

REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL: February 20, 2020

Hospitality Committee report :

Members: Pastor Lori Sawdon; Sharon Peterson (Chair); Marilyn Ferguson; Janin Comiskey; Mark Frey; Lindsay Frey; Emily Rainsford, Sally Gearhart; Mary Grandgeorge

Meetings: Fourth Monday of the month, 5:30pm, Carriage House

Purpose of the Committee/Commission:

Continuing: Create warm, friendly environment for newcomers by connecting them to church members and activities. Reinforce and establish relationships among current and prospective congregants through various activities and events. Provide pathways for membership through outreach to newcomers and newcomer orientation.

Specific updates discussed at the January Hospitality Committee meeting which implement the above philosophy and plans include:

\* Attendance Pads: Through Janin Comiskey pew pads are updated seasonally, and office volunteers are asked to stuff these regularly. Ongoing: After each service, pew pad attendance is checked and if newcomers sign in with address, candle bags with current Rose Leaf and related content (+ labeled candy bar) are delivered the same day. These latter continue to be assembled freshly month by month.

\*Recruitment is in process to replace those on committee who are about to move, such as Marilyn Ferguson, who handled attendance and recruitment of greeters and Shelly Thompson, who helped with banners. Mary Grandgeorge has volunteered to reprint greeter schedules for 9:30 service and secure a greeter for the Fellowship Hall area, a new addition to our outreach/welcome efforts.

\*Welcome Table continues to be set up and brochures set out.

\*Coffee service continues smoothly, with Mere Ponjiasi handling set up at 8 o'clock service and Mary Grandgeorge recruiting servers as well as also now handling greeter recruitment.

\*Sandwich signs to designate/save parking spots for disabled at Montgomery and designated, marked spaces at Stony Point campus have been implemented for parking close to the entrances to each sanctuary. Also we have sources to replace any signs that are in need of repair. These signs are donated.

\*Banners, which were in the process of preparation, are now in place with wording agreed upon and changed to catch public attention with short, current phrases like "Welcome Home!"

\*Name tags are being encouraged to promote mixing, and the Pastors continue to announce the importance of introducing oneself to fellow members of the congregation and other visitors from the community. A recent Sunday was a successful example of this message.

**Action Item:** Recruitment efforts are in process to secure replacement on our Hospitality Committee for two upcoming vacancies due to moves out of the area by two active members of our committee.

Continuing: Members of our Hospitality Committee are available on call to support the Pastors as needed for welcoming/hospitality events.

Next meeting of our committee: March 23.