

OCTOBER - MARCH

Faith Church Council Notes

Council...

- Gave thanks for exceptional church committee work and planning, from music for worship services, to mission emphasis week, to various other growth, service and equipping opportunities;
- Held a special time of prayer for Dr. Schuringa heading into his December surgery, made plans for his several weeks of recovery, gave thanks for answered prayer, and planned for continued support and prayer as chemotherapy treatments begin in mid-April;
- Heard regular updates on Jonathan Barney's work which started in August 2016 and gave thanks for the vitality in the Middle and High School youth ministries and for good response to his work by youth, parents, and volunteer leaders;
- Gave thanks for very strong Thanksgiving offerings and end of calendar year giving;
- Made plans for good congregational communication on General Fund giving status for the first quarter of 2017;
- Heard plans by the deacons for fundraisers and communication to the church to help complete our Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for this school year;
- Exercised Mutual Censure twice during this period, discussing the status and health of various areas of congregational life;
- Started the elder/deacon nomination process in preparation for the April 30 congregational meeting and gave thanks for 14 men willing to be nominated to serve in one of the eight elder/deacon terms that will start this June;
- Heard reports from both the September and March meetings of Classis Northern Illinois from Council members who attended;
- Created a Safe Church Team to lead our congregation in abuse awareness, prevention, and response – their first tasks are to review and update our current Safe Church policy and also do background checks for everyone who works with children and youth;
- Elected Jim Allen to serve on the Timothy School Board upon Steve De Boer's retirement from the Board after six years of service.