

9.11.18

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL

The Session meeting was called to order by the Rev. Adam R. Quine at 5:58 p.m. with a quorum declared present. In attendance were Ruling Elders Rob Harmon, Beth Green, Debbie Schweitzer, Cathy Maciariello, Karen Sams Davis, Roger Boss, Tracy Olson, and Diane Osborn. Bob Chamberlain was absent.

Following Prayer the Agenda was approved as were minutes from the August meeting.

The Clerk reported August Attendance of 5) 62; 12) 66; 19) 67; 26) 66. There were no Deaths, Baptisms, or Transfers. Communion was served Aug. 5 with Home Communion being served to Marilyn & Julius Kasa, Dorothy Harrison, Paul & Sue Beaver, Joyce & James Shirley, and Carole & Darrell Holladay.

Communications included a thank you note from Emme Olson, recipient of the Bruce Allison Memorial Scholarship.

The Clerk reported Alex Hoffert and George Martin were confirmed Sept. 9.

The Clerk signed checks while the secretary was on vacation and the treasurer was out of town.

Pastor Quine said church members will be exploring who they are as children of God this fall. Members will be studying the Enneagram.

He informed church members will be visiting Ann Kvitle and Schuwei Bi in Peoria Thursday, Sept. 27. The Rev. Quine participated in the ALMH Fitness Court commissioning, Rotary meeting, ALMH Opioid Task Force meeting, and the VBS program. He met with the Rev. Laurie Hill at St. John United Church of Christ.

Kirk Night returns Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Creekside to begin studying the Enneagram. Those attending are to bring their own supper. The program will also be offered Wednesday mornings for those unable to attend.

Deacons are working with Pastor Quine to conduct a Funeral Planning Party tentatively set for Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 2.

The pastor reported ten persons attended the Presbyterian Homes outing. He is hoping to coordinate a Fall Festival in October to include pumpkin painting, a costume contest, and giraffe rides.

In the summer of 2019 a mission trip is being planned to Birmingham, AL for ten students. The June 16-22 trip is for rising sixth graders through twelfth graders. The cost is \$400 with the church covering \$100 for each participant.

During the day, participants will serve the community through children's programs, housing programs, and outreach to the elderly and homeless. In the evenings there will be opportunities to visit the Vulcan, tour historic Civil Rights sites, and spend time with new friends at a community cookout.

The Rev. Quine announced he plans to retire from the Committee on Ministry at the end of this year's term due to the work load which is affecting his local church commitment time. He plans to continue assisting the church at Petersburg until a new pastor is in place.

He noted Karen DeBerry, who has been attending our church for some time, is moving out of state.

The **Mission & Outreach** committee, Karen Sams Davis and Rob Harmon, chairmen, reported the Christian Child Care library is in need of shelving and a carpet for story time. The committee plans to take several unused church bookshelves to the library and seek donations of carpeting.

Several donations including a \$15 check have been received for the Kids' Christmas Shopping project.

The request for Christmas in July donations for Kemmerer Village children resulted in congregational gifts totaling \$215.

We are supporting Logan Correctional Center inmates Paula Aiardo and Margaret DeFrancisco as they enroll in, "The Sociological Imagination." The local share of our Pentecost offering was designated to pay tuition for Margaret's enrollment. Two other local congregations have been invited to participate in this ministry.

September 6 was the first delivery of weekend food to lower income Northwest School children. At least 40 children are participating. An insert in each pack reads, "Food for Thought, Weekend Food for Children. We hope you have a good school year! First Presbyterian Church." It was arranged on a half sheet showing a little boy eating a banana and carrying a paper lunch sack.

The third Vacation Bible School was held at our church Aug. 21 developing the theme of the Holy Spirit as Life Giver. Children interacted with animals from the Decatur Scovil Zoo. The activities were well received, and the collaboration with St. John United Church of Christ was quite positive.

Plans for starting a Creativity and Community Center for sixth grade through high school youth are continuing.

The Food Pantry emphasis for September is Dish Soap.

The **Worship & Spiritual Formation** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, reported Rev. Quine has been preaching on the books of 2 Samuel and James.

VBS focused on God the Creator, Jesus the Word Incarnate and Gifts of the Holy Spirit. A VBS slide show is being prepared to be shown during worship.

A Confirmation reception was hosted.

The church has been invited to a Wednesday, Oct. 3, 5:30 to 8 p.m. ALMH Hospital Foundation donor party at the Logan County Fairgrounds. Pastor Quine and Karen Sams Davis plan to attend along with other church representatives.

The Book Group, *In the Sanctuary of Women*, is continuing with excellent discussion, good food, and wonderful fellowship.

The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held at 5 p.m. Oct. 7, World Communion Sunday on the front lawn.

A joint Taize service with St. John's United Church of Christ was conducted Aug. 19 in Union Chapel.

The **Fellowship** committee, Debbie Schweitzer and Beth Green chairmen, hosted the Confirmation cake and punch reception, and plan a Reformation Sunday new member reception.

The annual wiener roast at the Boss home will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21.

Leo Logan has assumed the responsibility of filling the Sanctuary candles.

The **Administrative team**, Roger Boss, Rob Harmon, Tracy Olson & Bob Chamberlain, distributed the annual budget developmental worksheet.

The committee is exploring a report the Christian Education building outside lights have been coming on during the day.

It was noted the ceiling spotlight in the Sanctuary is being replaced.

The **Treasurer** provided Session members with copies of the monthly Statement of Activities, the Check Register, the Dedicated Accounts, the Deposit Register, and the Statement of Financial Position.

The following **motions** were approved:

To approve the Nov. 25 baptism of Taylor Bottles;

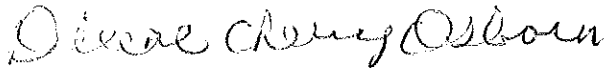
To authorize a Mission Bake Sale Oct. 20 at the Lincoln IGA. Proceeds are to go to "The Giving Project" for Head Start and Christian Child Care;

To move the World Communion Sunday Worship service to St. John United Church of Christ and in turn host that church for Reformation Sunday.

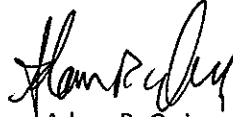
To approve paying Rev. Quine and Deb Schweitzer \$125 each for their participation in the James Stewart Memorial Service; A donation to the church from the family was received at a later date;

To receive the Clerk's Report and committee reports;

At the October meeting Session members are to report on their assigned books and discuss our membership. The October calendar was reviewed with Ruling Elders each signing up for a one on one lunch meeting with the pastor. Following the closing prayer by Cathy Maciariello, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session



The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor