

**Church Council**  
**April 22, 2014**

In Attendance: Jeanette Baker, Tim Krauss, Luisa Gladu, Joyce Rioux, Carla Heister, Jackie Palance, Bill Katt, Christa Zaldivar, John Rioux, Matti Verzino, Heidi Flower, Susan Powers, Carol Rivard

Excused: Bill Thibideau, Mike Fasci, Diane Ashworth

Note: Church Council will maintain the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month as meeting night – It is okay with the Stephen's Ministry group.

Opening: Time Krauss – “We are Easter people!”

March minutes were approved.

Updates:

Relay for Life – Friday June 6,7 and 8 Bristol Eastern High School.

Luisa will continue to get contact information – looking for participants from PUMC. It is a fund raising event for cancer research. Church Council voted to support this event.

Jill Wilson has been in contact with Rev Edwoodzie about sponsoring a missionary in Cambodia through UMC Global Ministries. Inquiries will continue as to the process needed to come into a covenant relationship with Missionary Helen Camarce.

Jeanette will have “questions for the congregation” in the bulletin for the month of May. These questions will help in realizing the direction and needs of our congregation.

A spreadsheet showing PUMC's current committee structure was distributed and all are asked to review this. Perhaps our committee structure could be redesigned for more efficiency, participation and less meeting nights.

Trustees are working on repairing the sinkhole in the rear parking lot. Carol has found carpenter ants in the nursery, kitchenette and other places.

Storm Sandy Relief – Jill Wilson is putting together a group that will go to NY from October 9 – 13, 2014. Contact Jill if interested.

SPR has met – nothing to report.

Habitat for Humanity – Susan has tried to contact, but has not had any response.

Education Committee – Lenten program for adults was attended by 6 people.

Kids Lenten Program led by Christa was a great success.

Music Director –

Palm/Passion Sunday worship was a wonderful event. Heidi expressed gratitude for the many folks that were involved. This was done in conjunction with the Education Committee.

Easter Sunday was also a wonderful service featuring the 5 Metal Chemistry Brass Quintet. Bristol Brass and Wind Ensemble are missing a cordless microphone and a speaker stand has been mysteriously replaced with another.

Barnstormers Weekend (April 25, 26 and 27)

Everything is in place for our hosting of this concert. Dinner will be served to the singers and their guests and the proceeds from this will go to the Organ Restoration Fund. The men will also sing during our worship service on Sunday, with Rev. Bill Barnes preaching in Pastor Sorozan's absence.

Historical Society Program – Traditions, Trials and Turmoil of Bristol's Churches

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in August. - Heidi and the Sr. Choir will be providing recorded music for this program.

Finance

Still have a large deficit due to the cost of heating during this past winter. Council voted to use apportionment money to go toward the outstanding oil bill.

Tim shared information: Forum: The True Nature of the Covenant that Binds Us Together and Matters of Human Sexuality - to be held Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 9am to noon, Westchester Marriott

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Heidi Flower

Substitute Recording Secretary