care ministry “Helping People Find Comfort; support groups help people discover what's normal after loss.” Jennifer Baughman working to offer first group opportunity November/December.

Endearment Team

- Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of support – 78 Pots & Pans sets were given to celebrate families successfully gaining housing through Good Shepherd Center “Homeless to Housed” program.

Endearment Team - Cont'd

- Gifting organizations with our yearly Charitable Contributions budget
 - Gifting percentage focused on categories: 50% - Local (New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender); 25% - National (rest of the US); 25% - International.
 - Gifting focuses on nonprofit's mission and categories of Food Insecurity; Housing; Health; Security/Wellbeing; and Faith.

Endearment Team - Cont'd

- Non-profit is vetted (Financial Transparency; Rating and Reviews; Personal contact)
- Recommends non-profits for gifting to the Church Council. Council has the final approval.
- Once gifting is done, team reports back to congregation with impact story.

Air Force Chaplain Duty

- Summer active-duty highlights
 - Instructed 25 Chaplain Candidates.
 - Spent time with Chaplain Candidate Ezekiel Potts (LCMS – St. Louis seminary student).



Air Force Chaplain Duty - cont'd

- Attending bi-annual Reserve Command symposium (24-29 August). Pastoral substitute for Sunday, August 30.

QUESTIONS?